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# Am Powell and Dick Gregory Plotting Nationwide Rights Tour?

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# Local Opinion Differs Whether Team Would Help or Hurt The Fight

By EVELYN CUNNINGHAM

of The NY Courier

The possibility of an "act," starring a Congressman and a comedian, may be whipped into a full-fledged production and put on the road in a dramatization that could be called "Let's Rock The Boat of Civil Rights."

Following an enthusiastic reception in a sort of "try-out" performance on 125th St. and 7th Ave., Congressman Adam Clayton Powell and Dick Gregory have both expressed more than a passing interest in waging a nation-wide civil rights fight on the same stage at the same time.

Gregory acknowledged the possibility in New York last week, saying that he "would really like to barnstorm with Congressman Powell, and intimated that the two had discussed it. An aide of the Congressman agreed that Powell had said he would welcome a tour with Gregory.

## Help or Hurt Cause?

While there was difference of opinion as to whether the team could help or hurt the civil rights cause, it was generally conceded that they would attract attention to the issues. Rugged individuals, both men are adroit in their use of shock appeal. Right or wrong, both say what they think. Neither wastes much time on subtleties.

Gregory had a great deal to say last week about the shortcomings of the northern Negro. He had a little time on his hands after being fired from the Galaxy Club in Long Island where he was to have appeared for a week. The management of the club claimed that the comedian was late for work. Gregory charged that the management resented his decision to send his week's wages to Mississippi.

Gregory launched his blasts at northern Negroes at a regular meeting of the New York branch of the NAACP at Mother AME Zion Church. As an opener, he said, "I have to fight myself to keep from hating you northern Negroes."

"If the northern Negro was really upset about what's going on down south, those boys in Washington would be

in a lot of trouble. It's frightening how this has pacified you."

"The southern Negro is going to break clean. Then he's going to be in position. Meantime, you ought to be helping him."

## Not Ashamed

"The southern Negro is not ashamed of are of him. He's not bad-mouthing you. He's that although you've been voting for a hundred years still haven't been able to elect a Negro in the dominate."

"The white man has made you ashamed of blade and he's got the missile. You in the Negro have more discussion and get more excited than you do about the south in our own country."

"Why, when Kennedy met those Cuban Florida and talked about democracy and freedom have directed those same remarks right here."

Gregory brushed off criticism of Congress with a shrug. "Adam Clayton Powell is a politician. A politician will talk about anything. He's Kennedy's mother."

As for the NAACP, Gregory admonished offering so little support to the organization. "There are more Playboy Club members than there are NAACP. Frankly, the NAACP doesn't have enough members for me."

## Meeting Picketed

The meeting was picketed by a nationalist claimed they were not picketing Gregory, but the sign read, "Gregory is our man!" probably in reaction to a Gregory attack on the NAACP.

As Gregory left the church, he joined the picketers. He took one of the signs for a moment and joked. "All right," he shouted, "the boss is here. You know." Then he added, more seriously, "No kid would you guys do if you woke up tomorrow and white people were gone?"

Later in the week, Congressman Powell was his brand of individualism. On WNBC-TV's "60 Minutes" program, he was answering criticism of his overseas trips at federal expense. "As long as they let me go, I will continue to do what everyone else does. I do not intend to do any more or less than other men."

"If you want the law changed, then Congress has to change it. But it's written into the law that the Negroes are available upon a letter from a committee. They have a special responsibility of being the equal of the white man in the House and in the Senate."

Asked "equal in evil as well as in good?"

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Date: 5/29/63

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Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-40346)  
SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF COMEDIAN  
DICK GREGORY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 5/23/63  
captioned "Sit-Ins, Birmingham, Alabama, Beginning  
4/3/63 - RACIAL MATTER". Bureau airtel dated 5/23/63  
captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
(8) copies of a LHM suitable for dissemination concerning  
captioned matter. Two (2) copies are enclosed for the  
Birmingham Office.

Confidential informants used in LHM are  
identified as follows:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
May 29, 1963

APPEARANCE OF COMEDIAN  
DICK GREGORY, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTERS

The "Roosevelt Torch" (a Roosevelt University student publication) of April 29, 1963, page 4, carried an article captioned, "New Civil Rights Group to Hear Gregory, RU Alums." This article reflects that "A mass meeting to mobilize Chicago churches, civic-groups, and labor organizations into an effective force for the promotion of equal rights for Negroes in the South ...." was to be held May 1, 1963, at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, 4130 South Indiana, Chicago, under the sponsorship of the newly-formed Provisional Committee for Free Elections Immediately in the South.

"The Worker" of April 28, 1963, carried an article on page 10 announcing this affair as a "Brutality Protest Meeting" and this article reflected that Reverend Ralph Hopkins and Reverend G. W. Hester of the Baptist Ministers Conference were initiators of the meeting and had issued the statement in this connection that "We shall arouse the people of the North until victory for the right to vote all over the South is won...."

"The Worker" is an East Coast communist newspaper.

Chicago T-1, Chicago T-2 and Chicago T-3, all of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, attended the mass meeting held May 1, 1963, at the Baptist Tabernacle Church, Chicago, during which meeting comedian Dick Gregory was the featured speaker. (C) (U)

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These sources advised on May 2, 1963, that they had the impression that various clergymen had worked together to organize this mass meeting, ad hoc in nature, to help raise funds and to stimulate Northern interest in the struggle of Negroes in the South to register and vote. Expressions of non-violence and the non-communist character of this movement were stressed and emphasis was placed on securing, as Americans, their constitutional rights. President Kennedy was criticized for failure to use some kind of force to assist the Southern Negro in this movement, and parallels were drawn with the display of force which was made by the Federal Government in the recent Cuban crisis. (U) (C)

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, was the featured speaker. In his comments, Gregory was particularly critical of Northern complacency in what he described as a war in which the Negro had no weapons. President Kennedy was criticized by him for failing to employ his office and power to solve the problem by withholding or threatening to withhold Federal funds to Southern states which refuse to give Negroes their constitutional rights. The Northern Negroes were criticized for failure to contribute funds and moral support to this cause.

He stated that the Southern Negroes are willing to fight even to the extent of losing their lives for this cause while the Northern Negroes sit idly by,

These sources reported that over 400 persons were in attendance of which about 100 were white persons. Approximately \$700.00 was collected at this affair, the specific disposition of which was not mentioned; however, it was indicated it was to be used in the struggle to secure the vote for the Southern Negro. (U) (C)

Sources advised that approximately twelve known Communist Party (CP) members attended the mass meeting as spectators but did not take an active part at this meeting. Sources furnished no evidence of communist inception, control or influence at this affair, nor has information been received indicating formation of a permanent or continuing organization. (U) (C)

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On May 2, 1963, details concerning this matter were furnished Captain [REDACTED] Region I, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Illinois.

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1 - Name Check Section

April 3, 1963

[Redacted]

~~DICK GREGORY~~  
\* SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

U.S.

Reference is made to your request for a check of the files of this Bureau for the results of investigation conducted or available summaries concerning the captioned individuals and organization.

With reference to [Redacted] there are enclosed the original and one copy of a memorandum dated October 5, 1962, concerning [Redacted] summarizing pertinent information in our files concerning him. This individual may be identical with the individual of interest to you. (62-91683-18)

[Redacted] who you advised is a folk singer may be identical with [Redacted] concerning whom there are enclosed the original and one copy of a summary memorandum dated October 14, 1959, at Los Angeles, California, (100-410746)

With reference to Dick Gregory, described by you as a comedian, our files do not reveal we have conducted an investigation concerning him. However, our files do reveal information concerning one Dick Gregory who may be identical with the individual of interest to you. Enclosed is the original and one copy of a memorandum summarizing the information in our files concerning this individual.

The files of this Bureau reveal that we have not conducted an investigation concerning Southeast [Redacted] House and our files contain no information pertinent to it.

Upon removal of the classified enclosures this document becomes unclassified.

Enclosures (6)  
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Request Received: 4-2-63

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DICK GREGORY  
SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

NOTE: AEC advised that in view of the extreme expedite nature of this request that the search be limited to "on the nose" and to results of investigation or available summaries.



April 3, 1963

DICK GREGORY

*N.Y. miss*

No investigation has been conducted concerning the captioned individual. However, the files of this Bureau reveal the following information. In August, 1962, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) stated that Dick Gregory, a comedian, was a sympathizer of the NOI.

(25-320971-6121)

The November 13, 1962, issue of "Muhammad Speaks," a publication of the NOI, contained a news item reporting that comedian Dick Gregory had joined white and Negro leaders in protesting the conviction of journalist William Worthy, sentenced to jail for visiting Cuba without the consent of the United States State Department. The article indicated that Gregory was scheduled to walk a picket line in front of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel protesting the granting of an award to Attorney General Kennedy for "advancing human freedom." In the opinion of the picketers, Attorney General Kennedy "failed on many occasions to act promptly, strongly, and decisively to safeguard and extend human freedom," and listed among the alleged failures was the "current harassment of William Worthy, Boston-born newspaperman."

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Attached is a characterization of the NOI.

Enclosure

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2-22-64

FROM : C. A. Evans

SUBJECT: RACIAL SITUATION IN ARKANSAS  
PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS - RACIAL MATTER

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On 2-21-64, the Attorney General's secretary, [redacted] advised the Attorney General desired to contact Dick Gregory at Pine Bluff, Arkansas. Gregory is a well known Negro entertainer and comedian who has been active in Civil Rights sit-ins and other demonstrations. Gregory was arrested and later released on bail on 2-21-64 as a result of his participation in an attempt to integrate a restaurant in Pine Bluff and had apparently telephoned the Attorney General's office earlier regarding this situation. [redacted] was furnished a telephone number at Pine Bluff where Gregory could be located which was obtained from our Little Rock Office.

After telephonically contacting Gregory, the Attorney General specifically requested that Gregory be interviewed at Pine Bluff by our Agents in order to clarify this situation. In his conversation with the Attorney General, Gregory commented that conditions at the local jail in Pine Bluff were deplorable and that he had observed a white prisoner who had been placed in solitary confinement for several days without water. The above information was furnished to the SAC, Little Rock with instructions to interview Gregory, however, he was cautioned to insure this interview is conducted by two mature and experienced Agents in view of Gregory's reputation as an agitator and trouble maker. He was also instructed to insure that these Agents conduct the interview in a calm and business like manner to preclude any subsequent allegations by Gregory.

## ACTION:

None, for information.

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(RACIAL)  
 PINE BLUFF, ARK.--NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY SAID TODAY HE IS LEAVING PINE BLUFF TO KEEP THE CURRENT RACIAL TENSION FROM BEING EXPLOITED BY POLITICIANS.  
 GREGORY'S ANNOUNCEMENT CAME SHORTLY AFTER REV. BEN GRINAGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE PINE BLUFF MOVEMENT, DECLARED A 72-HOUR MORATORIUM ON CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATIONS.

"WE DON'T WANT ANYONE TO USE THIS SITUATION AS A POLITICAL VEHICLE," GREGORY SAID.

ASKED IF HE WAS TALKING ABOUT ARKANSAS GOV. ORVAL FAUBUS, WHO CALLED THE SITUATION "RIOTIOUS" AND "THREATENING," GREGORY REPLIED: "AN OUTSIDER SHOULD NOT COME IN AND PUT THE FINGER ON WHO IT IS, BUT YOU KNOW WHO IT IS."

THE REV. MR. GRINAGE SAID THE MORATORIUM WAS DESIGNED TO RELIEVE TENSION IN THE CITY AND "LET THE RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE TAKE OVER."

HOWEVER, BOTH GREGORY AND THE MINISTER SAID THE DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD RESUME SHOULD RAY'S TRUCKER'S INN, WHERE GREGORY WAS ARRESTED EARLY MONDAY, REOPEN DURING THE MORATORIUM.

THE TWENTY-EIGHT DEMONSTRATORS REMAINING IN JAIL WERE RELEASED ON \$500 BOND EACH TODAY. WILLIAM HANSEN, A WHITE INTEGRATION LEADER, WAS ALSO RELEASED AND PLANNED TO SEE A DOCTOR ABOUT ILLNESS HE SAID HE CONTACTED IN THE JAIL.

GREGORY FOUND LITTLE TO LAUGH AT IN THE JAIL AND ASKED ATTY. GEN. ROBERT KENNEDY TO INVESTIGATE. HE SAID FBI AGENTS LOOKED IT OVER LAST NIGHT, BUT DID NOT REVEAL ANY CONCLUSIONS.

"BUT SOMETHING WILL BE DONE," GREGORY SAID. "IT HAS BEEN CALLED TO THEIR ATTENTION AND THEY WILL MAKE A REPORT TO WASHINGTON. MAYBE JUST FROM THE STANDPOINT OF INTERESTED CITIZENS, SOMETHING WILL BE DONE."

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WASHINGTON CAPITAL NEWS SERVICE

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Date: 5/20/64

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-New)

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DICK GREGORY,  
Appearance at Annual Meeting,  
Urban League of Flint, Mich.,  
5/18/64  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a LHM containing information appearing in the "Flint Journal" newspaper on 5/19/64, after an appearance by DICK GREGORY at the annual meeting of the Urban League of Flint, Mich., on 5/18/64. Two copies of this newspaper article being forwarded to the Bureau under separate cover.

Det. [ ] MSP, Flint, advised on 5/19/64, that he covered the above meeting from the outside and noted that the meeting was conducted in an orderly fashion with no demonstrations.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
May 20, 1964

Re: Dick Gregory,  
Appearance at Annual Meeting,  
Urban League of Flint, Michigan,  
5/18/64

According to an article appearing in the May 19, 1964 edition of the "Flint Journal" newspaper, which serves an area covering an approximate population of 500,000 people, which article was written by Alan R. Wilhelm of the "Flint Journal" staff, the following information in part was reported:

Negro comedian Dick Gregory declared Monday night, speaking to more than 2,000 persons at the annual meeting of the Urban League of Flint, Michigan, that America is courting disaster by not heeding the voices in the streets and the lessons of history. He characterized himself as a soldier, not a general, in "America's greatest social revolution." He said, "We can lose America this summer" and the "greatest thing about this revolution is that it is not black against white, or white against black but right against wrong."

Gregory had harsh words for Negroes who benefit from the civil rights movement without mixing in it themselves. Among other targets of his verbal blasts were segregated churches and United States Senators. He said the senators are conducting a "stall-in" of their own on civil rights legislation..

On charges of Communist participation in the civil rights movement, Gregory said that if the FBI knows who they are, it should reveal their names and, "We'll get rid of them ourselves." Otherwise, he continued,

Re: Dick Gregory

"Communists are getting more protection than we are. If they couldn't keep Communists from stealing the A-Bomb and H-Bomb, how . . . are we going to stop them from buying a \$2.50 membership," he asked.

He also said, "The white man asks us about the Black Muslims but we never ask him about the Ku Klux Klan.

"Martin Luther King said we should die without lifting a hand, and they called him a nigger and a Communist. We never hear Malcolm X (former Black Muslim spokesman) called anything but Malcolm X."

He asked why newspapers ran pictures of debris left after last summer's "march for jobs and freedom" in Washington, D. C., when, "they don't show the trash left from a Rose Bowl game."

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Evans	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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J EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR OF FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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*Dick Gregory*

DEAR MR HOOVER YOU HAVE CREATED SEVERAL MAJOR DISTORTIONS BY

YOUR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THERE ARE COMMUNISTS CONNECTED  
WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.

I CHALLENGE YOU TO TELL THE PUBLIC WHO THESE COMMUNISTS  
ARE AND WHERE THEY ARE.

IT IS YOUR DUTY TO CLEAR UP THE QUESTIONS YOU YOURSELF  
HAVE CREATED. IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOUR STATEMENT WAS MADE DURING  
A SECRET HEARING HELD JANUARY 29 1964. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT  
RELEASED UNTIL RECENTLY. I FEEL THAT THE RELEASE OF YOUR STATEMENT  
WAS DELIBERATELY HELD UP SO IT COULD BE PUT OUT DURING THE  
HEAT OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE FOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGES.

NEXT, BY NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THE COMMUNIST,

MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

JUN 4 1964

Marvell to  
DeLoach Memo 5-11-64  
Pvt. dec  
JUN 8 1964

YOU HAVE CAST A SHADOW ON THE SINCERE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE WHO  
IS WORKING IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. NO MAN SHOULD HAVE  
THIS RIGHT.

FOR THESE REASONS, I FEEL IT IS MY DUTY TO DEMAND THAT  
YOU EITHER TELL WHO THESE COMMUNISTS ARE OR ELSE RETRACT YOUR  
STATEMENT. SINCERELY YOURS

DICK GREGORY

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U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE  
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cc: Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Sullivan

Called Mr. Rackner & Mr. Hodges  
Routed per instructions



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/11/64

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
WELL-KNOWN NEGRO COMEDIAN

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Belmont	✓
Mohr	✓
Casper	✓
Callahan	✓
Conrad	✓
DeLoach	✓
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Sullivan	✓
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Gandy	✓

Captioned individual sent a telegram from Chicago to the Director stating that the Director "created several major distortions" by his recent announcement that there were communists connected with the civil rights movement in America. He challenged the Director to identify the communists. He feels the release of the Director's statement, made January 29, 1964, was deliberately held up so it could be put out during the heat of the civil rights debate. He states that the Director by failing to identify the communists has cast a shadow on the sincere efforts of everyone working in the civil rights movement. He demands that the Director identify the communists or retract his statement.

Gregory is the well-known Negro entertainer and comedian who has been active in civil rights sit-ins and other demonstrations. He has come to the Bureau's attention on numerous occasions but has not been investigated by the Bureau.

*Summary memo being prepared - 5/5/64*

## OBSERVATION:

This communication is strictly a protest. Gregory does not furnish an address and obviously does not expect an answer. He has been active in the integration movement and in view of his strong opinions, no rational explanation would satisfy him.

## RECOMMENDATION:

That correspondent's communication not be dignified with a reply.

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. Rosen - Enclosure

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(CIVIL RIGHTS)

CHICAGO--COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TODAY CHALLENGED J. EDGAR HOOVER TO NAME ANY MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT HOOVER BELIEVES TO BE COMMUNISTS.

IN A TELEGRAM TO THE FBI CHIEF, GREGORY CHARGED THAT HOOVER "CREATED SEVERAL MAJOR DISTORTIONS" BY HIS RECENT STATEMENT THAT THERE ARE COMMUNISTS AFFILIATED WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

"I CHALLENGE YOU TO TELL THE PUBLIC WHO THESE COMMUNISTS ARE, AND WHERE THEY ARE," GREGORY SAID.

"IT IS YOUR DUTY TO CLEAR UP THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU YOURSELF HAVE CREATED. IN THE FIRST PLACE, YOUR STATEMENT WAS MADE DURING A SECRET HEARING HELD JAN. 29. HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT RELEASED UNTIL RECENTLY.

"I FEEL THAT THE RELEASE OF YOUR STATEMENT WAS DELIBERATELY HELD UP SO IT COULD BE PUT OUT DURING THE HEAT ON THE CIVIL RIGHTS DEBATE FOR POLITICAL ADVANTAGES," GREGORY SAID.

"NEXT, BY NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFYING THESE COMMUNISTS, YOU HAVE CAST A SHADOW ON THE SINCERE EFFORTS OF EVERYONE WHO IS WORKING IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT."

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MA Jones to DeLoach Memo  
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# Memorandum

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Holmes \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5-12-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

## BACKGROUND:

In connection with a United Press International wire release of May 8th in which comedian Dick Gregory challenged the Director to name the communists in the civil rights movement, Mr. Tolson has asked, "What do our files show on Dick Gregory?"

## INFORMATION IN BUREAU FILES:

Dick Gregory was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri. According to "Current Biography 1962" it was also revealed he was educated in the grammar schools in that city, spent two years in the U. S. Army and then returned to Southern Illinois University where he had been a track star. He dropped out of this institution in 1956 because of low grades. He drifted to Chicago where he worked for the U.S. Post Office but was fired for impersonating his colleagues and purposely misdirecting mail. After a series of odd jobs, some of them in the entertainment field, he finally became a success as a comedian in January, 1961, while working at the Chicago's Playboy Club. He mostly plays the night club circuit and is allegedly known as the "Negro Mort Sahl."

A name check was conducted for the Atomic Energy Commission in April, 1963, on Dick Gregory. That agency was informed that Gregory had never been the subject of an FBI investigation.

In August, 1962, an official of the Nation of Islam allegedly stated that Dick Gregory was a sympathizer of the NOI. (25-330971-6121)

The November 15, 1962, issue of "Muhammed Speaks," a publication of the NOI, contained a news item reporting that comedian Dick Gregory had joined white and Negro leaders in protesting the conviction of journalist William Worthy, sentenced to jail for visiting Cuba without the consent of the United States State Department. The article indicated that Gregory was scheduled to walk a picket line in front of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel protesting the granting of an award to Attorney General Kennedy for "advancing human freedom." In the opinion of the picketers, Attorney General Kennedy "failed on many occasions to act promptly, strongly, and decisively to safeguard and extend human freedom," and listed among the alleged failures was the "current harassment of William Worthy, Boston-born newspaperman." (105-20110-A)

1 - Mr. DeLoach 1 - Mr. Sullivan 1 - Mr. Rosen (Continued next page)  
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M. A. Jones to DeLoach Memo  
RE: Richard Claxton Gregory

On 2-21-64, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, through his secretary, requested the Bureau to interview Dick Gregory who had been incarcerated with others from February 17 to 21, 1964, at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in connection with an attempt to integrate a restaurant at Pine Bluff. Gregory had called the Attorney General and complained to him about conditions in the Pine Bluff jail. Gregory was subsequently interviewed and a signed statement taken dated 2-21-64 wherein he complained of a white prisoner who had allegedly been beaten by prison authorities. Gregory also complained an alleged brutality against himself in that he had been placed in solitary confinement, had no water in the cell and had nothing to drink for two days. He stated he was fed one sandwich a day. He also complained he had been unable to contact his lawyer. It developed that Gregory wanted to be imprisoned as the sheriff who arrested him noted that Gregory had sufficient funds to be released on bond and was encouraged to do so by the sheriff so the sheriff would not have to place him in jail. Copies of our reports were made available to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the last one being 3-17-64. (44-24630)

Gregory was arrested by the Birmingham Police Department on 5-6-63 in connection with a racial demonstration. He made public accusations when he was subsequently released on 5-9-63 to the effect he had been beaten while confined to the Birmingham City Jail. The Chief Warden of the jail stated that Gregory was considered a "model prisoner." Gregory made no complaint of the food or of his treatment to any jail official while a prisoner. Representatives of the press who attended Gregory's press conference immediately after his release stated that they observed no injuries on his person and that Gregory had been confused when questioned concerning which arm he claimed was beaten. Airport attendants at Birmingham who observed Gregory departing on 5-9-63 stated he appeared physically normal in all respects; no injuries were noted and he was in jovial spirits. The United States Attorney at Birmingham expressed views that the facts of the civil rights case were without prosecutive merit. (44-22002)

There are numerous other references to Dick Gregory in Bureau files. However, they deal principally with his involvement in racial demonstrations. Many times it appears he purposely submits himself to arrest and jail, many times arriving on the scene of the disturbance after police have taken away initial demonstrators. His statements frequently suggest violence on the part of the demonstrators. In April, 1964, in a speech to approximately 450 attending racial demonstrations in Gary, Indiana, Gregory urged that if churches would not cooperate in making space available for "freedom day classes" racial demonstrators should "kick down the doors of the churches."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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Date: 8/6/64

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
SAC, JACKSON

ATT: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (62-new)

DICK GREGORY  
MISC. - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Local press reports indicate that DICK GREGORY, a Negro comedian who is presently in Honolulu and is noted for his vitriolic comments concerning the Government, has been contending that he furnished the FBI information which led to the discovery of the three bodies of the civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss. An Associated Press dispatch datelined at Jackson, Miss., and carried in the "Honolulu Star-Bulletin" of Thursday, 8/6/64, stated that GREGORY also said he had given the FBI a tape recording containing names of the killers.

An individual by the name of [ ] of KUMU Radio, Honolulu, called this office 8/6/64 and indicated that NBC was in possession of a tape provided by comedian DICK GREGORY, and [ ] was endeavoring to decide whether or not it would be permissible to broadcast it.

- ③ - Bureau
- 2 - Jackson (Enc. 1) (AMSD)
- 1 - New Orleans (info)
- 1 - Memphis (info)
- 1 - San Francisco (info)
- 1 - Chicago (info)
- 2 - Honolulu
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[redacted], KONA-TV (Channel 2), NBC affiliate in Honolulu, on a confidential basis made available a tape recording which he said had been received by [redacted] and which reportedly had been given to NBC earlier on that date. It is not known whether the tape in possession of [redacted] is a dub of the tape referred to in the Associated Press dispatch, and it was not considered advisable to make any further inquiry concerning it. I am, however, for the information of the Jackson Office sending a dub of the tape to that office AMSD as an enclosure with this communication for whatever value it may possess.

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The tape recording appears in substance to have been prepared by a [redacted] of the Civil Rights Information Service at Knoxville, Tenn., and purports to be an interview of one [redacted] who states he recently departed from Philadelphia, Miss., because of threats to his life from Sheriff RAINEY (phonetic). [redacted] contended there were three "nigger lovers" dead in the swamp and he would be the fourth. [redacted] stated that on the morning of June 22 he learned through his cousin, [redacted] (phonetic) that three civil rights workers were in jail. He subsequently learned that the Klan was boasting that Sheriff RAINEY and Deputies [redacted] had killed the men.

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The tape indicates that [redacted] said that [redacted] (phonetic), a [redacted] was sent to investigate the killing of the three civil rights workers by the Governor of Mississippi and he warned [redacted] that he was to be killed. The voice which purported to be [redacted] stated that [redacted] said that in addition to the sheriff and two deputies, [redacted] (a Baptist minister), [redacted] were responsible for the killings.

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As to location of the bodies, the voice in the recording contended that [redacted] had declared "snakes were eating the bodies in the swamp."

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The voice on the recording also indicated that Chief of Police RAYFIELD of Jackson had made a statement before a public meeting to the effect that he had hired a Negro to kill [redacted]

The names in some instances on the tape are phonetic. It is not known whether this is a duplicate of a tape already in possession of the Jackson Office, and for that reason it is being sent to Jackson for whatever value it may possess.

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Since GREGORY, an irresponsible-type individual, has been making reckless statements to the press, some of which concern the FBI, it is considered advisable to furnish a copy of this communication to the other offices listed herein, which have had some contact with GREGORY. GREGORY has been appearing at the Forbidden City, which is essentially a "striptease joint" in Honolulu, where he has reportedly been paid \$14,000 for a 12-day stand, according to newspaper accounts. He is scheduled to depart shortly for the mainland.

No further action in this matter is contemplated by Honolulu.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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Tele. Room ☒  
Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: June 22, 1964

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: PROPOSED STALL-INS  
NEW YORK CITY AREA  
JULY, 1964;  
PROPOSED BOYCOTT OF  
CALIFORNIA PRODUCTS  
RACIAL MATTERS.

According to a Cincinnati source, Negro comedian Dick Gregory in a speech delivered at Dayton, Ohio, 6/14/64, reported a proposed repeat of "stall-in" threats with respect to automobiles in the New York City area in early July, 1964, as well as a possible national boycott of some California products if the California Referendum Vote on the state's Fair Housing Bill has not been removed from the ballot by August.

Gregory's remarks to racial groups in the past have been provocative, as in the Gary, Indiana, Freedom Schools demonstration at which time he alleged Negroes should kick down the doors of the churches if churches do not provide classroom space for the Freedom School.

## ACTION:

Although Gregory's statements in the past have included exaggerations and distortions, the New York City Office and our offices in California have been instructed to determine through sources whether Gregory's remarks in this instance have any basis in fact.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. McGowan
- 1 - Mr. Smith
- 1 - Mr. Trainor
- 1 - Mr. Trent
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mohr  
FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: August 12, 1964

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
CIVIL RIGHTS MATTER

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ASAC [ ] San Francisco, called and talked to Kemper in my office. He said that Dick Gregory had just held another press conference and he said that Congress should investigate the FBI because he furnished them with information indicating the location of the bodies and had given the FBI a letter which stated the bodies would be five to eight miles West of Philadelphia, Mississippi, and they were found six miles South of the town. b6 b7C

Gregory further stated that President Johnson and the Governor of Mississippi knew who the individuals were that committed the murders and said that this information had been supplied to him by [ ]

Gregory said he did not trust the FBI because they work in great secrecy. He said if you wanted to see a fraud, go to the post office and look at the Ten Most Wanted Fugitives posters, that the subjects are purse snatchers and good humor men.

[ ] said that he got the results of the interview with Gregory from a contact at Radio Station KSOFO in San Francisco.

Kemper told [ ] that if he got any inquiries from their contacts he should make it known that material furnished by Gregory was worthless.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Jones

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The tape recording referred to in attached contains generalizations by [redacted] b6 who is mentally unbalanced. [redacted] previo b7c ly interviewed concerning missing civil rights workers and had no information of value. Letter referred to by Gregory written by [redacted] Washington, D. C., a former mental patient who on interview stated had no knowledge of case except from news media. Gregory interviewed at San Francisco, Calif., 7/17/64, at which time he made available above letter and copy of above tape. We have no information regarding Gregory or any Negro group furnishing the FBI with information regarding the Klan. In view of Gregory's background, his comments should not be dignified by contacting him which would serve no useful purpose.

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*John JS*

*[Signature]*

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

11:00 PM CDST URGENT 8-13-64 DHM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 4-P

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

DICK GREGORY; MISCELLANEOUS DASH INFORMATION CONCERNING

ON AUGUST THIRTEEN INSTANT NEWS CONFERENCE HELD BY DICK

GREGORY, NEGRO COMEDIAN AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. IN HIS  
REMARKS, GREGORY SAID THAT HE TURNED OVER LETTER LISTING  
LOCATION OF THREE BODIES OF CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS IN MISSISSIPPI  
TO FBI. GREGORY COMMENTED FBI CLAIMED THAT WRITER OF LETTER  
WAS A MENTAL PATIENT. GREGORY SAID HE KNOWS FOR FACT THAT  
THREE DAYS AFTER CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS WERE MISSING, THE GOVERNOR  
OF MISSISSIPPI, FBI AND NO DOUBT PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. KNEW  
WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE KILLINGS. GREGORY SAID ~~QUOTE~~

"WHY DID THE FBI WAIT THREE WEEKS AFTER KNOWING WHERE THE BODIES  
WERE BEFORE THEY UNCOVERED THEM?" ~~QUESTION MARK - UNQUOTE.~~

CONCERNING ARRESTS OF THE PERPETRATORS GREGORY SAID

~~QUOTE~~ "THE FBI PROBABLY HAS A WAY OUT ~~DASH~~ THEY CAN SIMPLY  
WRITE IT OFF IF MORE INVESTIGATION IS NEEDED." ~~UNQUOTE.~~ GREGORY  
FURTHER STATED: ~~QUOTE~~ "I HAVE A TREMENDOUS DISTRUST FOR THE FBI

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FROM THE WAY THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION WAS HANDLED AND THAT IS WHY WHEN I TURNED THE LETTER OVER AND THE TAPES I KEPT A DUPLICATE OF EACH BECAUSE OF THEIR PAST RECORD. PERSONALLY, I FEEL THERE SHOULD BE A CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION ON J. EDGAR HOOVER AND THE FBI IN GENERAL. THEY WORKING IN TOO MUCH SECRECY. THE COMMUNIST STEAL ANYTHING OUT OF THIS COUNTRY THEY WANT. THE DOPE PUSHERS GET AS MUCH DOPE IN AND OUT OF HERE AS THEY WANT AND PERSONALLY I JUST DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH FAITH IN THE FBI, AND I THINK AMERICANS IN GENERAL SHOULD DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION OF THE FBI AND J. EDGAR HOOVER PARTICULARLY. <sup>"</sup>~~UNQUOTE~~. DURING THE QUESTIONING PERIOD BY THE REPORTERS, GREGORY ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN INFORMATION WHICH HE FURNISHED TO THE FBI AND INFORMATION HE CLAIMED EVENTUALLY LEAD TO THE FINDING OF THE BODIES OF THE THREE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS. GREGORY CLAIMED THAT THE LETTER HE TURNED OVER TO THE FBI CONTAINED MORE PRECISE INFORMATION REGARDING TO LOCATION OF THE BODIES AND HE LEFT THIS MATTER FOR THE FBI TO CONTACT THE WRITER OF THE LETTER FOR THE DETAILED INFORMATION. GREGORY

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STATED ~~QUOTE~~ "WE" ~~UNQUOTE~~ KNOW DEFINITELY FIVE PEOPLE WERE INVOLVED REGARDING THE KILLINGS.

GREGORY SAID THAT HE FEELS POLITICS HAS ENTERED INTO THIS CASE FROM THE PRESIDENT ON DOWN. GREGORY STATED THAT KNOWING HOW THE FBI WORKS DOWN SOUTH AND HOW THE PEOPLE REACT IN THE SOUTH IT WOULD HAVE BEEN VERY EASY TO HAVE SENT IN FEDERAL TROOPS.

GREGORY CLAIMS THAT ~~QUOTE~~ "WE" ~~UNQUOTE~~ HAVE PLACED THIRTY PEOPLE IN THE KKK TO GATHER INFORMATION AND THAT WHAT INFORMATION ~~QUOTE~~ "WE" ~~UNQUOTE~~ GATHER, ~~QUOTE~~ "WE" ~~UNQUOTE~~ TURN OVER TO THE FBI.

GREGORY STATED THAT HE INTENDS GOING TO MISSISSIPPI ~~QUOTE~~ "IN A COUPLE OF DAYS" ~~UNQUOTE~~.

GREGORY STATED THAT THE FBI DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE HIS LETTER BUT CONTACTED HIM ~~QUOTE~~ "A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER" ~~UNQUOTE~~ AND ADVISED HIM THAT A MENTAL PATIENT WROTE THE LETTER.

GREGORY THEN PLAYED A TAPE OF A PARTIAL INTERVIEW WITH

[REDACTED] IN WHICH [REDACTED] CLAIMED HE LEFT MISSISSIPPI BECAUSE

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SHERIFF RAINEY HAD THREATENED HIS LIFE. THIS TAPE IS BELIEVED IDENTICAL WITH THE TAPE FORWARDED TO JACKSON OFFICE BY HONOLULU ALONG WITH AIRTEL DATED AUGUST SIX LAST TO THE BUREAU AND JACKSON.

REPORTERS POINTED OUT TO GREGORY THAT LETTER HE REFERS TO WAS NONSPECIFIC AS TO LOCATION OF BODIES AND THEREFORE FBI MUST HAVE HAD OTHER SOURCE AS THEY WENT TO A SPECIFIC SPOT DUG TWENTY FEET AND FOUND THE BODIES.

NEWS MEDIA CHICAGO GIVING VERY LITTLE NEWS COVERAGE TO GREGORY'S COMMENTS.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
AMSD COPY SENT TO JACKSON.

END

JR

FBI WASH DC

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10A.  
Answer any inquiries by stating we do not dignify any statements by Gregory with any answer or denial  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 8-11-64

FROM : M. A. J. *es* ✓SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY INTERVIEW RE  
CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVITIES  
AUGUST, 1964, ISSUE, "PLAYBOY"

Tolson	✓
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The August, 1964, issue of "Playboy" magazine contains an interview with controversial comedian Dick Gregory, who has recently made irresponsible and ridiculous claims of credit for the solution of the MIBURN case.

Instant interview deals with Gregory's outspoken and vigorous efforts in current civil rights activities. It is replete with examples of his characteristic "pop off" behavior and strongly suggests that he is personally convinced that Dick Gregory has all the answers and speaks for 20 million U. S. Negroes. There is no mention of the Director or the FBI in this interview.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

Enclosure *to Lot 12/14/64*

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Rosen

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans.

DATE: 9-1-64

FROM : A. B. Eddy

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
COMEDIAN  
COMMENTS ON STEVE ALLEN TV SHOW  
CHANNEL 9, 8-31-64

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[redacted] FBI employee, night shift, Teletype Unit, Files and Communications Division, telephoned Extra Duty Supervisor William C. Maupai from his home at 12:15 A.M. 9-1-64 and furnished the following information. He said that the Negro comedian, Dick Gregory, was talking about his trip to the south recently and jokingly referred to the FBI tapping his phone. He said it was good to know somebody was taking his messages while he was away from home. Subsequently in his comments he spoke of the three "freedom fighters" who were murdered and his own experiences in the south.

The above reference to the FBI was made in a jocular manner, not to be taken seriously. [redacted] wanted to advise that the comment was made and when [redacted] called the comments were finished.

Bureau indices disclose Gregory is the subject of file 100-440428, which reveals that he is unreliable, an agitator and a trouble maker. He has made defamatory and untruthful remarks about the Director and the FBI in the past.

## ACTION

File. In view of the poor character of this man it seems inadvisable to contact him concerning his remarks.

- 1 - Mr. Tavel
- 1 - Crime Records
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Belmont

- 1 - Mr. Evans
- 1 - Mr. Eddy
- 1 - Mr. Maupai

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FBI DETROIT

1134 PM URGENT 9-16-64 JFD

TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (157-762) 1P

PERFORMANCE OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY AT BATTLE CREEK, MICH.,  
FOR BENEFIT OF CORE AND NAACP, NINE SIXTEEN SIXTYFOUR.

ATTENTION CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION. CAPTIONED APPEARANCE HELD  
THIS DATE WITHOUT INCIDENT.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-762)

PERFORMANCE OF  
COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY  
AND COMPANY, AT BATTLE CREEK,  
MICHIGAN, FOR BENEFIT OF CORE  
AND NAACP, 9/16/64,  
RM

Attention: Civil Rights Section

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, 9/14/64, enclosing  
LHM and Detroit teletype to Bureau, 9/16/64.

Enclosed to the Bureau are eight copies of LHM  
concerning captioned event. Separate copy has been designated  
for G II, Detroit.

T-1 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Battle Creek, Mich., who has cooperated reliably  
with [redacted] in the past on confidential matters. He furnished  
the within information to SA [redacted] on 9/16/64,  
immediately following the Gregory performance and reception.

3 - Bureau (Enc. - 8) ENCLOSURE  
1 - Detroit  
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By \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
September 17, 1964

Re: Performance of  
Comedian Dick Gregory  
and Company, at Battle Creek,  
Michigan, for Benefit of  
Core and National Association  
For The Advancement of Colored  
People (NAACP)  
September 16, 1964

The following information was furnished by  
Confidential informant, DE T-1, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past.

Dick Gregory, Comedian, sponsored by Core and  
NAACP in Battle Creek, arrived in Battle Creek by plane  
approximately 3:15 P.M., on September 16, 1964, and held a  
brief press conference at the Holiday Inn. He discussed his  
own work and made no political or racial comment at this time.  
Thereafter, about 4:30 P.M., he attended a reception in his  
honor at the Pacific Club in Kalamazoo, returning to Battle  
Creek thereafter.

The performance at the W. K. Kellogg Auditorium,  
Battle Creek, Michigan, which seats 2,441, was attended by  
approximately 1,050 persons of whom about one half were white.  
It started at 8:00 P.M. There were large vacant areas in the  
audience on the ground floor and the balcony was sparsely  
occupied. Gregory delayed his appearance at the auditorium  
until approximately 9:20 P.M., and folk singer, Len Chandler,  
assisted by a small local band carried on alone until the  
15 minute intermission at 9:05 P.M.

The Gregory program appeared rambling and unorganized.  
He spoke rapidly with a microphone and was at times impossible  
to understand because of his style of delivery. He lampooned  
Senator Goldwater (for whom he expressed personal disfavor) and  
President Johnson, impartially. He commented several times that  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation had not made effective use

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Re: Performance of  
Comedian Dick Gregory  
and Company, at Battle Creek,  
Michigan, for Benefit of  
Core and National Association  
For The Advancement of Colored  
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of the information (letter and tapes) which he had furnished to it in the Philadelphia, Mississippi murder cases. He commented also that the lack of arrests in that case was undoubtedly due to political consideration on the part of President Johnson. He implied that the latter did not want to arrest law enforcement officers in Mississippi (whom Gregory believed guilty) because this might cause disorder and necessitate the use of Federal troops in an election year.

Gregory spent some time advertising his forthcoming (October 25, sales date) "Nigger" and his album of recordings with which he hopes to recoup \$25,000.00 "reward money", borrowed by him from the publishers of "Playboy" magazine.

In a question and answer period following his performance, Gregory characterized the Harlem and Philadelphia riots as "protests", rather than unlawful violence, and urged his listeners to defy and oppose police, "who try to enforce bad laws". The audience generally appeared less receptive to Gregory than to the earlier performance of Len Chandler. There was no disorder following the program which ended about 10:35 P.M., and there was none at the reception at the Holliday Inn, Battle Creek, following the performance.

Lieutenant [redacted] Officer in Charge of the Night Shift, Battle Creek Police Department, stated at 11:30 P.M., September 16, 1964, that there had been no racial incidents reported anywhere in Battle Creek that evening and extra duty police officers had been released.

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## INTERNAL SECURITY DIVISION

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-NEW)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

SEP 16 1964

Date Forw. \_\_\_\_\_

How Forw. \_\_\_\_\_

By CP. CHPERFORMANCE OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY  
AND COMPANY AT BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN,  
FOR BENEFIT OF CORE AND NAACP, 9/16/64  
RM

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

1 cc Room 828 RB:

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM concerning captioned event.

Separate copy has been designated for G-2, Detroit.

DE T-1 is [ ] at Battle Creek, Mich., who has been reliably contacted in Negro matters generally.

DE T-2 is [ ] Federal Center, Battle Creek, Mich., who is widely acquainted in the Negro community and who is believed to be reliable.

Information from above informants was furnished promptly to COP EARLE B. ROBERTS, Battle Creek PD, which has a primary responsibility in this matter in Battle Creek, Mich.

All informants are being continuously contacted to ascertain whether any racial disturbance may be anticipated.

This matter will be closely followed and the Bureau will be promptly advised in the event any violence or racial incidents should result.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
September 14, 1964

Performance of Comedian Dick Gregory  
and Company at Battle Creek, Michigan,  
for Benefit of CORE and NAACP,  
September 16, 1964

On September 9, 1964, the "Enquirer & News", a Battle Creek, Michigan, newspaper, carried an article announcing that the local chapters of Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) and National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) are sponsoring a benefit show to be known as "Salute to Freedom" at the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium, Battle Creek, Michigan, on the evening of September 16, 1964. The featured performers will be Dick Gregory, nationally known Negro comedian, and Len Chandler, Negro folk singer. Both performers are known for their active role in the Civil Rights struggle as spokesmen for the Negro. Tickets are being sold at \$2.50 each. Benefits to go principally to the local chapters of CORE and the NAACP.

On September 10, 1964, Chief of Police Earle B. Roberts, Battle Creek, Michigan, Police Department, advised that he has been in conference numerous times with [redacted] head of the local chapter of CORE, and [redacted] head of the local NAACP, regarding the above performance. [redacted] has advised Chief Roberts that no demonstrations or picketing by his organization or the co-sponsor NAACP are planned. [redacted] confirms this. *mich*

Mr. Gregory and his co-star are expected to arrive by airplane at Kalamazoo Airport, Kalamazoo, Michigan, at 6:00 a.m. on September 16, 1964. A luncheon in his honor will be given in Kalamazoo. He and Chandler will appear at the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. as scheduled and put on the show after which a reception for them and Battle Creek community leaders and CORE and NAACP officials is being held by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek.

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[ ] has advised that Dick Gregory recently announced that he is contributing 30 days of entertainment time from September 14, 1964, to October 14, 1964, in behalf of CORE and the Negro cause on a national basis. Local chapters of CORE were invited to submit applications and the Battle Creek chapter did so without much hope of acceptance because of the small number of CORE members (160 estimated) and the relatively small size of the city; however, their application was one of those accepted. Tickets have been moving fairly well in spite of a late start in advertising.

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Chief Roberts states that he is naturally apprehensive in a gathering of this sort in that "outsiders" from other Michigan cities might come to Battle Creek to stir up some type of trouble. He said that he has received no positive indication locally from informants and sources available to him that activity is planned or anticipated, and he has been assured by [ ] that CORE has not advertised the performance outside of Battle Creek and Calhoun County. He stated that a couple of rumors to the effect that a disturbance might result have been carefully run down and resolved by his staff and found to come from irresponsible sources. Nevertheless, Chief Roberts plans to have adequate and courteous police officers on hand to cope with any foreseeable emergency.

On September 10, 1964, Mr. Clark Valentine, Negro City Commissioner, Battle Creek, advised that he has heard nothing to indicate that trouble of any kind is being planned by any Negro group in Battle Creek for September 16, 1964.

On September 11, 1964, confidential informant DE T-1, who is known to be reliable, advised that the only information he has heard was the remark in a Negro barber shop within the past few days that "kids" have been holding "secret meetings". The identities of these "kids" were unknown to informant but are believed by him to be a group of from 10 to 20 youths ranging in age from 16 to 19 who are

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principally known as "hotrodders". They have been meeting in Battle Creek during the summer months after roller skating on Thursday nights at a rink between Marshall and Battle Creek, Michigan. Their activity is not known to be linked to the appearance of Dick Gregory in Battle Creek, however, and no special plans for September 16, 1964, on their part are indicated.

On September 11, 1964, DE T-2, a confidential informant widely acquainted in the Negro community of Battle Creek who is believed reliable, advised that while there does exist a dissident group of young Negro males whose principal activity is driving around the Negro sections of Battle Creek at late hours, usually on Thursday night, inviting police to stop them for traffic violations, there is no indication that these persons are linked in any way to CORE or NAACP or that they plan any demonstration in Battle Creek on Wednesday, September 16, 1964, in connection with the appearance in the city of Dick Gregory.

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**CORRELATION SUMMARY**

Main File No: 100-440423  
See Also: 44-22002  
44-24630

Date: October 19, 1964

*John* Subject: Dick Gregory

Date Searched: 4/24/64

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

**SUMMARY**

*3* ~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick C. Gregory~~  
~~Richard Claxton Gregory~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

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Analyst

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info. ....Additional information appearing  
in this reference which pertains  
to Dick Gregory may be found in the  
main file or elsewhere in this  
summary.

SNCC.....Student Non-Violent Coordinating  
Committee

Irving Kupcinet, Chicago "Sun Times" (94-8-325) columnist and moderator of television program "At Random" was contacted regarding an allegation made by [redacted] Chicago, Ill., that a colored man had stated on the "At Random" program b6 that some men who were members of the FBI were communists. Kupcinet b7C said the program in question was that of 1/7/62 at which time Rev. Joseph Jackson, President of the Baptist Convention, and Dick Gregory were guests on this program and neither of these men made any such statement as alleged by [redacted]

[redacted] of the above program, also denied this allegation.

94-8-325-109 p.1  
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The "Chicago Daily News" for 8/13/62 started a series entitled "I was a Black Muslim" by Reporter Ben Holman.

CG-6119-S\* related on 8/14/62 that Minister Malcolm (X Little of Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 7, NYC) told Elijah Muhammad he had received a call from the comedian in Detroit by the name of Dick Gregory Mich. "who is a sympathizer of ours" who wanted to know if we wanted to answer the story in the "Daily News" about us. Gregory then talked to the "devil" at the "Daily News" who said they would be willing to print an answer.

It was noted that Gregory was a Negro comedian who had appeared at Negro affairs including some NAACP dinners and Nation of Islam (25-330971) affairs.

25-330971-6121 p.1,2  
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The 11/15/62 issue of "Muhammed Speaks," a publication of the Nation of Islam, contained a news item reporting that comedian Dick Gregory had joined white and Negro leaders in protesting the conviction of journalist William Worthy, Boston-born newspaperman sentenced to jail for visiting Cuba without the consent of the Department of State. The article indicated that Gregory was scheduled to walk a picket line in front of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, NYC, protesting the granting of an award to AG Kennedy for "advancing human freedom." In the opinion of the picketers, AG Kennedy "failed on many occasions to act promptly, strongly, and decisively to safeguard and extend human freedom."

Add. info.

62-5-15422 p.1  
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SI 105-20110-A "Muhammad Speaks"  
(5)✓ 11/15/62 page 3

Memphis Teletype dated 11/21/62 disclosed that [redacted] (first name not given) left Oxford, Miss., on this date in company of US Marshals. His destination was Chicago and on arrival there he was to visit for a short period of time with Dick Gregory, 1451 East 55th St., Chicago. Marshals did not know the purpose of this visit. ILL

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157-401-1513 p.2  
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The Washington Capital News Service on 1/23/63 reported that comedian Dick Gregory would arrive at Washington National Airport at 1:37 PM on a Delta Flight from Jackson, Miss. and Atlanta; he had seen GA James Meredith that morning and might have a statement.

157-401-A Washington Capital News  
(13)✓ Service 1/23/63

The 2/11/63 issue of the "Press Scimitar," daily newspaper of Memphis, Tenn., reported that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian of Chicago, arrived in Memphis aboard a chartered plane on the above date. TENN. He claimed that local authorities had cut off Federal surplus food to Negroes in Clarksdale and Greenwood, Miss., because the Negroes were pushing a voter registration drive there. Gregory told a reporter he was asked to spearhead a drive to collect food in the Chicago area to send to Negroes in Mississippi. He was escorting 14,000 pounds of food stuff on the plane and claimed to have paid the charter bill from his own funds.

Gregory was met in Memphis by a group of Negroes from Clarksdale headed by Aaron Henry, President of the Mississippi NAACP. Gregory said the food would be distributed by members of the SNCC.

The above paper added that Reporter Bill E. Burk said that administrators of the Federal Commodity Program in Leflore and Sunflower Counties had said there was no truth to Gregory's charges.

100-435887-15 p.1,2  
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CG-6119-S\* advised on 2/27/63 that Dick Gregory, the Negro comic, had contacted Malcolm K. Little (100-399321) and advised him that he planned to record 37,000 copies of a speech he made to raise money to buy food for people in Mississippi. Gregory wanted a commitment from Little of how many records the Muslims would take. Little said he would answer this in a few days.

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Lt. [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, NYC PD, advised that Gregory spoke at a rally held at 7th Ave., and 125th St. in Harlem, NY, on 3/23/63 to gain support for Negroes in Mississippi and a collection of \$266 was taken up for their relief.

The 3/31/63 edition of "The Worker" contained an article on page 12 relative to the above mentioned Harlem rally on 3/23/63 and stated that Gregory was one of the speakers.

Add. info. according to "Newsweek" 3/11/63.

100-399321-60 p.22,23,30,31

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100-399321-56 encl.p.1

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The "NY Post" of 3/29/63 carried an article on page 85 entitled "Wilkins on Powell's Attack: He's Been Hurt by His Critics" by Dorothy Schiff. The article stated that NAACP Executive Secretary, Roy Wilkins, had said that Adam Clayton Powell's "boycott" of the NAACP was the action of a man stung by criticism and striking back in the wrong direction. Wilkins stated that last night's comedy was supplied by Dick Gregory, who told the audience (place not given): "Now you know what NAACP means. Never Annoy Adam Clayton Powell."

25-330971-A "NY Post" 3/29/63

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Aaron E. Henry, President of the Mississippi Chapter of the NAACP, advised that he was present at the Centennial Baptist Church, Clarksdale, Miss. (44-21693), during a meeting on 4/2/63 at which the Negro comedian Dick Gregory spoke. He said a tear gas bomb was thrown into the church through a window during the meeting but did not go off since the pin had not been pulled. Henry understood that the object was in the possession of [redacted] of Clarksdale, who had picked it up and thrown it out the window of the church. [redacted] then went outside and retrieved the object.

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Other Negroes who attended the above meeting and newsmen who were covering the meeting advised of seeing the object enter the window and stated that Gregory went outside with [ ] to get the object. It was also reported that the object was a piece of an old rubber tire. Some of the newsmen did not feel that [ ] was gone long enough to get the object and that the bomb was a "plant." (Details set out)

44-21693-57 encl. p. 1-3, 6, 9, 10

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SI 44-21693-55 p. 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 13-16, 22,  
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41, 42, 46, 47, 50, 52, 53

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Clarksdale, Miss.)

The "Chicago Sun Times," Chicago, Ill., for 4/5/63, page 56, carried a column entitled "Kup's Column" by Irving Kupcinec which stated the following:

Much as we admire Dick Gregory and his courageous stand in Greenwood, Miss., we're disappointed over some of his rash statements. (The Black Muslims now have "adopted" Gregory.)

25-330971-A "Chicago Sun Times"  
(2) 4/5/63

The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the file captioned "Unsubs; Greenwood, Miss., PD, [ ] et al. Victims Civil Rights - Election Laws," 44-21661. Gregory had been quite prominent in the demonstrations in Greenwood and Clarksdale, Miss., during the first part of April, 1963. He spoke at a meeting at the Wesley Methodist Church in Greenwood on 4/1/64 and on 4/2/64 was the principal speaker at a meeting held in the Centennial Baptist Church in Clarksdale. Gregory spent considerable time at the Headquarters of the SNCC in Greenwood and led groups of Negro marchers through the streets.

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Gregory advised a Departmental Attorney that the Mayor of Clarksdale had stated that FBI Agents were drunk on the evening of 4/2/63, but that he knew this allegation was false. Aaron Henry, NAACP leader in Clarksdale, advised that Gregory was contacted by Clarksdale City Commissioner Hudson Bell rather than the Mayor. Bell and the Mayor both denied making the above statement and said they had never heard of Agents being drunk in Clarksdale.

Gregory was observed on the streets of Greenwood as late as 4/5/63. A group photograph of Gregory was enclosed.

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[redacted] advised of a meeting on 4/26/63 in the office of [redacted] (location not given), which was attended by [redacted] and others to discuss the forthcoming HCUA hearings. [redacted] mentioned that he had received a letter from Dick Gregory, the Negro entertainer, concerning his legal problems connected with his integration activities.

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100-433447-366 p.2  
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CG-5824-S\* advised that according to information furnished by Claude Lightfoot, a leading spokesman for the CP of Chicago, on 4/16/63, the Negro community in Chicago was planning to hold a broad gathering on 5/1/63 at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Chicago. Lightfoot wanted William L. Patterson in NYC to be advised of the above and requested that he get in touch with Dick Gregory. Lightfoot felt it was very desirable to get Gregory involved in this 5/1/63 function but that contact with him should be made on a local level by someone like Patterson in NY who was apparently acquainted with Gregory.

100-3-75-1889 encl.p.1  
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The Phoenix Office advised on 5/6/63 that a check had been made with available sources close to Elijah Muhammad, and no information was available indicating Dick Gregory had been in contact with Muhammad or indicating that the Nation of Islam (25-330971) had endeavored to assist Gregory in his efforts to raise funds for Negroes in Mississippi.

25-330971-38-56 p.1  
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The "People's World" for 5/25/63, page 12, carried an article entitled "Gregory on Parade" which stated that Negro comic Dick Gregory had stated in San Francisco that he was not sure whether he would march in the coming Sunday's big parade for justice in Alabama. Gregory who was in San Francisco for a night club appearance and was helping with the Sunday observance, said he had been arrested so many times for parading without a permit that he didn't think he knew how to parade with one. Gregory filled Mayor George Christopher's office with laughter repeatedly with his comments on the racial situation in San Francisco. His statements were made in the presence of Negro ministers, labor leaders and newsmen.

100-3-75-A "People's World"  
(3) 5/25/63

Bureau Memo dated 6/1/63 revealed that Roy Wilkins, Executive Secretary of the NAACP, had announced in Jackson, Miss., that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, was scheduled to arrive at Jackson on 6/2/63.

157-896-40 p.2  
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The New Orleans Office advised that Negro comedian Dick Gregory arrived in Jackson, Miss., on 6/3/63, ostensibly to lead racial demonstrations in the city. According to a source of the New Orleans Office, Gregory had received word that his son died that morning in Chicago and current information indicated that Gregory planned to leave Jackson for Chicago that afternoon.

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SI 157-896-24 p.1  
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SI 157-896-160 p.1  
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Bureau memo dated 6/10/63 disclosed that comedian Dick Gregory attended a rally on 6/7/63 at Jackson, Miss. At a previously scheduled meeting of the same group of colored people in Jackson, when it was announced that Gregory would not be there in view of the death of his young son, so few turned out for the meeting it had to be cancelled. It was obvious that they wanted to be entertained and were not there for any other purpose. There was obvious lack of leadership and direction among the Negro entertainers.

157-6-74 p.2  
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[redacted] PSI, furnished information concerning the Annual Awards Membership Luncheon which was held on 6/15/63 in the Embassy Room, Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Women for Legislative Action (WLA). Dick Gregory, who was to have received an award, could not be present as he was attending the Medgar Evers funeral in Mississippi. However, Gregory made arrangements for a Negro disc jockey from St. Louis, Mo., to fly to Los Angeles to accept the award for him.

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A source advised on 4/24/62 that the WLA claimed to be an independent organization dedicated to non-partisan participation in legislative and civic activities. Its position usually paralleled the position of the CP and related groups.

100-439762-9 p.2  
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A NY Office routing slip enclosed a copy of an article from the "Amsterdam News" of 7/13/63, page 11, entitled "Egg-Throwing And Dr. King" by Jackie Robinson. Robinson wrote that Dick Gregory had said the Black Muslims had been in existence for thirty-five years "but the Negro didn't know anything about them until the white man put them on his television." Gregory added that Malcolm X had been invited to speak on white college campuses all over the nation; but seldom, if ever, got invited to Negro college campuses.

25-330971-6591 encl.p.2  
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AAG Burke Marshall, Civil Rights Division of the Department, Washington, DC, said he had received a call on 7/26/63 from Dick Gregory who advised he had information that communists were going to take over the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) (100-225892) in Chicago. He stated that Gregory's source was [ ] who was described as being in CORE in Chicago. b6 b7C

Chicago teletype dated 7/27/63 disclosed that [ ] was interviewed on this date at the home of Dick Gregory, Chicago, and was unable to furnish any CP information regarding CORE. Gregory was present briefly during the interview and casually mentioned that he planned to see the AG during the coming week to discuss racial matters generally.

The 7/27/63 issue of "Washington Post and Times Herald," page C-18, contained an article that Gregory was to speak at the convention of Walther League, young people's organization of Luthern Church - Missouri Synod, to be held July 28 to August 1, 1963 in Washington, DC.

100-225892-662 p.1,2

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100-225892-659 p.1,2

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100-440885-1 p.1,2

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100-225892-660 p.1,3,4 encl.p.1

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On 8/14/63, [ ] made available a circular bearing the caption "Wake Up!", and the name Campus Interracial Committee at the bottom. A review of this circular disclosed that it was very critical of the position taken by Governor John Connally of Texas in opposing the public accommodations section of the civil rights bill being considered at that time by Congress. The last paragraph was a quoted statement made to the Mississippi Negroes by Dick Gregory which was favorable to the Kennedy brothers and unfavorable to Governor Connally. b7D

157-970-583 encl.p.2

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On 8/19/63, AAG Burke Marshall advised he had been contacted by Dick Gregory who was then in jail in Chicago. Gregory said he had the gun which was used to murder Chicago Alderman Benjamin F. Lewis; that this gun was at his residence and would be turned over to the FBI by [ ] since he did not trust the Chicago Police and would not release the gun to that department.

The Chicago office contacted [ ] and she furnished a .32 caliber Colt automatic pistol. She related that she had received the gun on 8/19/63 from [ ] an employee of United Press International, who about a week before had received information that the gun which "might" have killed Alderman Lewis could be located on Outer Lake Shore Drive in Chicago.

Immediately following the contact with [ ] the Chicago Office began receiving press inquiries which indicated Gregory's public relations man had contacted the press and told them about the gun being turned over to the FBI. It was indicated that Gregory had taken this action because the Chicago Police were too busy arresting Negroes to handle a murder. Gregory had indicated to the press that he had received information concerning the gun from a fellow prison at the jail in Chicago.

AAG Marshall said Gregory's action in this instance was ridiculous and we should have nothing further to do with him. The gun was to be turned over to the Detective Division of the Chicago PD, which was investigating the murder of Alderman Lewis.

62-9-9-1340 p.1,2  
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The "Chicago Sun-Times," Chicago, Ill., for 8/26/63, page 3, carried an article entitled "Rights Leaders To Be Honored At McCormick Place." The article stated that Chicago area civil-rights leaders and national and local civil-rights groups would be the recipients of special award citations at a ceremony Monday night at A Century of Negro Progress Exposition at McCormick Place. Among the individuals getting citations would be Dick Gregory.

157-970-A "Chicago Sun-Times"  
(14) 8/26/63

Movie Actor Charlton Heston, Los Angeles, Calif., advised that a group of about 60 to 90 movie personalities, for which he was spokesman, were planning to take part in the March On Washington (157-970), 8/28/63. He furnished a list of individuals who had confirmed their intention to be in the above mentioned group. The list, which was set out, included the name of Dick Gregory.

157-970-353 encl.p.1  
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The "Daily Variety" for 8/26/63 reported that the Crescendo nightclub, 8572 Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif.; had some trouble when entertainer Dick Gregory failed to keep an engagement. Gregory was eight days late in opening at the Crescendo, finally appearing on 8/24/63 after spending twelve days in a Chicago jail. He had traveled to Chicago in connection with certain demonstrations in that city, and the news article showed that he was jailed in Chicago on 8/12/63 because of his participation in an alleged civil rights demonstration. The article said he was given an option to sign a recognizance bond, bail first set at \$15.00 then totally waived, but refused as a matter of principle because, "I was not guilty." His trial for Motion of Dismissal was held 8/23/63 in Chicago and a decision was to be made 9/10/63 on it. Gregory's writer, Jim Sanders, also was jailed with the comic and both planned to travel to Washington, DC to participate in the demonstration on 8/28/63.

The above column reported that at least half of Gregory's act "comprised a lengthy, direct, and frequently barbed commentary on his stay at Durance Vile. The rest was his usual 'comedic' material. As he opened, he told the customers, 'sorry I'm late'."

The article continued that Gregory was paid \$5,000 weekly and promised to negotiate his contract to improve the loss he caused the owners of the Crescendo.

92-3174-66 p.1,2  
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[redacted] advised that Dick Gregory and his wife attended a William Worthy Dinner meeting on 8/28/63 in the Madison Room of the Sheraton Park Hotel, Washington, DC.

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According to [redacted] the above meeting was called to formulate the Freedom Now Party (105-123706).

105-123706-11 encl.p.2

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SI 157-970-989 p.1

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WFO advised on 9/23/63 that an unknown man called the "Washington Evening Star" and the "Washington Post Times Herald" and indicated there was a bomb in the Howard Theater, 600 T St., NW, Washington, DC.

It should be noted that Dick Gregory was appearing at the Howard Theater at that time.

157-2-53-647 p.1

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The "Richmond Times Dispatch," Richmond, Va., reported that Rev. Martin Luther King announced the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (157-632) National Convention was to be held in Richmond. According to the article, Dick Gregory was to be one of the principal speakers at the National Convention banquet program to be held on 9/24/63. Gregory was to be presented the SCLC's annual "merit award" for his participation in the civil rights movement.

157-632-43 p.1

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SI 157-632-42 encl.p.2

(13)-(Major S. Duling, Richmond, Va.PD)

NY-3580-S\* advised of a discussion between Stanley Levison and his brother, Roy Bennett, on 9/30/63 (place not given). Levison told Bennett that Dick Gregory, Bayard (Rustin) and "someone else" held a six hour session to map out a program. He said he had a feeling that Gregory was "a little nuts" and both agreed that they couldn't see what kind of a program or movement there could be with a comedian, who had no education (Gregory) on its staff. They agreed that this appeared to be a "gimmicking" approach. Levison and Bennett indicated that Gregory apparently was in favor of the Christmas boycott which had been proposed by some civil rights leaders.

100-3-116-398 p.2  
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Identification Officer [redacted] of the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, Selma, Ala., advised that [redacted] of Dick Gregory was arrested on 9/27/63 and charged with unlawful assembly and inciting to riot.

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At a Negro rally on 10/4/63 at Selma, Ala., the main speakers were Dick Gregory and SNCC Leader, James Forman. They urged Negroes to try to become registered voters, beginning on 10/7/63. Gregory was particularly critical of white people generally, and white law enforcement officials (source not clear, possibly SA who attended rally).

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On 10/5/63 it was observed that another Negro rally was held at the First Baptist Church in Selma with Gregory again being the featured speaker. [redacted] of the "Selma Times Journal Newspaper," advised that Gregory's speech was considerably toned down from the one he gave the previous night. [redacted] stated that Gregory left Selma, Ala. on 10/6/63.

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157-4-61-191 encl.p.6,7  
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[redacted] advised that the Washington Area Committee For The Abolition Of The HCUA (WACAHCUA) (100-434886) had scheduled a public meeting for 10/10/63 at the American University, Washington, DC. Informants stated it was estimated that the WACAHCUA would lose approximately two hundred dollars on the meeting. In order to make up the deficit, the WACAHCUA intended to contact Dick Gregory to participate in a fund-raising affair to be held soon after the meeting. According to informants, definite plans had not been made.

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100-434886-43 encl.p.3  
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[ ] advised that [ ] member of the State Board, the highest policymaking body of the Illinois CP, had stated that in early October, 1963, there was a conference of delegates from the larger civil rights organizations at the University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. He said the main discussion concerned the First Congressional District and the defeat of Congressman William Dawson. Dick Gregory, who had in the past considered running against Dawson, had withdrawn the offer. b6 b7C b7D

[ ] advised on 11/12/63 that Gregory, a well-known Negro comedian, had been prominently mentioned in recent months in connection with racial disturbances in Chicago and the Southern part of the US. b7D

100-3-14-3870 p.42,43  
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The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the file captioned "Racial Matters," 157-6, and set out information concerning Gregory's activities in the civil rights movement in several American cities. Gregory participated in many racial demonstrations by leading marchers, sit-ins, and speaking at many of the meetings and rallies. He was arrested several times during 1963 and the early part of 1964 for parading without a permit, disorderly conduct and disturbance. Each time he was convicted but always entered an appeal.

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Officer [ ] Human Relations Section, Chicago PD, advised that Dick Gregory addressed a rally, under the sponsorship of the "Freedom Day II Committee" of the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, held at the United Packing House Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash Ave., Chicago on 2/23/64. Officer [ ] stated the rally was called to stimulate the proposed Chicago school boycott scheduled for 2/25/64.

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[ ] and the 2/25/64 edition of the "Boston Globe" reported that at a "Freedom Rally" to be held on 2/25/64 at the Donnelly Memorial Theater, Boston, Mass., Dick Gregory, professional Negro comedian, Louis Lomax, Negro author, and Roy Wilkins, National President of the NAACP, would be the principal speakers. [ ] advised that the "Freedom Rally" was sponsored by the "Massachusetts Freedom Movement" which was brought into being to organize and direct the fight against "de facto" segregation in Boston schools.

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SI 157-4-5-21 encl.p.3  
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[ ] (protect identity) advised that the "Bob Kennedy Show," a program of Radio Station WBZ, Boston, Mass., on 3/24/64 had as its guest speaker Malcolm X Shabazz. Kennedy, the moderator of the program, introduced Malcolm X as leader of the Black Muslims, Muslim Mosque, Inc. (100-441765). Malcolm X said he attended a conference on 3/14/64 in Chester, Pa., and Dick Gregory was in attendance. Gregory and some other individuals in attendance had formed an organization to be known as "Act." This group was designed to act anytime, anywhere and in any manner necessary to bring about results.

100-441765-29 p.6  
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Detective [redacted], Bureau of Special Services, NYC PD, reported that school boycott demonstrations were held on 3/16/64 in the NYC area spearheaded by the Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools. Among the speakers at this demonstration was Dick Gregory of Chicago.

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CG-6031-S\* advised that on 3/20/64 Claude Lightfoot (100-108) was at the offices of "The Worker," 36 West Randolph St., Chicago, and contacted [redacted] member of the CP of Illinois. They engaged in a general discussion about the wife of the Negro comedian, Dick Gregory, and the fact that she had had twins.

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[redacted], Chicago, representing First Congressional Citizens Committee and supporting Congressional candidate [redacted], from First Congressional District, personally appeared at the Chicago Office on 4/13/64 regarding possible Election Laws (56-0) violations at Primary Elections in Chicago on 4/14/64. [redacted] was accompanied by Dick Gregory, [redacted] who was opposing Congressman William Dawson who was running for election to US Congress, and others.

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[redacted] who was the principal spokesman, advised of their desire to have a fair and honest election and of their desire for FBI assistance if possible at the polls in the event of any irregularities. They were advised that the FBI would not police the polls but would receive any complaints of irregularities they might have.

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56-0-1085 p.1

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The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the file captioned "National Civil Rights Convention, Chester, Pa., 3/14/64, Racial Matters," 157-1526, and revealed the following: The above convention was sponsored by the Coordinating Council of Civil Rights Organizations and was held at the Eastern Light Masonic Lodge, 815 West 3rd St., Chester. The meeting began with a forty minute presentation by Dick Gregory, who sat in front of the room with the three chairmen and secretaries and was the only one in the room who rose and stood at attention when Malcolm X walked in. It appeared to the source that Gregory was friendly with Malcolm X. Gregory spoke in generalities and referred to his experiences in Atlanta and San Francisco.

It was announced at the above meeting that the Coordinating Council of Civil Rights Organizations would meet at Washington, DC, on 4/18/64 at Odd Fellows Hall, 1853 - 9th St., NW, to begin a week of boycotts and sit-ins in that city. Among the well known leaders in the integration movement expected to be present was Gregory.

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 10/19/64

FROM : SAC, Kansas City (157-0)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. Belmont	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. DeLoach	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Evans	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Attached for information of the Bureau is a newspaper report of an appearance by DICK GREGORY, Negro entertainer, who appeared in Springfield, Missouri, October 14, 1964.

Bureau will note GREGORY comments concerning Attorney General ROBERT KENNEDY, the FBI and many other prominent individuals in a derogatory manner.

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**Wonders About Birdman****Negro Comedian  
Attracts 2500**

The many-faceted Negro comedian, Dick Gregory, who kept a crowd of more than 2500 in thought and stitches during an appearance here last night, said in an interview before his program that he sometimes wonders if a talk he had with Attorney General Robert Kennedy had any influence on the death of Robert Stroud, the famed Birdman of Alcatraz, who died in the U. S. Medical Center here last November.

"I was very concerned about the Birdman," said Gregory, who appeared as part of the Southwest Missouri State College convocations program in the SMS fieldhouse.

"I asked Kennedy if he would review the case, and he said he would look into it.

"Next thing I knew, he was dead."

Gregory did not say how his talk with Kennedy could have influenced the Birdman's death, but was extremely interested in recent developments in the story.

Of particular interest to Gregory, he said, was the fact that federal authorities had seized a manuscript, written by the Birdman, allegedly about the federal penal institutions and will to a relative.

The well-known "social satirist" asked more questions than the interviewer. He wanted to know if there was a possibility that federal officials would eventually relinquish the manuscript to Stroud's relatives and that it would be published. He didn't wait for an answer.

"If we do get it now, what guarantee do we have that they haven't changed it."

The comedian said he first be-

came personally acquainted with the attorney general when Negro James Meredith was attempting to integrate the University of Mississippi at Oxford, and federal intervention was required. Gregory said his talk with Kennedy occurred in Washington about two weeks before Stroud died here.

Also during the interview, Gregory hinted he thinks that Secret Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation agents were "involved in a plot" to assassinate the late President John F. Kennedy.

He agreed that Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin, was involved in the plot also, but said that Oswald did not fire the shots as the recently released Warren Report stated.

To support his charges, Gregory produced reference material which included a photographic sequence of the assassination printed in Life Magazine, plus photostatic copies of official reports related to the investigation.

Also last night, Gregory, a leader in the civil rights movement, revealed that his latest book, entitled "nigger," would be published the latter part of this week.

He explains the choice of a title in the foreword to the book: "Dear Mom, wherever you are, when you hear the word 'nigger' again, they're advertising my book."

He said that there would be only one copy of the book sent out free — to Lyndon B. Johnson.

"I'm determined to get a nigger in the White House," he quipped.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Springfield Daily-  
News

Springfield, Mo.

Date: 10/14/64  
Edition: Morning  
Author:  
Editor: C. W. JOHNSON  
Title: Negro Comedian  
Attracts 2500

Character:  
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Classification: 94-  
Submitting Office: KC

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He has already authored one best-seller book entitled "From the Back of the Bus."

Asked about recent racist-inspired bombings in McComb, Miss., Gregory found opportunity once more to chastize the FBI —

"If the FBI can't catch a bunch of racial haters, what have the Communists been running away with here?"

Gregory, working during his "day off" from a 30-day CORE tour which will conclude during the next week, flew back to California immediately following last night's performance in the arena of the SMS fieldhouse.

He said that he made more appearances before college audiences as a lecturer than a performer.

Asked if he ever had objections to material used in his act that might be construed as derogatory to his race, he said

that he was considered a social satirist, "and they have always had more leeway to treat their subjects as they please."

And during his performance on stage, as in the interview, Gregory pulled no punch-lines.

Noting as he began his monologue in the presence of Richard Nixon, stumping for the Republican national ticket in Springfield last night, Gregory opined that Nixon was really following through on a pro-GOP convention statement by the former vice president to "stop Goldwater."

"He figures the best way to beat Barry," said Gregory, "is to campaign for him."

The comedian also had choice observations on the presidential candidates —

"If I look tired to you, it's because I spent so long at the Phoenix, Ariz., airport waiting for Barry Goldwater to come in. How was I to know he would arrive by stage coach?"

"You say there'll never be a colored person in the White House. Well, maybe so, but at least we got one there now that sounds like us."

He recalled that friends asked him if he was angry with Goldwater for voting against the civil rights bill. He said it didn't make much difference to him, because if Barry got elected, "I'd look like some kind of nut worrying about public accommodations sitting in some fox hole."

Gregory also noted that "Russia done it again — they just put up one of the bungaloes."

Gregory's appearance was preceded by that of a musical group who call themselves the Mandrell Singers. The quartet — Charles Austin, Rodney Young, Dave Thomas and Fred Griffith — proved very popular with the audience, running the gamut of music presentations, from Beatle hits to folk songs to Negro spirituals.

It was the quartet's first appearance with Gregory, although it will join him for another program later this year. The Mandrells originate in Boston.





—Daily News Staff Photo

Popular Negro comedian Dick Gregory chats with Southwest Missouri State College sophomore Cheryl Harmon prior to an appearance in the SMS fieldhouse before a crowd of more than 2500 last night. Gregory began his performance with "correction" of a statement by Lyle Lelsenring, chairman of the SMS convocations program who included in his introduction of the entertainer the fact that Gregory had dropped out of Southern Illinois University. "I flunked," said Gregory. Regarded as a civil rights leader in this country, Gregory has written one best-seller, "From the Back of the Bus," and announced last night publication of another book, "nigger."

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DICK GREGORY

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 12-8-64

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
APPEARANCE ON "LES CRANE SHOW"  
12-7-64

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Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
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Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Captioned television program is presented nationwide over the American Broadcasting Company each weekday evening from 11:30 p. m. until 1 a. m.

Crane opened the program noting that the FBI had made arrests in the civil rights case in Mississippi. He asked a member of the audience what he thought of this and the individual replied that he thought this was good and it showed that the FBI "was really working."

Comedian Dick Gregory was interviewed by Crane between 12:30 - 12:45 a. m. He mentioned his new book, an autobiography entitled "~~Nigger~~" and devoted several minutes to the telling of jokes regarding the civil rights movement.

Crane mentioned the FBI arrests in Mississippi and Gregory said that they only bore out what he said three months ago when he claimed he had stated arrests would occur in this case shortly after the election. He said it was very sad that this had to be "a political thing." He did not explain this and Crane did not pursue the matter further.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Tolson
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: January 21, 1965

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: "NIGGER; AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
BY DICK GREGORY  
WITH ROBERT LIPSYTE;  
BOOK REVIEW

1 - Mr. Mohr  
1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Lavin  
1 - Research Section  
(Publications)

Tolson  
Belmont  
Mohr  
DeLoach  
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Gale  
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## THE BOOK:

The book is 224 pages, published by the firm of E. P. Dutton and Company, Inc., New York. The price is \$4.95. The book can be broken down into the three phases of Gregory's life, the first section dealing with his early days in St. Louis, Missouri, and his family background, which consisted of a broken home and dire poverty. The second section of the book deals with Gregory's rise to athletic fame as a track star at Southern Illinois University, and the third section is devoted to his rise to fame as a Negro comedian. During this third period of his life, Gregory became interested in the civil rights struggle of the Negro and has made several appearances throughout the South on behalf of the civil rights program.

The book would have little interest to anyone except a fan of Dick Gregory. The man certainly has a drive within him, which has enabled him to raise himself up from a very poor beginning to become a track star and later to become a well-paid entertainer. The book, however, lapses into obscenities in certain places, and as an example of Gregory's character he proclaims in one portion of the book that his wife Lillian was four-months pregnant when she told him of her pregnancy and thereafter they were married. Gregory, in certain portions of the book, lapses into gutter language and no great thoughts or solutions to the race problem are enunciated, which makes it doubtful that the book will find any permanent place in American literature or advance the cause of the Negro.

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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont  
RE: "NIGGER;" AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
BY DICK GREGORY

THE AUTHORS:

Gregory is the subject of Bureau file 100-440423. This file consists mostly of letterhead memoranda dealing with Gregory's appearances throughout the country on behalf of the civil rights movement.

Gregory wrote an insolent telegram to the Director on May 8, 1964, in which he stated, "I challenge you to tell the public who these communists are and where they are" in relation to the Director's statement that there are communists affiliated with the civil rights movement in the United States. The Director indicated that the Bureau should "ignore this welp."

In addition, Gregory, in another instance injected himself into the case of the three missing civil rights workers who were murdered in Mississippi. Gregory made press releases that Congress should investigate the FBI because he furnished the FBI with information indicating the location of the bodies. Gregory did furnish information to the Bureau in this matter, which information, however, was of no value in the case. Gregory also made irresponsible and ridiculous claims for credit for the solution of the case.

There are no references in Bureau files to

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There is attached hereto a full book report published by "The Nation" dated 11/23/64.

MENTION OF THE FBI:

The FBI is mentioned on page 191 of the book. Gregory made an appearance in Greenwood, Mississippi, in 1963 (the date is not given in the book) and made mention that the police were on their best behavior that day because there were FBI Agents in town with movie cameras. Bureau files (157-896) indicate that Dick Gregory appeared in Mississippi during 1963, and it should be noted that pursuant to Departmental request, Agents were observing and photographing activities relating to the desegregation of Mississippi business establishments and public facilities during this period.

RECOMMENDATION:

*J* None. The book  being sent to the Bureau Library. *Q* *BM*

There is another aspect of Lawrence which needs to be discussed and is usually dodged by everyone except the more tendentious Marxist critics. Like Yeats, Stephen George, T. S. Eliot, Valéry, Unamuno, Ezra Pound, von Hoffmannsthal, Lawrence was a dedicated spokesman for what Joseph Freeman thirty years ago called the fascist unconscious. Note the "f" is in lower case. Lawrence did not live to see the horrors of Nazism, but the Nibelungen geist that haunted Frieda's relatives aroused in him only amused contempt, as did the more trivial popinjay antics of Mussolini's minions. Nevertheless, Lawrence was anti-humane, anti-humanist and anti-humanitarian, like most of the leading poets of the international community of the first half of the 20th century. In Europe the exponents of humanism were proved frauds by the First World War. In America, where by a historical accident they were given the chance to act personally in committees, they were proved malevolent frauds by the Sacco-Vanzetti case. But this does not mean that humanism is a fraud. Nor does it excuse an anti-humane way of life. Lawrence once remarked that the beastliness of man to man increased in proportion to growth in membership in the S.P.C.A. and the perfection of painless dentistry. This is probably true, but it does not excuse Ernest Hemingway's attendance at bull fights.

This question is usually dismissed as one of the out-of-date concerns of the thirties. It is not, and some day it is going to be necessary to reevaluate book by book and almost sentence by sentence the moral meaning of the leading poets of the first half of the 20th century. Since Lawrence occupies so exposed a position in this context, he would make an excellent subject for the first chapter. The polemics of the thirties, far from settling the matter, confused it further, since both sides of the controversy were in fact militant anti-humanists, whatever they called themselves. In America one sect of them did in fact call themselves Humanists—as of course did Zhhdhanov in the last bloody hours of Stalin.

There's not much to say about the book of Lawrence's paintings, although Viking's edition is good to have if one is a Lawrentian. Like most famous people, Lawrence was indulged and self-indulged. Like Henry Miller, he was persuaded that he was a painter. Painting is hard work and the

business of professionals. Lawrence was not as skilled an amateur as Winston Churchill or Dwight Eisenhower—much less Estlin Cummings. He painted for relaxation, not least the relaxation of sexual tensions. His paintings are rather silly as are the verses he wrote for such purposes. Some of them, with red naked males with Abyssinian faces, and mountainous women with Brünnhildean bottoms are diagnostic *Krankenkunst*, slightly crazy fantasies of himself and Frieda. The whole book is one of those embarrassing, historically important docu-

its so vital to the history of literature but so expendable by good taste. As for the *Collected Poems*, as a final *editio princeps* it leaves nothing to be desired. *Juvenilia* and *variora* and *dismembra rejecta*, all are here, edited, collated and printed with loving care. It is hard to see how this edition will ever be superseded.

Kenneth Rexroth's *Selected Poems of D. H. Lawrence (New Directions, 1948)* was the first edition of Lawrence's poetry to be published in this country since 1929.

## Comedy's Cold Sustenance

**NIGGER.** By Dick Gregory with Robert Lipsyte. E. P. Dutton & Co. 224 pp. \$4.95.

Peter de Lissovoy

Negroes have called one another "nigger" ever since the white man slurred the epithet into being, but it doesn't mean what it used to. Jokes and insults that once worked to restrict and reduce a people get turned around in a revolution, and expose the malicious and straitened mentality that created them. These days, "nigger" is seen to be a white man; when a black uses the word, he affirms, ironically, his own humanity, and—by the same twist—anticipates a time when that humanity will be generally acknowledged. Not that this is anything really new. The African, chained down and sailed away, was feeling it every time he shook his head in terror or in disbelief. And there were slaves who felt it, who challenged and recognized their fantastic fate, and started rebellions and started the blues. But recently, the irony has become quite public. A cold silver sustenance of the heart has climbed out of hiding and become familiar even to whites. The title of Dick Gregory's new book is shocking, as was intended—a matter of sales. But it is more than this. It is full and large in a way it could never have been a decade or two ago—a promise and a claim and, disappointingly, much larger than the book itself.

*Nigger* begins impressively with a comic, poignant account of Gregory's youth in the slums of St. Louis. The

Peter de Lissovoy, a frequent *Nation* contributor, was until recently a campaign writer for C. B. King, the first Negro candidate for Congress from south Georgia since Reconstruction.

style is reminiscent, easy and rolling:

... Once a month the big gray relief truck would pull up in front of our house and Momma would flash that big smile and stretch out her hands. "Who else you know in this neighborhood gets this kind of service?" And we could all feel proud when the neighbors, folks who weren't on relief, folks who had Daddies in their houses, would come by the back porch for some of those hundred pounds of potatoes, for some sugar and flour and salty fish. We'd stand out there on the back porch and hand out the food like we were in charge of helping poor people. . . .

And we get the "boy" as well as the "black":

We went to the movies a lot. . . . Once we had a riot . . . when Tarzan jumped down from a tree and grabbed about a hundred Africans. We didn't mind when Tarzan beat up five or ten, but this was just too many, a whole tribe, and we took that movie house apart, ran up on the stage and kicked the screen and fought the guys who still dug Tarzan.

... We used to root for the Indians against the cavalry, because we didn't think it was fair in the history books that when the cavalry won it was a great victory, when the Indians won it was a massacre. We always cheered for the American soldiers and booed the Japanese and Germans. . . .

We had joys back there in St. Louis, joys that made us want to live just as surely as the pains taught us how to live. . . .

The temptation to quote is great—as it always is after a Gregory performance. (Robert Lipsyte probably put it all to paper, but the storyteller's style is Gregory's.) What really tips the scales for the first section of the

book is the reconstruction of how Gregory began developing his fast-draw humor:

... I got picked on a lot around the neighborhood; skinniest kid on the block, the poorest, the one without a Daddy. I guess that's when I first began to learn about humor, the power of the joke. ...

"Hey Gregory, get your ass over here. Want you to tell me and Herman how many kids sleep in your bed."

"Googobs of kids in my bed, man, when I get up to pee in the middle of the night gotta leave a bookmark so I don't lose my place."

Before they could get going, I'd knock it out first, fast. ... Everything began to change then. Once you get a man to laugh with you, it's hard for him to laugh at you. ...

... Sometimes the big guys would come after me. A guy twice my size would grab me and push me against a wall and be all ready to knock my face in. I'd roll my eyes and look down at his feet.

"Baby, you better kill me quick. If you don't, I'm gonna steal those cool shoes you wearin'."

Now who could beat up a guy who said that?

Gregory made a weapon of humor in order to become a man on the block. The block is nearly always a little-America. Negroes have long used the joke to become and remain men in a society that would reduce them to something less. Gregory's mother taught him that "man has two ways out in life—laughing and crying. There's more hope in laughing." These first chapters say something about how a whole lot of black men have stayed sane and grown, and under Gregory's enriching comic gaze the boy that he was emerges large and real.

After the first hundred or so pages, the book begins to slow and weaken. Gregory leaves Southern Illinois University, where he has studied and run track on an athletic scholarship, and moves into the frenzied world of the small-time entertainer. Now he is not casting back into a period of his life for significant anecdotes and memories, but is trying to explain how he got from here to there to the Big-Time. The comic style that has worked so well grows thin, and he begins to rely heavily on the sudden reverse or punch line to provide the necessary movement. At only one point does the book rise again to the level of the first chapters. Like a gem turned up in common rock, half a dozen pages are devoted suddenly to what Gregory calls "one of the greatest lessons in

show business"—the problem of talling race, or America, to predominantly white audiences:

... A white man will come to a Negro club, so hung up in this race problem, so nervous and afraid of the neighborhood and the people that anything the comic says to relieve his tension will absolutely knock him out. ... I've seen a white man in a Negro club jump up and say "Excuse me" to a Negro waitress who just spilled a drink in his lap. ... But ... in their neighborhood, some of them are going to feel sorry for me because I'm a Negro. and some of them are going to hate me because I'm a Negro. Those who feel sorry might laugh a little at first. But they can't respect someone they pity, and eventually they'll stop laughing. Those who hate me aren't going to laugh at all.

I've got to hit them fast, before they can think, just the way I hit those kids back in St. Louis who picked on me because I was raggedy and had no Daddy. ... I've got to make jokes about myself before I can make jokes about them and their society—that way they can't hate me. Comedy is friendly relations. ...

At his best, Gregory exploits an old discipline—the comic tradition that informs the blues. Humor, in the Negro community, is much more than a means to survival. As a way of living and seeing it is as valid for the white man as for the black. Gregory is an instructive, sometimes great, humorist because he finds ways of expressing his and his audience's humanity at a comic level really common to both. He neither makes fun of himself in the post-minstrel Rochester tradition (the Jack Benny days) nor succumbs to the temptation of attacking his audience with a funny hatchet, but laughs at us all and brings the audience up to his level.

Most of this middle portion of the book is straight, narrative autobiography—interesting only if you are curious about how Gregory met his wife, got started as a comic, and began having kids. The relatively even irony of the first pages breaks down, and a little vein of sentimentality, just apparent at first, begins to bleed, copiously. After all his bleak and perilous times, he gets his break. He appears at the Playboy Club—and then on the Jack Paar Show; and now he can buy a color television set that is so big that doors must be unhinged to get it into his apartment, and he can buy his wife, who can't drive, a Thunderbird. ("That's getting back at the system.")

... I was growing by the minute, meeting fascinating people, like Hefner and Paar and Bob Hope. I was flying first class to California and New York. One day one of the biggest record companies called. ...

Fascinating people. ... Now he even gets to put down his non-Daddy, who once deserted his mother, and the girl friend who was once too good for him shows up at a performance and he gets to crack on her. "That was a big year, 1961." He celebrates it at Christmas and gives his wife a long list of things. "It's get-even time, Santa."

It sounds like a bad Marxist caricature of a nouveau riche. Just about the time we are thinking, my God, he can't be leading us here, we discover that, in the back of his mind, Gregory has been thinking the same thing. He begins to do shows in prisons, and benefits for CORE and the NAACP. And this isn't enough. He goes South and marches with SNCC in Selma, Greenwood, Jackson. The Grand Reversal. *Here* is America the Beautiful—in the faces of "those" brave, beautiful kids ... who never sleep, and sacrifice so much, and so on. The rest—the denouement—is old-hat movement rhetoric.

This is really too bad. Because there is a grandeur in the Southern Negro Movement. The civil rights struggle is creating heroes in a society whose herolessness is celebrated in a hundred novels. Gregory himself has made large sacrifices—one of a small but important group of celebrities who have given of their time and stature. But, with the exception of a couple of good anecdotes, Gregory's account of his experiences in the South is sentimental, mechanical, undiscovering—another page in the tourist brochure that the publishing business is writing for the Movement.

And the failure is a bit deeper yet. There is the climax, the big reversal—money isn't everything, and so on. Unfortunately, it doesn't work. Gregory has elaborated too enthusiastically the meanings of his show-biz success. Of course, he has built it all up partly in order to knock it down with his conversion to Freedom. But the tone of his commercial success hangs on in our minds and, like an echo, up rises the question: In what will success for the Movement consist?

... we're ready to change a system, a system where a white man can destroy a black man with a single word. Nigger.

When we're through ... there won't be any niggers any more.

But when nigger — and whitey —



have disappeared, who will replace them? Who will we be then? Fascinating people like Bob Hope? Gregory suggests nothing to the contrary. But if Gregory's thinking stops short of an important question, so does the think-

ing of many of us, involved or sympathetic, in the Movement. *Nigger* is a small book. Years from now, when the civil rights struggle has run out more of its course, it may be the book's limitations that seem most eloquent.

## The Ice Age

**I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING.** By Hans Koningsberger. Simon & Schuster. 190 pp. \$3.95.

Keith Waterhouse

If every writer had Hans Koningsberger's compactness of expression there would be no need of microfilm in the public libraries. He can start and finish a chapter within the space it took Henry James to reach the first semicolon. His entire output probably runs to about a quarter of the length of one of those fat epics about fornication in a small American town. In this space he has managed to say more about the human condition than many reputable authors could achieve if they wrote until the end of time.

Consider a fairly familiar theme in the modern novel, a single girl is involved with a married man, and during an unguarded moment he talks of marrying her. This is surely good for a new typewriter ribbon, half a dozen freshly sharpened pencils and a brisk walk around the block before starting into the big scene:

- (1) Man tells girl he would like to marry her.
- (2) Reaction from girl.
- (3) Decision by girl to play it cool.
- (4) Reply from girl showing that she is playing it cool.
- (5) Reaction from man.
- (6) Reaction from girl to reaction from man.
- (7) Decision by man to play it cagey.
- (8) Cagey reply from man.
- (9) Editorial summing up of the situation at half time.

And so on, through all the tense pauses, averted glances and all the rest of it to the coda with the girl as likely as not wandering through a rain-swept street and wondering whether to get herself picked up.

This is how Mr. Koningsberger deals with the situation in his new novel, *I Know What I'm Doing*:

Keith Waterhouse is the author of *Billy Liar* (Norton) and *Jubb* (Putnam).

He lowered his paper and stared at me. Then he went back to it and said without looking up, "We'll get married one day."

"We will?" I asked. "Are you proposing?"

"Would you accept?"

"Try me."

He shifted in his chair. "I'm not free," he finally muttered. "I will be one of these days," he said.

"Well, you just missed your chance," I said.

End of scene. In other words, unlike so many novelists, Mr. Koningsberger does not write in the apparent belief that his publisher is about to do a book-club deal with Mars and that everything which human beings think and say and do has therefore got to be explained as in that tedious parlor game where one has to describe a chair to someone who has never seen one.

As in Koningsberger's earlier novels (*The Affair*, *A Walk With Love and Death*, *An American Romance*) *I Know What I'm Doing* is written in a very modern way, using the film director's technique of cutting into the guts of a scene, describing it at its climax and getting out again without any flimflam. And he keeps the writer's notebook a healthy ten paces away from his typewriter. Part of the present novel is set in Hollywood—as good an excuse as you can find for the travelogue stuff—but his only observation on that over-observed town is that Sunset Boulevard is lined with beer bottles. Mr. Koningsberger gets on with the story.

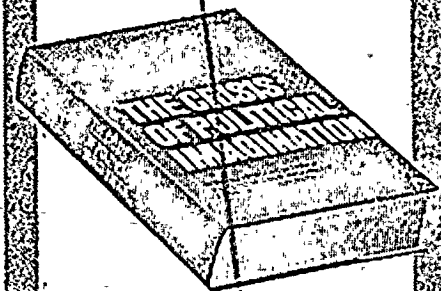
The interesting thing is why he keeps it short. I once wrote of *An American Romance*, that he couldn't have written it with the economy he used had not millions of words about love already been written before it. Looking at his latest novel I realize that this isn't wholly true. It's what we have lived rather than what we have read that enables Mr. Koningsberger to jump in at the deep end.

The fact is that as the world has grown more complicated and hope-

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Dear 

I received your letter of February 13th, with enclosures, and want to thank you for your kind sentiments and generous remarks concerning my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit your support and approval.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to bring this data to my attention and I am enclosing literature which I trust will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Director, F.B.I.,  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

My wife and I feel that you should be informed of the derogatory remarks made by Dick Gregory about you and the President at a meeting held here in Savannah, Monday, Feb 8, at the Manger Hotel, and therefore local newspaper accounts are enclosed.

We, as with the overwhelming number of our citizens, have the highest regard for your personal integrity and professional actions, and look upon you and the F.B.I. as the staunchest bulwark and defense against the enemies of our country, both domestic and foreign.

For the great work you have done and continue to do for America, all our citizens will be indebted to you always. I recall some thirty years ago the Knights of Columbus printed and widely circulated an address by you on the evils and deadly arms of Communism. I have a copy now. You have been and yet remain the greatest obstacle in its path. May God bless you in all your endeavors and grant you long life and good health.

All good wishes to you, Mr. Hoover.

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## Crusade for Voters

# Comedian Gregory Joins Celebration

By JIM SHEPPARD  
Staff Writer

Negro comedian Dick Gregory arrived last night to help the Chatham County Crusade for Voters celebrate the fifth anniversary of racial sit-in demonstrations but only 31 other persons showed up for the banquet at the Manger Hotel. Dinner places had been set for 200 persons.

"I hope no one here is embarrassed over the crowd," said Gregory. "In the entertainment business, there are various attitudes an entertainer can take when playing to a small house ... I've always had the attitude that if one person shows up he goes to as much trouble to get there as a thousand people would if they had come."

Harris Slotin, who introduced Gregory, apologized for the small audience.

Later, however, Gregory was greeted by a crowd estimated at 1,000 at the Flamingo Club.

In a 30-minute talk at the dinner, he declared that "race problems, if not solved, will destroy America." He called the civil rights movement "the greatest social revolution in the history of the world." He described the nation's race problems as "a dangerous, explosive situation."

He said the civil rights movement "is not black against white but right against wrong and right always wins." He said he considered his race "the human race" but said he was proud to be a Negro.

His talk was both serious and humorous.

"My black face affords me less chance of blistering in the sun," he said. "My kinky hair prevents sunstroke. My big lips are very nice because when I reach for my woman and kiss her she certainly ain't going to miss it."

He stirred more laughter when he said that he is sometimes mistaken at airports for a red cap. When this happens, he

said, "I just take the bag, lock it in one of those lockers, then take it home. I've got 42 bags this way, and when I get a hundred, I'm going to make up one big CARE package."

He said the civil rights laws passed by Congress last year will not solve the nation's race problems. He said more laws are needed covering voter registration.

He said it is "ironic to know that if this nation's social problems were in another country, we could solve it, but we can't solve our own problems here at home."

He called J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, "the most dangerous man in America today because he heads the secret police and no free society should have a secret police. The FBI would be good in Russia."

"No one in the government can get rid of Hoover for he has too much dirt on everyone, including President Johnson," he said.

"Hoover has claimed that there are Communists behind the civil rights movement," he said. "If he can prove that charge, he owes it to the American people to do so and name names."

Gregory also spoke against capital punishment, the nuclear bomb, and the shortage of food and medical supplies elsewhere in the world.

The comedian, who has helped lead racial demonstrations over the nation and traveled over the world leading a "ban the bomb" movement, was delayed about three hours in arriving because of plane trouble. Then when he finally arrived at the Savannah airport, he learned that his bags had been lost.

Part of the luncheon that the Crusade for Voters had scheduled for him had to be canceled so that he could arrive in time for the Manger Hotel banquet.

Gregory plans to depart this morning and fly to Chicago for a brief visit with his family, then fly to Honolulu where he plans to rest and do some writing. He recently wrote a best-seller called "Nigger," which is his autobiography.

## Uninsured Act Change Proposed

From Our Atlanta Bureau

ATLANTA — Rep. Willis J. Richardson Monday proposed an amendment to the Uninsured Motorist Law to restrict an insured motorist in collecting from his insurer when he is involved in an accident with an uninsured motorist.

Richardson's measure introduced in the House today would prohibit the insured from recovering under his policy until the extent to which he had recovered from an uninsured driver had been established and all efforts to collect from the uninsured motorist had been exhausted.

The amendment would authorize certain exclusions in such policies to the extent of other collectible insurance.

The bill also would authorize the insurer to act in behalf of the insured motorist under certain conditions.

"In the event any insured shall bring an action against an uninsured motorist for this purpose or for the purpose of establishing the insured's right to a recovery, and the amount thereof, against any such uninsured motorist, the insurer shall be deemed to be the agent of the uninsured motorist for the purpose of defending said action if the uninsured motorist shall fail to give the required notice as hereinafter provided," The bill states.

"If within 10 days after written notice has been given to the uninsured motorist by the insurer that upon the failure of said uninsured motorist to notify the insurer in writing that he wishes to defend said action in his own right, the insurer shall be authorized to take any appropriate action in the defense of said action as if said insurer were the attorney in fact for the uninsured motorist," the amendment concludes.

## Auto Strikes 7-Year-Old

A 7-year-old boy was hurt slightly yesterday when he was struck by a car on Pennsylvania avenue.

Douglas Stewart of 1901



## U.S. District Court

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Henry William Dover, 2501 Barlow St., Savannah, Ga., voluntary petition for bankruptcy.  
Essie Raynell Phillips, 336 Riverside Dr., Savannah, Ga., voluntary petition for bankruptcy.  
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## Superior Court

Filed: Suits for Divorce.  
Janell F. Wall vs. Stephen E. Wall.  
Helen McGuinness Zuniga vs. Emilio Zuniga.  
Mary Pale Burley vs. Donald R. Burley.  
Luther David Carroll vs. Cora Lee Carroll.  
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Herschel B. Fowler vs. Hazel Geraldine Carter Fowler.  
Edna Louise Bunkley vs. Weyman Cyril Bunkley.  
Edna L. Desposito vs. Carlo J. Desposito.

## City Court

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Maxwell Brothers of Savannah, Inc. vs. Andrew Rodewalt, suit on account.  
Charles F. Morgan vs. Lee Optical Co., Inc., Dowdy Tile Co., Inc., Lamas Brothers Co., Inc., The Dragon Co., Dragon Construction Co., Inc., Marshall Jacobs, doing business as Band B Sign System, suit for damages.  
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## Court of Ordinary

Marriage Licenses  
James Garner Wayne, Charlotte, N.C.

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be made formally by Mayor Malcolm Maclean, who was not at the meeting due to what County Commission chairman Robert Lovett termed "a touch of executive flu."

City Attorney James Blackburn complained to the federal officials that within 30 days after the Dept. of Defense announced that Hunter would be closed, the HEW said that the public health hospital would be closed too.

He said there is "some community feeling that the HEW didn't know about the facilities at Hunter" and that "it seems that there is false economy by shutting the hospital without putting it out on the base."

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State Sen. Julian Webb, the  
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 been discussing for some time."

Bolton said it was not fair for  
 some persons to escape automo-  
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"If we have a tax law, it  
 should apply to all and not just  
 to some," he declared.

One legislator said he knew  
 people who would go over to an-  
 other county and buy a tag just  
 to escape ad valorem taxes.

# Yarley Appointed Foreman

Dibble Boyd Yarley Jr. of Sa-  
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 of the U.S. District Court Feb-  
 ruary term grand jury by Judge  
 Frank M. Scarlett this morning.  
 Abraham D. Eason of Manas-  
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The other members of the  
 grand jury, which began consid-  
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# Negro Comedian Speaks

Negro comedian Dick Grego-  
 ry, in Savannah to help cele-  
 brate the Chatham County Cru-  
 sade for Voters observance of  
 the fifth anniversary of the ra-  
 cial sit-in demonstrations, last  
 night addressed 31 persons at a  
 banquet in the Manger Hotel  
 scheduled for 200.

Harris Slotin, who introduced  
 Gregory, apologized for the  
 small audience.

Later, however, the comedian  
 was greeted by a crowd esti-  
 mated at 1,000 at the Flamingo  
 Club.

His banquet address was both  
 serious and humorous. He said  
 that if race problems are not  
 solved, America will be des-  
 troyed.

Gregory said the civil rights  
 movement is not black against  
 white but right against wrong  
 "and right always wins."

He called Federal Bureau of  
 Investigation director J. Edgar  
 Hoover "the most dangerous  
 man in America today because  
 he heads the secret police and  
 no free society should have a  
 secret police. The FBI would be  
 good in Russia."

"No one in the government  
 can get rid of Hoover for he has  
 too much dirt on everyone, in-  
 cluding President Johnson," he  
 said.

Gregory also spoke against  
 capital punishment, the nuclear  
 bomb and the shortage of food  
 and medical supplies elsewhere  
 in the world.

He planned to leave the city  
 today to join his family in Chi-  
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# URGENT NOT PURGE

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 Sold in food stores, not over drug  
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# Sen. Russell Is Recuperating

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen.  
 Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., is  
 making satisfactory progress to-  
 ward recovery from an opera-  
 tion which was performed to  
 help him breath easier after he  
 was hospitalized for treatment  
 of bronchitis.

The operation — a tracheo-  
 tomy — was performed by doc-  
 tors at Walter Reed Army Hos-  
 pital Saturday. The 67-year-old

chairman of the Senate Armed  
 Services Committee was hos-  
 pitalized last Tuesday.

# New Way Found To Stop Hair Loss, Grow More Hair

HOUSTON, Texas — If you  
 don't suffer from male pat-

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 stop your hair loss . . . and  
 grow more hair.

For years "they said it  
 couldn't be done." But now  
 a firm of laboratory consult-  
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 growing hair!

They don't even ask you to  
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 believe that the treatment  
 will help you, they invite you  
 to try it for 32 days, at their  
 risk, and see for yourself!

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 the treatment worked. How-  
 ever, it is impossible to help  
 everyone.

The great majority of  
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 helped.

But, if you are not already  
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 sure what is actually causing  
 your hair loss? Even if bald-  
 ness may seem to "run in  
 your family," this is certain-  
 ly no proof of the cause of  
 YOUR hair loss.

Many conditions can cause  
 hair loss. No matter which  
 one is causing your hair loss,  
 if you wait until you are slick  
 bald and your hair roots are  
 dead, you are beyond help.  
 So, if you still have hair on  
 top of your head and would  
 like to stop your hair loss  
 and grow more hair . . . now  
 is the time to do something  
 about it before it's too late.

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 with treatment for 32 days,  
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 Does your forehead become oily or greasy? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Does your scalp itch? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_  
 How long has your hair been thinning? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you still have hair? \_\_\_\_\_ or fuzz? \_\_\_\_\_ on top of your head.  
 How long is it? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it dry? \_\_\_\_\_ Is it oily? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attach any other information you feel may be helpful.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: 2-5-65

FROM : A. Rosen

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION  
CONCERNING

1 - W. C. Sullivan  
(W. A. Branigan)  
1 - C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Belmont  
1 - Mr. Rosen (Mr. McGowan)  
1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. Shroder.  
1 - Mr. Rogge

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Atlanta by airtel 2-2-65 advised

[redacted] Anti-Defamation League (ADL), Atlanta, furnished information relating to the assassination on 2-1-65, which he received from an unidentified ADL employee in Miami, Florida. This employee obtained the data on 1-13-65 during a conversation with Dick Gregory, the rabble-rousing Negro comedian. [redacted] stated the charges made by Gregory were so ridiculous he was amazed the ADL employee even considered sending the material to him; however, he furnished it so the Bureau would be aware of Gregory's activities. [redacted] requested that no one outside the Bureau be advised he had furnished this information.

## DETAILS

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In the letter to [redacted] it was reported Gregory stated that the assassination of President Kennedy was master minded by J. Edgar Hoover and H. L. Hunt. Gregory allegedly tried to substantiate these charges by displaying photostatic copies of affidavits and fallacious and misleading press releases and public statements. The ADL employee noted Gregory did not display any concrete facts to support his charges according to employee.

Gregory claimed the Warren Commission had two reports on the assassination and knew of the Director's and Hunt's participation; however, did not release the true facts as "chaos" would result. Gregory alleged the Director was one of the plotters due to a falling out with the Kennedys and the former Attorney General had been appointed to "watch over him" and slowly "ease him out" of the FBI. Gregory claimed to have positive proof H. L. Hunt financed the Black Muslims but such proof was "confidential." Gregory also alleges the FBI has him under constant surveillance and will soon put an end to his life. Further, that prior to the assassination President Johnson was aware of the plot but was powerless to stop it because he could not admit the FBI and the "Intelligence hierarchy" controlled the country.

RE: [redacted]  
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Other remarks allegedly made by Gregory include the statement that Mr. Hunt finances the "Minute Men" and most Agents who leave the FBI are engaged in radical right or extreme conservative movements.

Bureau files indicate Gregory has in the past supported the Black Muslims, injected himself into the racial movement and espoused causes and individuals closely associated with the communist movement (100-440423-16).

The three pages reportedly written by Gregory's [ ] appear to be part of a larger document as the pages are numbered 72, 73 and 74. These pages contain monstrous fabrications even more absurd than the trash put out by the infamous [ ] reported communist sympathizer, sex pervert and former New York assemblyman. The alleged facts of Oswald's participation and flight are so fantastic it does not seem possible that anyone even with a limited knowledge of the assassination could believe the story.

We have long suspected that Gregory is demented. Nevertheless, the comments he has made are utterly ridiculous and we should confront him and tell him in no uncertain terms that he better stop putting out such gutter talk.

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Date: 2/2/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)  
FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (39-45) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
11/22/63  
DALLAS, TEXAS  
MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(CO: Dallas)

Enclosed herewith is a 5-page document received on 2/1/65 from [redacted], Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] stated that the enclosed document reflects results of an interview by an ADL employee in Miami, Florida, with Negro comedian/DICK GREGORY. [redacted] did not reveal the name of the ADL employee in Miami who interviewed GREGORY. He stated that the charges made by GREGORY as reflected in the enclosed document are so ridiculous that he is embarrassed that an ADL employee would forward the material to the Atlanta Regional Office. He stated he was furnishing this material to the Bureau so that the Bureau will be aware of the activities of GREGORY in this regard. He requested that no one outside the Bureau be advised that he had furnished the Bureau this material.

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At a meeting between Dick Gregory and myself on January 18th (2 AM) he related the following:

1. The John F. Kennedy assassination was master minded by J. Edgar Hoover and H. L. Hunt. He then opened a brief case containing alleged documents and photostatic copies of affidavits supporting these statements. He showed me the LIFE MAGAZINE cover which showed Oswald holding a rifle with a telescopic sight attached to the rifle and then an 8 x 10 glossy of allegedly the same picture of Oswald with the gun but without the telescopic sight. He claimed the telescopic sight was drawn in for the LIFE MAGAZINE cover. He showed me an allegedly photostatic copy of an affidavit by a witness who claimed she saw Oswald waiting at a bus stop shortly after 1 PM, and then a copy of the Warren Commission report which stated the President was shot at 1:06 PM. Gregory, however, did not show me any concrete evidence to support his allegations, only copies of statements that have been made public -- LIFE MAGAZINE, the Warren Commission report, newspaper clippings, magazine articles.

2. Gregory claimed that the Warren Commission has two reports, and has full knowledge of the FBI Director's and Hunt's participation in the assassination. However, the Commission felt that by releasing the true facts, "chaos" would result in this country.

3. He stated that Hoover was one of the plotters because he had a falling out with the Kennedys, and Bobby was appointed as the Attorney General to watch over him and slowly ease him out of his position as the Director of the FBI.

4. He claimed that he had proof positive of Hunt's financing the Black Muslims, but when questioned for documentation, said that such documentation is confidential and would cause harm to anyone who saw it.

5. He claimed that the FBI knows that he has all this evidence, has constantly under surveillance and will some day in the near future, put an end to his life. He is, however, unafraid, keeps his room door ajar at all times and his briefcase unlocked.

He spoke freely for 45 minutes and was not reluctant at any time to withhold any verbal information.

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When questioned further regarding Hunt's financing of the Muslims, he said that some of his friends had this information because they were working for Hunt. He was not definite regarding Wayne Foucher's knowledge of Hunt's activities but thought that Foucher also knew because he had heard that some people close to Hunt were aware of both Hunt's financing the Muslims and co-masterminding the plot to assassinate Kennedy.

He stated that prior to the assassination, President Johnson was also aware of the plot but was powerless to stop it because exposing it would be to admit that the FBI and Intelligence hierarchy really controlled the country and this would result in the downfall of the entire Democratic system. He told me of a document that was written regarding the facts of the assassination. He said that one man in Miami was killed for having this document in his possession. There were two copies of this "document" in his briefcase. I asked him for one for our files. He refused and said it was too dangerous. Some time later he gave me one of the copies (enclosed). The "document" is a story written in the year 2505 AD reflecting on the assassination of the president.

Enclosed is a photo of a part of the "document" regarding the events leading up to and including the assassination of the President.

When I questioned the predicted error regarding the election, he said that the last paragraph was now being revised and did not comment further. He said he was hoping Goldwater would win so that most Americans would be jolted out of their apathy, but now with Johnson as President everyone will go to sleep and not wake up until it's too late. Later, he reluctantly admitted this "document" was written by his [redacted] but was based on irrefutable proof.

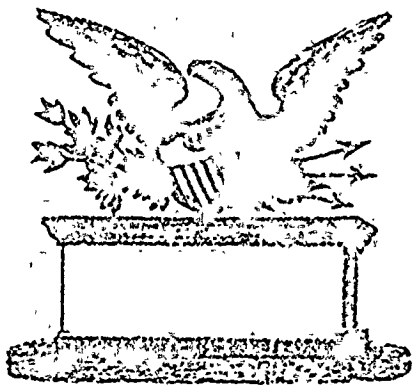
Other statements made by Gregory include:

Hunt finances the "Minute Man" throughout the United States. Most agents who leave the FBI are now actively engaged in radical right or extreme conservative activities. If no other country but the United States would the Warren Commission's whitewashed report have been accepted.

He then left and he did his 3 AM show at the Bistro Club, 79th St. Corcoran, Ill. He left Miami for Chicago and may be back in a few weeks. His [redacted] are currently demonstrating in Gary, Indiana.

Oswald went quietly to work and learned the building's layout, found which floors were vacant and which rooms faced the parade route that Kennedy was sure to take on November 22.

During this period Oswald had a considerable sum of money. He had \$150 in cash on the day of the assassination.



He often spoke now of "good times" just ahead. But Oswald failed to see the central fact so painfully apparent to everyone else, that he had neither the ability nor the brains to play any other role than that of the "patsy" in such a crucial undertaking.

Shortly before the assassination three men met at Ruby's club to clear up such matters as pinning the guilt on Oswald.

They were Ruby [redacted] one of the wealthy rightists who financed the plot, and Dallas Police Officer J.D. Tippit, an old friend of Ruby's.

Ruby made the plans [redacted] paid off Tippit. The policeman was to meet Oswald after the killing, arrest him and plant enough evidence to clearly implicate him.

Perhaps the strangest part of the entire story lay in the fact that the majority of the empire's citizens believed this fabrication that Oswald was Kennedy's lone and unaided assassin. The fantastic collection of absolute lies, misrepresentations and half truths which they accepted is the best indi-

cation to be found that this people had so lost its native shrewdness that it no longer deserved even the formality of the limited political mandate it exercised.

Such a credulous people, as this history will show, do not long retain their freedom.

After a century of research, historians arrived at an accurate version of how the assassination actually was accomplished and how Oswald was falsely accused, convicted in the press and publicly assassinated with the connivance of the police who had arrested him.

Here is the story in brief:

- Late in the afternoon of November 21, 1963 Oswald, under orders from Ruby and Ruby's patrician bosses, was able to get a hired gunman into the Book Depository without detection. The gunman spent the night on the sixth floor in a seldom-used room. He ate a meal of cold fried chicken and drank a bit of soda pop.

- A rifle which police claimed was used by Oswald to assassinate Kennedy - the rifle which was purchased by mail on March 20 - was planted by a member of the conspiracy in an easily-spotted location on the 6th floor. The weapon actually used by the gunman was an excellent one, an automatic repeating weapon, perfectly sighted and fired by experts. The shots proved it.

- Unknown to Oswald, a second expert gunman had arrived during the early hours of November 22 at a perfect sniper's post on a railroad bridge a few hundred yards down the parade route from the book depository. The Consul's car must pass beneath this overpass and the killers planned to catch him in a deadly crossfire from both front and back.

- Oswald's job, he was told, was simply to wedge open a second floor elevator door in the depository so that police would be delayed in reaching the sixth floor. Un-

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til he heard the shots he was to sit inconspicuously in an adjoining lunch room. He was then to leave quietly and outside meet one of Ruby's men who would take him to "safety." In actuality the plan called for Tippit to be waiting at the rendezvous point to arrest Oswald. The "patsy" would not suspect the double-cross since he had not before laid eyes on Tippit.

- As planned, the killers waited until the Kennedy car was midway between the two sniper posts. The bridge gunman opened fire first, planting a fatal shot through the auto windshield and into Kennedy's throat. The second good shot came from the book depository and pierced the back of the second assassination target, a "liberal" Texas Governor who was nearly as unpopular with the rightists as Kennedy. The third effective shot, also a dead ringer, came again from the book depository and tore through the back of Kennedy's head. One miss was fired. A total of four bullets were found and four shots were heard.

- It was at this point that an accident occurred which nearly marred the perfect plot. As planned, Oswald's jammed elevator door delayed the first policeman to enter the depository long enough to let the gunman escape. However, the suspicious officer saw Oswald near the jammed elevator door and immediately drew his gun. Although he was quickly distracted from Oswald, it was this move which panicked the "patsy" and sent him off on a mad escape attempt that nearly upset everything. For the near arrest made Oswald realize for the first time just how bad his position would be if arrested. He ran, forgetting to meet Tippit at the rendezvous chosen earlier.

- But in his panic-stricken flight Oswald remembered the second part of his instructions. If he missed the first confederate he was to make another "meet" in a

movie house only a few blocks from both his rented room and Ruby's apartment.

- This "Plan B" was designed to insure that Oswald would not escape arrest if by an unforeseen misfortune, Tippit did not find him.

- Oswald went by a circuitous route from the Book Depository to the theater. The fact he left \$150 in cash in his dresser drawer attests to the panic which caught him un-  
awares.

- Now we come to the strangest part of the story, the assassination of Tippit. A meeting had been arranged for Tippit and one of Ruby's men. The officer was to show up only if he did not succeed in finding and arresting Oswald. The gunman had orders to shoot Tippit if he DID show up, since it meant he had failed and he was considered too unreliable to let live. The meeting was to be held only a few blocks from Ruby's apartment which was the focal point of "Plan B" since it was only a few blocks from the rooming house where Oswald lived and another few blocks from the theater where Oswald had been instructed to go to get "new directions" if the first meet failed.

- Tippit, driving a police car on his day off in an area where he had not been assigned, met his contact man as ordered. The man, described by the only witness present as "short, stocky, with bushy black hair" (the exact opposite of Oswald), walked up to the side of the waiting police car and asked only one question, "Did you get him?" Tippit admitted his failure and got out of the car to walk over to his contact man. He never made it. Three bullets cut him down.

- A used car dealer who saw the killer only at the moment of his escape, talked too much and was shot months later. The girl friend of the gunman who did this job was one of Ruby's strippers. She also began

too much and conveniently "hanged himself to death" in a Dallas jail cell.

- While Tippit was being killed, Oswald second into the theater to keep his "meet" with Ruby's man. Instead of an accomplice, Ruby sent the police. It was now time to "frame" Oswald as the "lone and unaided killer." Key members of the Dallas police were assigned to make sure the "frame" fit well.

- Contrary to published reports, Oswald was not "silent" during his interrogation. He immediately revealed that he was an FBI informer and said that agency would vouch for him. For this reason, the transcript of Oswald's interrogation was never made public. In the meantime, Oswald was tried and convicted in the press and on television. For the average American the matter was very quickly closed.

- Ruby, making sure that no further slip-ups would occur, undertook the assassination of Oswald himself. He managed to attend a public appearance Oswald made at Dallas on Nov. 22-23. He even made remarks during one news conference.

- By November 24 Oswald's newspaper "conviction" had been accomplished. Ruby and the Dallas police needed to wait no longer. The police set the stage so that Ruby could perform the first televised assassination in history. It was the best possible way to convince Americans that Oswald had not been killed by the police themselves.

- Ruby was tried and found guilty of the murder of Oswald. After a suitable "cooling off" period in which the slothful Americans went back to television escapism and forgot all about the assassination, Ruby was found "insane" in a special "sanity hearing." He was removed from the now notorious Dallas County Jail and taken to a mental hospital where he "escaped." He was never heard of again.

- A mock court of inquiry headed by a well-meaning liberal jurist gave credence to the "of Oswald" story although he knew that much of it was untrue. Earl Warren feared that the revelation of even the fact that Oswald was an FBI informer might destroy the public's confidence in the government of which he was a member.

The situation was particularly crucial since 1964, the year of the inquiry, was also an election year. Warren hoped to set matters straight after Kennedy's vice president had been elected to fill the term the Last Great Consul had needed so badly.

- Warren's calculated gamble failed. With Kennedy out of the way, the enemies of social reform again had the ear of the Empire.

In November, 1964, less than a year after the Kennedy assassination, a fanatical rightist senator from another Western police state much like Texas was elected president.

Shortly before the election Hoover was legally confirmed as the FBI's lifetime dictator.

The assassination gamble had paid off.

With control of the secret police, the administration and the military firmly in their hands, the rightist patricians set out to destroy the Republic.

Within a short time they succeeded.





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Date: 3/1/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

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DICK GREGORY  
Appearance at Lincoln,  
Nebraska, 2/24/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Omaha airtel 2/25/65.

Enclosed herewith is the original and one Xerox copy  
of the following articles that appeared in the Lincoln,  
Nebraska, newspapers in regard to captioned individual:

- 1 "The Lincoln Star," Lincoln, Nebraska, 2/25/65.
- 2 "The Lincoln Journal," Lincoln, Nebraska, 2/24/65.
- 3 "The Lincoln Star," Lincoln, Nebraska, 2/22/65.

The above for Bureau's information.

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# Gregory Terms Racial Conflict Right vs. Wrong

By MARY REIFSCHEIDER  
Star Staff Writer

America's race problem is not a case of black against white; it is a problem of right against wrong.

And "if we don't solve this problem, it will solve us," Negro comedian and civil rights worker Dick Gregory said in Lincoln Wednesday.

Gregory said the 1964 civil rights bill hasn't satisfied minority groups because it represents getting "64 cents change for a dollar—it's freedom on the installment plan. We didn't ask for a civil rights bill—we ask that the Constitution be carried out to the fullest."

## Attacks Hoover

The comedian also lashed out at J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI.

"Any organization headed by a right winger is not going to be fair. Hoover says communists have infiltrated the civil rights movement. He should say which groups specifically instead of making a blanket statement."

He added, "I have a complete distrust of the FBI. Racial murders are one of the easiest crimes to solve yet it takes them nine months to come up with anything."

White America is less free than Negroes are today; black America has become the psychological master, he said.

Gregory also spoke out against capital punishment. He said churches could end capital punishment overnight. They teach "Thou shalt not kill," but permit the state to do it," he said.

Churches are also the most

segregated part of American life today, Gregory said.

The slaying of Malcolm X is bigger than what people are led to believe, he said. It should be investigated, but not by the FBI, he said.

Praising white college civil rights workers, Gregory said, "Without them, we'd have been defeated 18 months ago in the South."

He predicted that Selma, Ala., will be the battleground for the civil rights movement for the next five or six months.

"The race problem is national. Mississippi is part of America—we're all guilty. Time won't solve the problem. It is neutral," he said.

"The Southern Negro has committed his life to solve the problem and he will. Then the Northern Negro will be freed and together we'll free all of America," Gregory said.

The author of two books, including the recently published "Nigger," quipped that his ambition is to put a "Nigger" in every home.

Gregory established a rap-

port with his audience by praising the University of Nebraska football team. He said

"Football is a fair sport for a Negro. It's the only sport where a Negro can chase a white and have 40,000 cheer."

Gregory spoke at the University.

## Can't Be Bought

Gregory, who spends about 90% of his time with the civil rights movement, said money and education won't solve the problem. Human dignity can't be bought, he said.

He cited the example of Charles Drew, the Negro who developed blood plasma. Drew bled to death in a southern hospital after a car accident because the hospital was segregated.

Gregory came to Lincoln from Selma, Ala., where his trial has been postponed until next week. He was arrested during a voter registration protest there.

He spoke to overflow crowds at the University of Nebraska Wednesday afternoon and at a National Association for the Advancement of Colored People meeting Wednesday night.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 The Lincoln Star  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Date: 2-25-65

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Author: Mary Reifschneider

Editor: William O. Dobler

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GREGORY ... addresses University of Nebraska students.

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# Gregory Here, Trial Is Delayed Comments On Killing

By LARRY TAYLOR

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights leader, was in Lincoln Wednesday—direct from a command appearance at the Selma, Ala., jail.

He was jailed there during his participation in recent Negro voter registrations activities and later released.

He left Selma Tuesday following a hearing which, he said, was postponed. "You show up for a trial there one week—and they keep canceling it."

On Selma, he said: "They do the same thing to us there as you do to Indians here."

Gregory was here to address University of Nebraska students and a meeting of the NAACP at the Lincoln Hotel Wednesday evening.

He was met at Municipal Airport by NAACP officers Mrs. Hugh Bullock, past president of the organization, Mrs. Ernest Edington, 1st vice president and Dr. Pat Wells, 2nd vice president.

Gregory said he thought the slaying of Malcolm X involved much more than had been publicized.

"Anytime the FBI and Secret Service get involved this much in something, you can bet it isn't all colored people," he said.

He mentioned the recent plot involving several Negroes which allegedly involved blowing up the Liberty Bell and other national monuments with dynamite smuggled from Canada.

"I been colored too long to think we're going to blow up the Liberty Bell," he said. "It's already cracked."

Of the New York shooting of Malcolm X he noted: "This thing is much, much bigger than people think it is."

His own involvement in the Negro freedom movement was passed over quickly. "My commitment is to free myself before I free any foreigners," he said with reference to U.S. military activities in Vietnam.

"White people say the Negro doesn't have enough education to be free, but not one white man has said anything about the educational level in Vietnam."

Gregory rapped the FBI and their work in the segregation movement. "No free society should have a secret police department," he said.

He termed FBI head J. Edgar Hoover the "right wing head of the secret police. You can't walk into the Chicago airport without 20 FBI agents looking at you," he said.

He referred, he said, to the

attempts to protect Elijah Muhammad, leader of the Black Muslim movement, who has been threatened.

"They protect Muhammad," he said, "but don't give King (Nobel prize winner Dr. Martin Luther King) any protection at all. I can't figure it out."

Gregory said he was flying to New York City Wednesday evening where he would speak several days before going to Miami, Fla. Later next week, he said, he would meet with Justice Dept. officials in Washington, D.C. to discuss loopholes in recent Civil Rights legislation.

A Mississippi Negro can vote now for President, Gregory said. "But he can't vote the gun out of the sheriff's hand who's going to shoot him in the back some night."

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1. The Lincoln Journal  
—Lincoln, Nebraska

Date: 2-24-65

Edition: Evening

Author: Larry Taylor

Editor: Joe R. Seacrest

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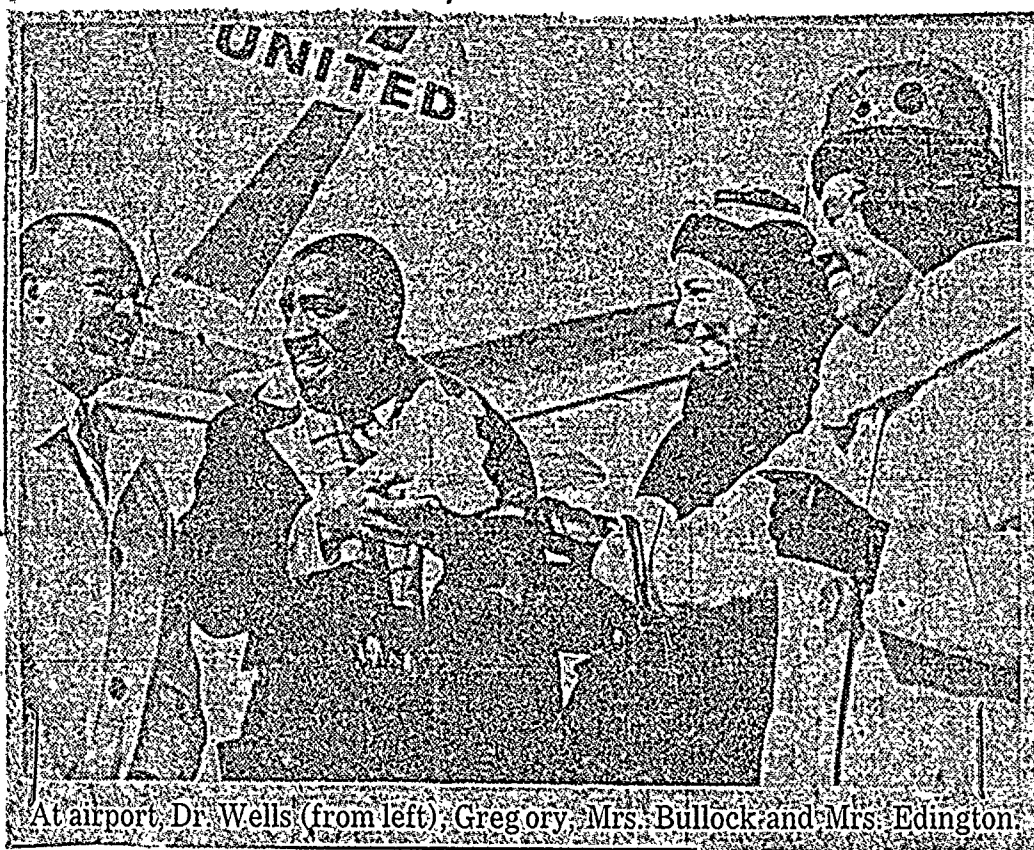
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At airport, Dr. Wells (from left), Gregory, Mrs. Bullock and Mrs. Edington.

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# If Not In Selma Jail, Comedian Will Be Here

One of the nation's top comedians, Dick Gregory, is scheduled to make two appearances in Lincoln Wednesday — if he's not in jail in Selma, Ala., where he is scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

Sponsors of the two Lincoln appearances report they have had no word from Gregory cancelling the appearances here, so they assume he will be present.

He was arrested in Selma, where mass arrests have marked Negro voter registration drives last Tuesday on a disorderly conduct charge. He was later released on bail.

Gregory, a Negro comedian whose shows are usually laced with humor based on race problems, is to speak at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the University of Nebraska Union under the sponsorship of that organization's Talks and Topics Committee.

An evening appearance at 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Hotel ballroom is under sponsorship of the Lincoln Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Lt. Col. Paul Adams, local NAACP president, said Gregory had informed him the evening appearance would be as a comedian, not a lecturer.

Gregory, known especially for night club and television

performances, has also often been in the center of civil rights demonstrations and has been arrested a number of times.

Ticket chairman for the NAACP-sponsored appearance is Mrs. William Burns.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 The Lincoln Star  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Date: 2-22-65

Edition:

Author:

Editor: William O. Dobler

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-24-65

FROM : M. Jones

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY

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Holmes ☒  
Gandy ☒

Mr. Herman Edelsberg of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) furnished you a copy of a memorandum from [REDACTED], a staff man in the ADL Miami Office, to Arnold Forster, prominent official of the ADL. The memorandum was dated 1-20-65 and concerned a meeting between Dick Gregory and [REDACTED] at 2 a.m. on 1-18-65. The interview is summarized as follows:

Gregory claims that the assassination of President Kennedy was masterminded by Director Hoover and H. L. Hunt (the Texas oil millionaire). Gregory had a brief case in which he claimed there were documents to support his statements; however, the material he showed [REDACTED] was a little more than copies of previously publicized information including a "Life" magazine cover which showed Lee Harvey Oswald holding a rifle with a telescopic sight. Gregory claims that the telescopic sight had been drawn in for the "Life" cover. Other data he had included a copy of the Warren Commission Report, but he showed nothing to [REDACTED] which would support his opinions.

According to Gregory the Warren Commission has two reports and full knowledge of the Director's and Hunt's participation in the assassination but the Commission felt that by releasing the true facts "chaos" would result in the country. The alleged reason that the Director was one of the plotters was because of a falling out with the Kennedys. Gregory claims that prior to the assassination President Johnson was also aware of the plot but powerless to stop it because exposing it would be to admit that the FBI and intelligence hierarchy really controlled the country. Gregory further claimed to have a document written regarding true facts of the assassination, apparently written as a story prepared in the year 2505 A.D. When pinned down, Gregory later reluctantly admitted the document was written by his [REDACTED] but was based on irrefutable proof. Trying to lend importance to the document, he claimed that a man in Miami was killed for having the document in his possession. Gregory further claimed that the FBI knows he has all this evidence, has put him under constant surveillance and in the near future will put an end to his life. Other statements were to the effect that most Agents who leave the FBI

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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M. A. Jones to DeLoach memo  
Re: DICK GREGORY

are now actively engaged in radical right or extreme conservative movements, that in no other country would the Warren Commission's whitewashed report have been accepted, H. L. Hunt finances the "Minute Men" throughout the United States and Hunt finances the Black Muslims. With regard to Hunt's activities, Gregory thought that one Wayne Poucher would know of Hunt's activities. Poucher is minister-commentator for a radio program called "Lifeline" which is sponsored by H. L. Hunt. It is primarily a political and religious movement and has been known to support programs critical of the Supreme Court and has also made extreme proposals concerning a number of controversial topics.

This is, of course, just another instance of Dick Gregory's unfounded, vicious attacks concerning the FBI and the Director. It is obvious from just reading the diatribe put out by Gregory that he is mentally unbalanced. It is pointed out in an attached note to Arnold Forster concerning the memo, a representative of the NAACP, after being told that Gregory was telling some rather startling stories, laughed and said that in the NAACP Gregory is regarded as a complete nut and they try not to work with him. Apparently Gregory has been a source of embarrassment to the NAACP and they feel that sometimes his activities are more harmful than helpful. It would obviously do no good to talk to Gregory about this interview and it is felt that it should be given no cognizance.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

SEE MEMO 2-5-65

ROSEN TO BELMONT

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Re ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT KENNEDY, etc.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Arnold Forster  
FROM: [REDACTED]  
DATE: January 26, 1965

You will recall receiving a fascinating and strange memorandum from [REDACTED] regarding his conversation with Dick Gregory in a Miami nightclub.

I called my friend, [REDACTED] of the NAACP, and merely indicated to him that we had information that Gregory is telling some rather startling stories.

[REDACTED] laughed and said that in the NAACP they regard Gregory as a complete nut and try not to work with him, except that he gets in their hair on a number of occasions. He also indicated to me that at times Gregory was a source of embarrassment and they fear that sometimes his activities are more harmful than helpful.

cc: [REDACTED]

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Arnold Forster  
FROM:   
DATE: January 20, 1965  
SUBJECT: Dick Gregory, comedian

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At a meeting between Dick Gregory and myself on January 18th (2 AM) he related the following:

1. The John F. Kennedy assassination was master minded by J. Edgar Hoover and H. L. Hunt. He then opened a brief case containing alleged documents and photostatic copies of affidavits supporting these statements. He showed me the LIFE MAGAZINE cover which showed Oswald holding a rifle with a telescopic sight attached to the rifle and then an 8 x 10 glossy of allegedly the same picture of Oswald with the gun but without the telescopic sight. He claimed the telescopic sight was drawn in for the LIFE MAGAZINE cover. H showed me an allegedly photostatic copy of an affidavit by a witness who claimed she saw Oswald waiting at a bus stop shortly after 1 PM, and then a copy of the Warren Commission report which stated the President was shot at 1:06 PM. Gregory, however, did not show me any concrete evidence to support his allegations, only copies of statements that have been made public -- LIFE MAGAZINE, the Warren Commission report, newspaper clippings, magazine articles.
2. Gregory claimed that the Warren Commission has two reports, and has full knowledge of the FBI Director's and Hunt's participation in the assassination. However, the Commission felt that by releasing the true facts, "chaos" would result in this country.
3. He stated that Hoover was one of the plotters because he had a falling out with the Kennedys, and Bobby was appointed as the Attorney General to watch over him and slowly ease him out of his position as the Director of the FBI.
4. He claimed that he had proof positive of Hunt's financing the Black Muslims, but when questioned for documentation, said that such documentation is confidential and would cause harm to anyone who saw it.
5. He claimed that the FBI knows that he has all this evidence, has him constantly under surveillance and will some day in the near future, put an end to his life. He is, however, unafraid, keeps his room door ajar at all times and his briefcase unlocked.

He spoke freely for 45 minutes and was not reluctant at any time to withhold any verbal information.

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When questioned further regarding Hunt's financing of the Muslims, he said that some of his friends had this information because they were working for Hunt. He was not definite regarding Wayne Poucher's knowledge of Hunt's activities but thought that Poucher also knew because he had heard that some people close to Hunt were aware of both Hunt's financing the Muslims and co-masterminding the plot to assassinate Kennedy.

He stated that prior to the assassination, President Johnson was also aware of the plot but was powerless to stop it because exposing it would be to admit that the FBI and Intelligence hierarchy really controlled the country and this would result in the downfall of the entire Democratic system. He told me of a document that was written regarding true facts of the assassination. He said that one man in Miami was killed for having this document in his possession. There were two copies of this "document" in his briefcase. I asked him for one for our files. He refused and said it was too dangerous. Some time later he gave me one of the copies (enclosed). The "document" is a story written in the year 2505 AD reflecting on the assassination of the president.

Enclosed is a photo of a part of the "document" regarding the events leading up to and including the assassination of the President.

When I questioned the predicted error regarding the election, he said that the last paragraph was now being revised and did not comment further. He said he was hoping Goldwater would win so that most America would be jarred out of their apathy, but now with Johnson as President, everyone will go to sleep and not wake up until it's too late. Later, he reluctantly admitted this "document" was written by [redacted] but was based on irrefutable proof.

Other statements made by Gregory include:

Hunt finances the "Minute Men" throughout the United States. Most agents who leave the FBI are now actively engaged in radical right or extreme conservative movements. In no other country but the United States would the Warren Commission's whitewashed report have been accepted.

We then left and he did his 3 AM show at the Bistro Club, 79th St. Causeway, Miami. He left Miami for Chicago and may be back in a few weeks. His [redacted] are currently demonstrating in Gary, Indiana.

Incredulous as it appears, I give you the above report as background if you want to pursue it further.

Regards. *BG*

cc: [redacted]

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To: SAC, Cleveland

From: Director, FBI

CLEVELAND, OHIO  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)  
BUDED 2/23/65

Enclosed herewith are 2 copies of a self-explanatory communication and some literature which is to be furnished to captioned individual.

Contact captioned individual and acknowledge receipt of her letter. Advise her that regulations of the Department of Justice pertaining to the confidential nature of the information contained in FBI files precludes the public disclosure of the individuals to whom Dick Gregory has referred. Furnish her the enclosed literature and advise her further that she may wish to refer to my books, "Masters of Deceit" and "A Study of Communism," which should provide her with an insight into communist strategy and tactics in this country and abroad. They may be available at her local library.

In view of the allegation contained in captioned individual's letter with regard to the recruiting activities of the Young Socialist Alliance, you should determine from her whether she has any information of interest to this Bureau. Your inquiries in this regard should be conducted in accordance with the stipulations set forth in Section 87C. of the Manual of Instructions. It should be noted that the Young Socialist Alliance is the youth group of the Socialist Workers Party which has been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Captioned individual is not identifiable in Bufiles. The Dick Gregory to whom she refers is the well-known entertainer who has made defamatory and untruthful remarks concerning me as Director of the FBI. He has been active in the civil rights movement.

Submit the results of your contact with captioned individual to reach the Bureau no later than 2/23/65.

Enclosures (7) COMM-FBI

Follow-up made for 2/23/65  
See enclosures & note next page.

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**Enclosures:**

2 copies of self-explanatory communication  
List of Subversive Organizations  
October, 1964 LEB Introduction  
Communism and the Knowledge to Combat It!  
Young People Can Help Defeat Communism  
One Nation's Response to Communism

**NOTE:** Bufiles contain nothing derogatory concerning correspondent and by our outgoing of 12/14/64, she was thanked for her support and furnished some reprint material.

February 3, 1965

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
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Miss Gandy

J. Edgar Hoover  
Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

<sup>①</sup>  
DICK GREGORY

I watched "The Regis Philbin Show" tonight, and they featured Mr. Dick Gregory.

Mr. Gregory used his usual diet of liberal humor, but the thing that bothered me was when he referred to the F.B.I. implicating there were communists in the civil rights movement, and then proceeded to say he has said to you impertinently, if this is so then name the organizations and who are the infiltrators - in his words "réme rémes".

I think you or someone else in the Justice Department should provide Mr. Gregory with the information of the workings of the F. B. I. instead of allowing this man to go on nationwide television and more or less continue to ridicule and undermine the F.B.I., and you personally.

I would appreciate your sending me any literature you think I may like to read to enable my further knowledge of the Communist movement in America. I would particularly like a copy of the Attorney-General's list of Subversive Organizations as the latest one I have is dated 1961.

I think it should be noted that the Young Socialist Alliance is working extensively recruiting on the Ohio State Campus. I got this information from a student at the college who has been approached many times. I do not know if this is of any interest to you or not.

My sincere thanks,

[Redacted Signature Block]

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Please refer to my letter to you of 12/5/64.

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ENDENCE

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Date: 2/25/65

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Callahan	_____
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-)

RE: DICK GREGORY  
Appearance at Lincoln,  
Nebraska, 2/24/65  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM setting forth results of GREGORY's comments at two meetings in Lincoln, Nebraska, on 2/24/65. The enclosed LHM should be disseminated to appropriate agencies.

Enclosed are two copies of the DICK GREGORY article appearing in the Omaha World-Herald, Omaha, Nebraska, 2/25/65.

The source mentioned in LHM is \_\_\_\_\_

Lincoln, Nebraska, an established source of the Omaha Office, who requested that his identity be protected.

Pertinent newspaper clippings appearing in the Lincoln, Nebraska, newspapers will be forwarded under separate cover.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
February 25, 1965

Dick Gregory  
Appearance at Lincoln,  
Nebraska, February 24,  
1965

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 24, 1965, that Dick Gregory, comedian, flew to Lincoln, Nebraska, from Selma, Alabama, on Wednesday, February 24, 1965, where he was scheduled to speak before the Lincoln, Nebraska, Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at their February monthly meeting held at the ballroom of the Lincoln Hotel. Earlier in the afternoon he spoke on the University of Nebraska campus at the Student Union where his talk was sponsored by the "Talks and Topics Committee." Following his evening appearance on February 24, 1965, he was to fly to New York City.

Gregory appeared as scheduled and his reported comments were set out in articles in "The Lincoln Journal," Lincoln, Nebraska, evening newspaper, page one, issue of February 24, 1965, and "The Lincoln Star," Lincoln, Nebraska, morning newspaper, page one, issue of February 25, 1965, and in the "Omaha World-Herald," Omaha, Nebraska, daily newspaper, morning issue of February 25, 1965, on page thirty-one.

According to reporters, Gregory said the American race problem is not a case of "black against white," but "right against wrong" and the recent Civil Rights Act "hasn't satisfied minority groups because it represents getting 64¢ change for a dollar...it's freedom in the installment plan." He also reportedly "lashed out" at J. Edgar Hoover and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating "Any organization headed by a 'right winger' isn't going to be fair. He says communists have infiltrated the Civil Rights movement. He should say which groups specifically instead of making a blanket statement. I have a complete distrust of the FBI. Racial murders are one of the easiest crimes to solve, yet it takes them nine months to come up with anything," referring to the case in Mississippi. He also called for an investigation of the recent murder of Malcolm X (Little), head of the Organization of Afro-American Unity, but not by the FBI. He also noted no society should have a "secret police department" and termed FBI Head Hoover as the "right wing head of the secret police." "You can't walk into Chicago airport without 20 FBI Agents looking at you"

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Re: Dick Gregory

Gregory also spoke out against capital punishment and noted the fact that churches are segregated as to race. He said that "the Negro in the South, through his voter registration drive, will free the northern Negro and then the Negro will free white America." He also stated that "football is the only fair sport" where the "Negro can chase a white and have 40,000 cheer."

He spoke of Selma, Alabama as the battleground for the Civil Rights movement for the next five or six months. He also protested that the FBI protected leaders of one Negro movement but did not give KING (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Nobel prize winner) any protection at all and stated, "I can't figure it out."

Following the meeting it was reported that he was going to New York for several days before going to Miami, Florida, and that later next week he was to go to Washington, D. C. to speak with Department of Justice officials on the "loopholes in the recent Civil Rights legislation."

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 3 1965

WESTERN UNION

Mr. Tolson ☒  
Mr. Belmont ☒  
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J EDGAR HOOVER

FBI AXFB1 DIRECTOR WASHDC

I ADVOCATE AND ENCOURAGE ALL FBI AGENTS TO GO AFTER DICK GREGORY  
IN FULL FORCE. LET NOT ANY ONE STOP YOU

CAROLINIAN MOTEL

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MR. MOHR FOR THE DIRECTOR

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CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Tolson	
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May 5, 1965

President Lyndon Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

JB 4-1

Dear Mr. President:

re: Dick Gregory in Bogalusa, La.

On May 2, 1965 the so-called negro comedian came to our state and made some remarks about our FBI agents which are not in keeping with good government. In calling Mr. Hoover "the lousiest dog that ever lived" is resented by the writer as is by many other Louisiana citizens. Some check should be made on this type of character as he must be sick. If Mr. Hoover has no recourse in the courts, some should be provided.

Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Walter Charles La

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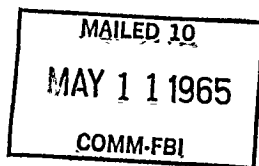
Honorable <sup>\*</sup>Jessie Cutrer  
Mayor  
Bogalusa, Louisiana

In Formant

My dear Mayor:

Inspector Robert E. Wick has advised me of your telephone call of May 5th concerning intemperate remarks made about me recently by an individual visiting your community. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in my administration of the FBI and you may be assured your action is indeed appreciated by the personnel of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover



- 1 - New Orleans  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

NOTE: No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning Mayor Cutrer. There is no record of any prior correspondence. Files were checked thoroughly in order to locate his forthcoming letter; however, none could be located.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

4:22PM

May 5, 1965

Mayor JESSIE CUTRER of Bogalusa, Louisiana, telephoned through Secretary for the Director.

Per the Director's instructions, the Mayor was advised of his absence, and offered the services of an assistant, which he accepted. The call was referred to Mr. Wick in Mr. DeLoach's Office.

Mr. Wick advised that the Mayor mentioned the intemperate remarks by Dick Gregory concerning the Director. The Mayor said that the negro and white population of Bogalusa, both then and now, have brought about a wave of indignation against Mr. Gregory since his remarks concerning the Director.

Mr. Cutrer apologized for the actions of Mr. Gregory while he was in his town, and is going to write the Director a letter concerning this matter.

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Write Mayor a note  
for his phone call.  
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MR. TOLSON ✓  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. MOHR  
MR. DE LOACH ✓  
MR. CASPER  
MR. CALLAHAN  
MR. CONRAD  
MR. FELT  
MR. GALE  
MR. ROSEN  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. TAVEL  
MR. TROTTER  
MR. JONES  
MR. ROOM  
MISS HOLMES  
MRS. METCALF  
MISS GANDY

May 7, 1965

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Cleveland 13, Ohio

Dear [redacted]

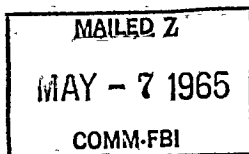
Your note of May 4th, with enclosure, has been received, and I want to thank you for your kind comments concerning our work. My associates and I are pleased we have your support and hope that our future efforts will continue to merit your approval.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Sincerely -

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DICK GREGORY

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Baton Rouge, La.  
May 3, 1965

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

*DICK GREGORY*

If you have not already received a copy of this article appearing in the Baton Rouge, La. "Morning Advocate" on May 2, I thought you might be intersted in seeing it.

As a Citizen and a Federal Employee it disgusts me to see you and your fine organization maligned by an unreasonable person, as well as advocate the direspect for the Law.

Sincerely yours

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Foam rubber mattress are too large and bulky to wash at home, but can be spot-sponged with thick soap or detergent suds when necessary. Their removable damask or ticking covers can—and should—be laundered often.

ARTICLE IN THE  
BATON ROUGE, LA,  
MORNING ADVOCATE  
ON MAY 2, 1965

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Shreveport, Louisiana

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Hon. John J. McKeithen  
La. Capitol Building  
Baton Rouge, La.

Dear Governor:

The press on May fifth reports that during a Bogalusa rally, negro comedian Dick Gregory called J. Edgar Hoover, "one of the louisiest dogs that ever lived."

Such talk is not only an affront to Mr. Hoover but is an insult to every decent Louisiana citizen. This is not a Bogalusa matter or a Caddo Parish matter, it is a State matter and should be handled as such.

It is high time that we stopped making Louisiana a privileged sanctuary for such outside agitators as Dick Gregory, James Farmer and Martin Luther King. Just as fast as this scum invades Louisiana hunting trouble, let us give them free board and lodging at State expense, until the name Louisiana becomes anathema to them. Legally these persons are vagrants with no visible means of support, and having but one objective, to disturb the peace. Let them be charged only with simple offenses, carrying a penalty of \$7.50 fine and five days in jail, with bond denied.

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When Hubo McKellar was mayor of Shreveport, he made Milam Avenue the first paved street in the city. He needed labor and how. The Mayor also was judge of the City Court. Every Monday morning, to each character arrested over the week end the Mayor had one pronouncement \$7.50 and five days at labor.

Let us give all the Dick Greagories \$7.50 and five days in jail until they spread the word, "Louisiana is poison". This expression would rival the famous words of General Potain at Verdun, when he said, "They shall not pass".

Sincerely yours,

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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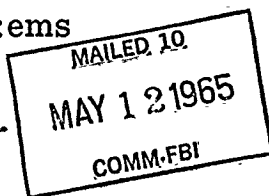
I have received your note of May 6th, with enclosures, and appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing. You may be sure your kind comments concerning my administration of the FBI mean a great deal to me and I will strive to merit your continued support and approval.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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From the desk of ...

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Baton Rouge, La.  
May 6, 1965

Dear Mr. Hoover.

We in the South think you are doing a superb Job. Keep up the  
Good work. I am sending you a copy of a speech from our local  
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Sincerely your  
Southern Friend

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Morning Advocate  
May 2, 1965  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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May 10, 1965

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Cleveland 20, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

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Sincerely yours,

*V*  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Enclosures (5)

1 - Cleveland - Enclosure

NOTE: Correspondent was written 11-30-64 in connection with his inquiry concerning the Warren Commission Report. No derogatory information appears in Bufiles concerning him.

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**Enclosures**

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Senator Dodd's Remarks on the Floor of the U. S. Senate 2-25-65

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5/3/65

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

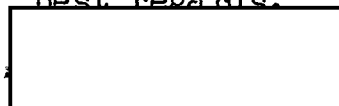
The enclosed article appeared in today's Cleveland Press. I don't know how it could be worked, but I believe it would be good for our country if you had a public relations department in the F.B.I. composed of about five men who are good speakers, and experts on the menace of communism and pseudo-liberalism who would speak on college and university campuses to defend the F.B.I., and to attack the conspiratorial views of communists and fellow travelers by exposing the students to the truth. We need some experts to counteract the communists and the fellow travelers who are lodged in churches, schools, communications media etc. Although members of the "political underworld" fight among themselves as to how to force socialism down our throats, the communists, socialists, and pseudo-liberals stand together and help each other when under attack by those who believe in the free enterprise system, and constitutional government.

Someone must expose their false philosophy who is an expert and who can defend the F.B.I. at the same time.

We are tired of the constant attacks upon the F.B.I., and would like someone to speak to students to attack the leftists, and defend the F.B.I.

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Best regards.



Cleve. 20, Ohio

25 MAY 5 1965

P.S. You are busy--no reply to this letter necessary.

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RESPONSE



Cleveland Press 5/3/65



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(UPI Telephoto)

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ENCLOSURE

# Ohio U. to Allow Nazi to Speak on Campus

By BUD WEIDENTHAL

The president of Ohio University has reaffirmed the right of student groups to invite controversial speakers to the campus on the eve of the appearance of George Lincoln Rockwell, head of the American Nazi Party.

Tomorrow's speech by Rockwell and the scheduled appearance of Ohio Communist leader Anton Krchmarek on Apr. 28 have caused a controversy in the Athens area.



ROCKWELL KRCHMAREK

But a spokesman for the university said ticket sale for the Nazi's speech was brisk and a full house was expected in the 2800-seat Memorial Hall on the campus. Tickets are 25 cents.

content of speeches made by those speakers.

Invitations to the Nazi and the Communist were sent by students of Bush Hall dormitory. Both meetings were approved by the dormitory faculty adviser and the Campus Affairs Committee.

"To do so would be to put the university in the position of endorsing the beliefs or opinions of those speakers whose appearances are approved.

A SPOKESMAN released this statement from President Vernon R. Alden, defining administration policy:

"One of the basic philosophies of the American university is the free interchange of ideas."

"While the university requires that student groups follow specified regulations in inviting speakers to campus, it does not impose any limitation on the philosophical, ideological or political

David Keller, director of public relations at Ohio U., said there was no indication of organized opposition to the speeches on campus. But he said there has been some letters of protest to the student newspaper, the Ohio University Post.

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May 10, 1965

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[Redacted Address]

Florence, South Carolina

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of May 5th, with enclosure, has been received, and your support of the work performed by this Bureau is appreciated by all of us in the FBI.

It is gratifying to know you found my books of interest. It is also reassuring to learn of your concern about the communist conspiracy, since all Americans must become aware of its objectives and operations if they are to resist its eroding influence. I am enclosing literature, some of which includes suggestions all of us can consider in combating this evil.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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  - Time of Testing
  - The Communist Party Line
  - One Nation's Response to Communism

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NOTE: There is no record of the correspondent in Bufiles. The enclosure furnished dealt with Gregory's outspoken remarks concerning the work of the Bureau. His efforts to discredit the FBI are well known.

Florence, S. C.  
May 5, 1965

DICK GREGORY

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover: ~~J. EDGAR HOOVER BLASTED BY~~

~~COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY~~

You are to be congratulated for your stand against communism.

Enclosed, herewith, is an United Press International dispatch sent out over it's wire services and was carried by the Charleston, S. C. News and Courier, the most outspoken newspaper in the USA today on communism and every day happenings.

Like many in America today, I am very much concerned about the future of our beloved country.

Have read all of the books written by you pertaining to the FBI and those exposing the dangers of communism and they have convinced me you are an authority on this subject.

Please keep up the good work and we hope to have you for a long time to come.

Sincerely yours,



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# J. Edgar Hoover Blasted By Comedian Dick Gregory

BOGALUSA, La. (UPI)—Negro comedian Dick Gregory, who has appeared at a number of the nation's racial trouble spots, deviated from his comic routine during the weekend for some serious charges against the FBI, its director J. Edgar Hoover and the civil rights bill.

Gregory, in a special appearance at a Negro rally Saturday night, said the FBI was "the biggest trick going." Its agents were "thugs" and its director was "one of the loudest dogs that ever existed."

About 500 persons, mostly teen-agers and young adults, turned out to hear Gregory speak.

Bogalusa, designated a top target of the civil rights movement by Congress of Racial Equality (C.O.R.E.) Director James Farmer, has been quiet since a special three-man mediation team began work last week to set up negotiations between Negroes and whites.

Gregory, who left after the rally to return to Philadelphia, said the only thing Negroes can be thankful for about the FBI director is that Hoover is 71 years old.

Gregory also lashed out at a Bogalusa Negro minister who criticized CORE for using teen-agers in street demonstrations and at older Bogalusa Negroes who have taken no part in recent racial demonstrations.

Rev. W. A. Nelson, pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, last week struck out at CORE for using "children" in the civil rights movement in Bogalusa.

Gregory said Nelson and other Negro ministers who have boycotted demonstrations were "Uncle Toms", which he defined as "Cats who use finesse and trickery."

Attacking older Bogalusa Negroes, Gregory said "you ain't

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Gregory, who told the audience to "turn the town upside down if necessary" to get freedom, said the civil rights bill was merely a written law and did not guarantee anything. "You can't vote the gun out of the sheriff's hand."

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The rally was held in an empty lot on the north side of town. Negro leader Orbert Hicks said the city refused permission to

use a city-owned baseball park for the rally.

The city's decision followed a similar position taken by the local school board, which banned controversial or political meetings on school property.

A segregationist rally set for next week will be held on a shopping center parking lot because school officials denied the group the use of a high school football stadium.

A three-man mediation team—made up of a state senator, a prominent attorney and a state labor leader—met with attorneys for the city and the Bogalusa (Negro) civic and voters league last week to set the groundwork for sessions aimed at solving the town's racial problems.

It was not announced when the first negotiation meeting would be held.

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NEW ORLEANS, MAY 4 (UPI)--GOV. JOHN MCKEITHEN OF LOUISIANA SAID TODAY THAT NEGRO COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY, WHO ALSO PROMOTES CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENTS, IS "NOTHING BUT TROUBLE, SCUM AND TRASH."

GREGORY, IN A TALK LAST WEEKEND IN RACIALLY UPSET BOGALUSA, LA., ATTACKED THE FBI AND SAID FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER IS "ONE OF THE LOUSIEST DOGS THAT EVER LIVED."

MCKEITHEN, IN AN IMPROMPTU NEWS CONFERENCE TODAY IN NEW ORLEANS, URGED GREGORY, JAMES FARMER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE), AND OTHER OUTSIDE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS TO STAY OUT OF LOUISIANA.

HE SAID GREGORY ESPECIALLY "SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUN LOOSE; SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH HIM." HE SAID GREGORY IS "NOTHING BUT TROUBLE."

"I COULD THINK OF 100 OTHER NEGROES IN THE STATE WHO WOULD BE MORE QUALIFIED TO LEAD THEM (BOGALUSA NEGROES)," MCKEITHEN SAID.

"THEY (OUTSIDE CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS) WANT TO HAVE VIOLENCE CREATED AND WHEN IT DOESN'T HAPPEN OUTSIDERS BECOME FRUSTRATED AND THAT'S WHY THEY MAKE SUCH COMMENTS AS THEY DO."

MCKEITHEN URGED WHITE CONSERVATIVES OF WASHINGTON PARISH (COUNTY) TO POSTPONE A PLANNED RALLY AND MARCH OR PROTEST SOME PLACE BESIDES BOGALUSA. THE WHITE CONSERVATIVES ARE SEGREGATIONISTS.

THE GROUP IS SCHEDULED TO HOLD A RALLY FRIDAY WITH DALLAS COUNTY, ALA., SHERIFF JIM CLARK AND SEGREGATIONIST LEADER LEANDER PEREZ SR. OF LOUISIANA AS MAIN SPEAKERS.

"THE WHITE PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO MARCH AND YOU CAN'T BLAME THEM," MCKEITHEN SAID. "HOWEVER, ANY MEETINGS HELD TO INCITE EMOTIONS SHOULD NOT BE HELD."

BUT PEREZ "CAN IN NO WAY BE COMPARED TO TRASH LIKE FARMER AND GREGORY," MCKEITHEN SAID. HE SAID PEREZ IS A LOUISIANA AND HAS A RIGHT TO GO TO BOGALUSA.

FARMER LED A SERIES OF MARCHES IN BOGALUSA, A SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA PAPER MILL TOWN, AND SAID IT IS THE PRIME TARGET FOR RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS.

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Baton Rouge, La.  
May 5, 1965

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
F. B. I. Headquarters  
Washington D. C.

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover:

I'm sending a clipping of an attack made on you in the Morning Advocate, on May 2, 1965 in Bogalusa by nigger Dick Gregory for the purpose of stirring up trouble between whites and niggers.

I have the utmost respect for you and your agents. I would hate to think what it would be like without your wonderful department. It is revolting indeed to say the least that a nigger of his caliber can say such things about an official of our country.

With much respect,

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Member Knights  
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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

May 5, 1965

Informant

Senator Russell B. Long  
Congress of the United States  
House of Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Long:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Morning Advocate of a speech that one of the great Civil Rights workers made recently in Bogalusa. That is the reason for this letter. Is it not possible for our elected officials in Washington to do something to stop this kind of agitation in the South?

Laws are being made and changed every week in order to bring about these changes so it seems, and we are told to obey the laws of our Senators and Congressmen; therefore, why is an unfunny comedian allowed to come into our State and hold meetings and make speeches that would arouse any red blooded American whether he be from the North or from the South?

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, one of the most respected men in America for as long as most of us can remember is being called the lowest form of animal life and, the white men in general, looked upon as something that has to go. Yet, we are still expected to sit back and wait for the Great Society to help us. Just how long do you people in Washington want us to put up with threats from negro and white Civil Rights workers? They now have a law giving them everything they want and still they march, stage sit-ins, lay-ins, and make speeches that should put them behind bars?

When the woman from Massachusetts was killed in Selma, they charged three white men with murder. Three weeks ago, a white youth of 15 was killed on his way home on a motor bike by a gang of rock and brick throwing negro teenagers of both sex and they were charged with manslaughter. This happened about 10 blocks from my home here in Baton Rouge, and the brick and rock throwing has been going on for quite some time in this same area that the youth was killed.

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I feel that you, as one of our Senators, as well as all of the other elected officials from our State, should make some kind of effort to stop such invaders as we have had to contend with in our State recently, as we have no use for such intruders or visitors.

I object with all my being such a thing as this man has done, and feel that my objections are valid and should be made known to the persons in position to do something about it.

Respectfully,

[Redacted Signature]

Enclosures

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cc: Honorable James H. Morrison, Representative  
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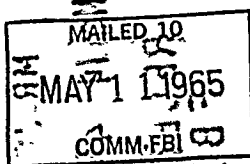
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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 3rd, with enclosure,  
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thank you for your support and for bringing this newspaper  
article to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Baton Rouge May 3, 1965

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
% F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

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BATON ROUGE 2, LOUISIANA

Dear Sir:

As one of your admirers, I thought the enclosed newspaper article regarding a recent speech of Dick Gregory should be brought to your attention. Perhaps a person who feels as he does about the F.B.I. might be a good subject for the F.B.I. to look into.

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Yours truly,

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# CITY OF BOGALUSA

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

May 10, 1965



JESSE H. CUTRER, JR.  
MAYOR

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I talked, May 5, with Mr. Wick of your office and requested him to give you a message concerning the feelings of the people of Bogalusa about you and your fine department.

A Negro comedian by the name of Dick Gregory spoke in this City last Saturday night and made some uncomplimentary statements concerning you and your men of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The citizens of this City, both white and Negro, resent very much what this man said. They have expressed themselves in great numbers and in deep resentment against the statement and are upholding you and your department to the fullest extent.

The Governor of our State, the Honorable John J. McKeithen, spoke on local television and was quoted in the Associated Press and United Press International as resenting Gregory's vicious attack and paying you and the department the highest compliments and approbations.

Since I was a very small boy, I have always admired and respected the F.B.I. It is indeed a sincere pleasure for me to express to you my personal admiration and respect for you and your men. The members of the department, in my opinion, have done an excellent job here for their country and the department.

May God bless and keep you always.

Sincerely yours,

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*Jesse H. Cutrer, Jr.*  
JESSE H. CUTRER, JR.  
MAYOR

JHC, jr:ssm

cc: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Belmont *MB*

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

DATE: May 5, 1965

1 - Mr. Belmont  
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## SYNOPSIS

*mz* Gregory has not been investigated by the FBI. However, there are voluminous references in Bureau files concerning his activities in connection with the civil rights movement. He is a 32-year-old Negro, born in St. Louis, Missouri, who, after Army service, was a track star at Southern Illinois University. He left school due to low grades and was subsequently fired from Post Office employment for impersonating other employees and purposely misdirecting mail. He tried the entertainment field and in 1961 achieved success as a comedian at Chicago's Playboy Club. He has been described as the "Negro Mort Sahl." An autobiography by Gregory was recently published entitled "Nigger."

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He has been described as a sympathizer of the Muslim movement, appeared with the late Malcolm X Little and attended the latter's funeral after Little's assassination. Gregory was one of the founders of the militant civil rights organization known as "Act" and has been identified along with Adam Clayton Powell and the late Malcolm X Little as a consultant to that group. In December, 1964, Gregory received publicity by distributing turkeys and toys for "Christmas in Mississippi" project sponsored by Act. He stated the project was being carried out with the assistance of Drew Pearson and Sammy Davis, Jr. He has been invited to attend Act Rally in Washington, D. C., 5/27/65. Gregory has also been very active in the Congress of Racial Equality and reportedly contributed thirty days of entertainment time for the benefit of that group in 1964. He has been most active in many civil rights protest movements and related he has been in 24 to 27 jails in connection therewith. It appears he purposely submits himself to arrest and jail.

During the past year he has viciously attacked the Director and the Bureau alleging the Director has made distorted statements concerning communists in the civil rights movement; has claimed he furnished the FBI information leading to solution of the case involving three murdered civil rights workers in Mississippi, when actually his information was of no value.

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reportedly made fantastic claims that the Director and Texas oil man, H. L. Hunt, masterminded former President Kennedy's assassination; and has frequently called the FBI a secret police and the Director a "right-winger." The Bureau has not dignified his charges with replies and the Director has noted that Gregory is obviously insane.

The Bureau has conducted several investigations of alleged civil rights violations in which Gregory was the victim claiming police brutality and discrimination. Reports of all our inquiries have been furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department.

Indicative of Gregory's character, are statements made in April, 1964, to racial demonstrators in Gary, Indiana, to the effect that if churches did not cooperate in making space available for freedom day classes, racial demonstrators should "kick down the doors of the churches."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.



DETAILS  
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#### DETAILS

Gregory has not been investigated by the FBI; however, Bureau files contain voluminous references concerning his activities in connection with the civil rights movement. Set forth below is a summary of information contained in these references.

#### BACKGROUND

Gregory was born 10/12/32 at St. Louis, Missouri. According to "Current Biography, 1962" he was educated in the grammar schools in that city, spent two years in the U. S. Army and then returned to Southern Illinois University where he was a track star. He reportedly dropped out of this institution in 1956 due to low grades. He then went to Chicago where he worked for the U. S. Post Office but was fired for impersonating his colleagues and purposely misdirecting mail. After a series of odd jobs, some of them in the entertainment field, he finally became a success as a comedian in January, 1961, while working at the Chicago's Playboy Club. He mostly plays the night club circuit and is allegedly known as the "Negro Mort Sahl." (100-440423-8)

In an autobiography recently released, Gregory gives somewhat of an insight into his character by proclaiming that his wife, Lillian, was four-months pregnant when she told him of her pregnancy and thereafter they were married. Also in certain portions of the book, Gregory lapses into gutter language and a review of the publication revealed no great thoughts or solutions to the race problem. The title of the publication, published by E. P. Dutton and Company, Incorporated, New York, is "Nigger." (100-440423-23)

#### ASSOCIATIONS WITH MUSLIM ORGANIZATIONS

In August, 1962, an official of the Nation of Islam allegedly stated that Dick Gregory was a sympathizer of that group. (25-330971-6121)

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The 11/15/62 issue of "Muhammed Speaks," a publication of the Nation of Islam, contained a news item reporting that Gregory had joined white and Negro leaders in protesting the conviction of journalist William Worthy who was sentenced to jail for visiting Cuba without the consent of the U. S. State Department. The article indicated that Gregory would walk a picket line in front of a New York hotel protesting the granting of an award to the then Attorney General, Kennedy, for "advancing human freedom." In the opinion of the picketeers, Attorney General Kennedy "failed on many occasions to act promptly, strongly, and decisively to safeguard and extend human freedom," and listed among the alleged failures was the "current harassment of William Worthy, Boston-born newspaperman." (105-20110-A).

The Organization of Afro-American Unity, a militant civil rights action group of which the late Muslim leader, Malcolm X. Little, was chairman, on 12/13/64 sponsored a public meeting in New York City. After a talk by Malcolm X criticizing the United States position with respect to the Congo and likening the struggle for independence by the Africans with the struggle for freedom by Afro-Americans in the United States, Dick Gregory spoke at length chiefly concerning law enforcement and the racial situation in the South. It is noted that at this meeting, Malcolm X also read a communication allegedly a greeting sent him by Cuban Minister of Industry Ernesto "Che" Guevara who apparently had been invited to attend. (100-399321-215).

Dick Gregory was among those attending funeral services for Malcolm X Little after the leader's assassination on 2/21/65. (100-399321-302)

#### ACT

In a television interview 3/24/64, Malcolm X Little advised he had attended a conference of various civil rights leaders in Chester, Pennsylvania, on 3/14/64, which conference was also attended by Dick Gregory. At this conference a new militant civil rights organization named "Act" was formed for the purpose of acting anytime, anywhere, and in any manner to bring about results in the civil rights field. Subsequent news articles identified Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Dick Gregory and Malcolm X as consultants for Act. (100-442529-286)

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Subsequent to the formation of Act, Gregory has appeared at many of its functions as a speaker. It is noted that information was received 2/25/65 that Washington Act will sponsor a rally in Washington, D. C., on 5/27/65, to which rally Dick Gregory has been invited. (100-441968; 157-6-53-559)

In December, 1964, the Chicago branch of Act was directly involved in the Christmas for Mississippi project wherein a large number of turkeys and toys were sent to needy Negro families in Mississippi. Gregory was most active in the project and he and his family accompanied the shipment to Mississippi and participated in the distribution of the food and toys. Gregory reportedly stated upon arrival in Jackson, Mississippi, on 12/23/64 that the turkey project was being carried out by himself, columnist Drew Pearson and actor Sammy Davis, Jr., to "call attention to poverty period." (157-2337)

#### CONGRESS OF RACIAL EQUALITY (CORE)

Gregory, since entering the civil rights movement, has spoken on numerous occasions at Congress of Racial Equality rallies and participated in the activities of that organization. In 1964 Gregory announced that he was contributing thirty days of entertainment time from 9/14/64 to 10/14/64 in behalf of the Congress of Racial Equality and the Negro cause on a national basis. (100-440423-15)

#### MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES

Gregory at various times has been involved in the promotion of rent strikes, economic boycotts, sit-ins, picket lines and other forms of protest. He has also demonstrated recently against capital punishment in connection with other civil rights groups. He accompanied the freedom marchers in the recent march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, and according to a Drew Pearson column, 3/27/65, stated after being released from the Selma jail that he, Gregory, had been in 24 or 27 jails; he could not remember which. FBI Identification Record 796519E concerning Dick Gregory reveals, however, only three arrests; one each in Birmingham, Alabama, San Francisco, California, and Selma, Alabama. It is assumed that Gregory was not fingerprinted during the majority of his arrests. (140-440423; 157-6-28-885; 94-8-350-A)

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ATTACKS UPON THE DIRECTOR AND THE FBI

In May, 1964, Gregory sent a telegram to the Director stating the Director "created several major distortions by announcing that there were communists connected with the civil rights movement in America." He challenged the Director to identify these communists and demanded that this be done or else the statement be retracted. This demand was not dignified with a reply and the Director noted that Gregory should be ignored. (100-420423-6,7)

In news conferences in August, 1964, Gregory again attacked the Bureau in connection with the three murdered civil rights workers in Mississippi. Gregory claimed to have furnished us with information eventually leading to the finding of the bodies and information identifying the killers. In this instance, he demanded that Congress investigate the FBI. Gregory did furnish information to the Bureau in connection with this case, however, the information furnished was of no value.

In January, 1965, Gregory allegedly made statements to the effect that the assassination of President Kennedy was masterminded by the Director and H. L. Hunt (the Texas oil millionaire). Gregory further claimed the Warren Commission had prepared two reports of its findings and had full knowledge of the foregoing but did not release the "true" facts. Gregory made other fantastic statements along this same vein and the Director commented that Gregory is obviously insane.

Various news accounts have repeatedly reported other critical remarks by Gregory calling the FBI a secret police department and calling the Director a "right-winger." (100-440423)

CIVIL RIGHTS CASES IN WHICH GREGORY LISTED AS VICTIM

On 2/21/64 Attorney General Robert Kennedy, through his secretary, requested the Bureau to interview Dick Gregory who had been incarcerated with others from 2/17 to 2/21/64 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, in connection with an attempt to integrate a restaurant at Pine Bluff. Gregory had called the Attorney General and complained to him about conditions in the Pine Bluff jail. Gregory was subsequently interviewed and a signed statement taken dated 2/21/64 wherein he complained of a white prisoner

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who had allegedly been beaten by prison authorities. Gregory also complained an alleged brutality against himself in that he had been placed in solitary confinement, had no water in the cell and had nothing to drink for two days. He stated he was fed one sandwich a day. He also complained he had been unable to contact his lawyer. It developed that Gregory wanted to be imprisoned as the sheriff who arrested him noted that Gregory had sufficient funds to be released on bond and was encouraged to do so by the sheriff so the sheriff would not have to place him in jail. Copies of our reports were made available to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the last one being 3/17/64. (44-24630)

Gregory was arrested by the Birmingham Police Department on 5/6/63 in connection with a racial demonstration. He made public accusations when he was subsequently released on 5/9/63 to the effect he had been beaten while confined to the Birmingham City Jail. The chief warden of the jail stated that Gregory was considered a "model prisoner." Gregory made no complaint of the food or of his treatment to any jail official while a prisoner. Representatives of the press who attended Gregory's press conference immediately after his release stated that they observed no injuries on his person and that Gregory had been confused when questioned concerning which arm he claimed was beaten. Airport attendants at Birmingham who observed Gregory departing on 5/9/63 stated he appeared physically normal in all respects; no injuries were noted and he was in jovial spirits. The United States Attorney at Birmingham expressed views that the facts of the civil rights cases were without prosecutive merit. (44-22002)

On 2/11/65 the Department requested a preliminary investigation concerning the refusal on the part of the Burger Boy Drive-In restaurant located in Savannah, Georgia, to serve Negroes. On 2/9/65 Dick Gregory with 15 Negroes staged a sit-in at the aforementioned restaurant. Our report has been furnished to the Civil Rights Division of the Department in this matter. (173-694)

Gregory on 2/15/65 was allegedly refused reservations at the Holiday Inn located in Selma, Alabama. In a subsequent discussion with the proprietors of that establishment, Gregory was arrested for disorderly conduct by the Selma Police Department. He allegedly was struck a "blow in the back" by the fist of a Selma officer on 2/16/65. A report of our preliminary investi-



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gation in the matter has been furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department and no further investigation has been requested. (173-694)

There are numerous references to Dick Gregory in Bureau files. However, they deal principally with his involvement in racial demonstrations. Many times it appears he purposely submits himself to arrest and jail, many times arriving at the scene of the disturbance after police have taken away the initial demonstrators. In April, 1964, in a speech to approximately 450 persons attending racial demonstrations in Gary, Indiana, Gregory urged that if churches did not cooperate in making space available for freedom day classes, racial demonstrators should "kick down the doors of the churches." (100-440423-8)

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Date: 5/4/65

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FROM: SAC, Chicago

DICK GREGORY  
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100-440423

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DATE 1-2-80 BY 2842 PMV/88  
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Enclosed herewith is an article appearing today in the "Chicago Daily Defender" in which GREGORY apparently was critical of the Director and the Bureau while appearing at a rally in Bogalusa, Louisiana.

Today in my absence ASAC [redacted] received a telephone call from [redacted] is an associate of [redacted] American Negro Public Opinion Service, Inc., Chicago. As Bureau knows, [redacted] has been most complimentary to the Bureau. I first met [redacted] through [redacted] has also indicated his cooperation and has been highly complimentary toward the Director and the Bureau in our conversations with him.

[redacted] on the telephone to [redacted] was incensed and "demanded" that the Director sue GREGORY for libel and slander immediately in view of the remarks credited to him at the Bogalusa Negro Rally. [redacted] commented something to the effect, "This is the kind of leadership we have."

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RE: DICK GREGORY  
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DATE: 5/4/65

Our files contain no unfavorable information concerning [redacted] There is no record in the Chicago Police Department of any arrests for [redacted] The credit bureau records indicate that one [redacted] on 12/18/64, was delinquent with the North Central Insurance Company in the amount of \$78.77, a judgment having been filed against him in that amount.

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It is strongly recommended that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by the Director to [redacted] for his support of the Bureau and the Director and his close cooperation with the Chicago Office. He has been of value to us in the racial field and we anticipate that he will be of even more value to us in the future.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

**RAPS FBI**

Comedian Dick Gregory made some serious charges against the FBI and its director J. Edgar Hoover at a Negro rally in Bogalusa, La. Gregory called the FBI "the biggest trick going" and referred to FBI agents as "thugs." The comedian also said that FBI director J. Edgar Hoover was "one of the louisiest dogs that ever existed."

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NEWSPAPER CLIPPING PERTAINING TO  
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Attached hereto is a newspaper clipping in the envelope in which  
it was sent addressed to the Special Agent in Charge from  
TOM I. SANDERS, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Parish of Tangipahoa,  
P. O. Box 727, Amite, Louisiana, 70422.

I am not acquainted with SANDERS; never heard of him; never met  
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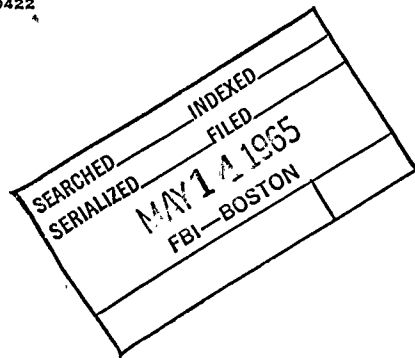
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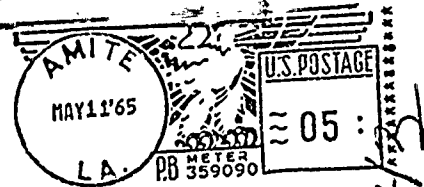
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live mentioned the idea to some members of friends in the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at Tulane University, and asked if they knew anyone who would be interested in competing.

A few thoughts about the Tiger Rag and such things quickly elicited a loud "LSU" from the crowd. They contacted the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity in Baton Rouge, who accepted with equal speed.

Two matches were set. The first will be held in New Orleans on May 6, and the second in Baton Rouge on May 7.

A cigar smoking contest is serious business, said TKE Cigar Tournament Chairman Jason Warner, as he studied the two pages of rules and regulations.

"Take the contest of the shortest time to consume one cigar," he said. "Each player on a five-man team must take three

est Pile of Ashes. A delicate balancing scale will be used to determine which team has accumulated the greatest amount of ashes in a beaker.

### Three Prisoners Drown in Miss.

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Three Hinds County prison farm inmates drowned here Saturday when they were being ferried across a lake on a cleanup detail.

They were Lee V. Andrews, Willie E. Henry and Augustus Lee.

Officers said the trio and two other inmates in a boat being taken to an island in Lake Hico when one stood up and the boat capsized.

They were only four feet from shore, but the water is eight feet deep at the point. The other two men made it to safety.

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## Gregory Critical of FBI Chief In Bogalusa Civil Rights Speech

By GIBBS ADAMS

BOGALUSA—Speaking before a civil rights rally of about 300 Negroes here Saturday night, Negro comedian Dick Gregory said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is probably one of the loneliest dogs that ever existed.

Turning Hoover "one of the right wing," the Negro comedian said "he is a sadist and a thug." You've got to put all of the FBI down for that dog. The only thing we've got going for us," Gregory continued, "he is 71 years old—thank God."

Later in his address he referred to FBI agents as "thugs" and also took a task a Bogalusa Negro minister, Rev. W. J. Nelson, who last week criticized the use of children in street demonstrations, and said Negro ministers who are having no part in the street demonstrations here are Uncle Toms. Gregory said, "lots of them preachers ain't saying nothing."

Refers to Mayor: "The comedian also called Mayor Jesse H. Carter an 'Uncle Tom' and defined a Tom as 'a cat that uses finesse and trickery.'"

Gregory, who didn't arrive here until 8:45 as a result of the plane being late, said an Uncle Tom is like a 4-F. "He stays back and lets someone else do all the fighting and then he collects all the benefits from the GI bill."

Speaking of Rev. Nelson, Gregory said his comments drew newspaper publicity all the way to New York because he "said what the white man wanted to hear."

"If he had stood in front of you and told you about free-

dom, the Constitution, and America," Gregory said, "they never would have put it in the paper. But he can say this about you and it gets in the paper."

Gregory said the preacher's criticism of children in marches here is unwarranted, pointing out that children had a role in biblical times.

"Who did they send out to fight that giant?" Gregory asked. As the audience shouted the answer of "David" back to him, Gregory declared, "He was a child. And how old was Moses when his 'Manu' put him in that basket?"

Gregory said churches are the most segregated places in the world, pointing out that pool halls, swimming pools, night clubs, hotels and restaurants have integrated, but not churches.

The comedian also struck out at the elder Negroes in Bogalusa who are having nothing to do with the civil rights demonstrations here, and charged, "you ain't never done nothin' worth a damn, but sit around with your mouth full of snuff and with your Bible upside down. You lay up in bed with your rheumatism, high blood pressure, you'd get better medical care in jail."

He urged the elderly to "do something for society, and said at present 'You ain't doing nothin', but getting in the way. When you die—Lord knows, I hope it's soon—then this civil rights movement can go forward."

Deflating Problem: Gregory said the civil rights problem is not one of black against white, but of right against wrong.

And, he added, the white man is the slave of the Negro but doesn't know it. A free man, he added, is a man without fear, but the white man fears Negroes residing in his neighborhood, going with his daughter, eating in his restaurant. Hence, Gregory reasoned, the white man is the slave of the Negro.

He did call for respect of the law when it's right, but urged his hearers to "destroy the law when it's wrong" and said this is in keeping with American tradition, recalling the Boston tea party and the disobedience of American pioneers of British law.

He called the Civil Rights Act an "illegitimate bill" because "America is not saying we are sorry, we want to see justice done. We got a civil rights bill because we shattered business

and disrupted the peace all last summer."

"Installation Plan: Freedom" He said the bill provided "freedom on the installation plan while the American Negro is being asked to go to Viet Nam and provide instant freedom for cats in a foreign land."

He called states rights "the biggest trick in the world" and "sophisticated Hitlerism," then added:

"As Hitler fell, baby, this is gonna fall, too."

He said that Negroes have a life expectancy seven years less than whites and their insurance companies "give you the pleasure of paying a higher rate."

He also termed the civil rights movement "pure and good" and rapped at criticism that Communists have a role in it.

"I wouldn't say there might not be a few Communists in the movement," Gregory said, but he declared that he'd always heard that Russians don't believe in freedom.

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### Ellender Says Gun Legislation Is Unnecessary

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. Allen J. Ellender, D-La., said Saturday night he doesn't believe that nationwide gun control legislation is necessary or justified.

Enactment of such legislation, Ellender said, "would be harmful to the great multitude of law-abiding sportsmen we have, not only in Louisiana but in all states which still have within their boundaries large areas of open fields, hills and great quantities of wildlife."

Ellender in a talk for broadcast in Louisiana, said he has received a great deal of mail opposing enactment of gun control legislation by Congress.

"I am inclined to share the view that strict nationwide gun control regulations are unneeded at this time," he said, adding that too many legitimate sportsmen would be affected by legislation seeking to correct "a few isolated abuses."

He said federal government now has control over illegal interstate shipments of arms and ammunition and that the existing laws should be utilized to control "the few unscrupulous gun dealers who do most of their business through the mails."



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[Redacted]

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of May 14th, with enclosures, was received in Mr. Hoover's absence. You may be certain your communication will be brought to his attention upon his return.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. In-absence used in this instance due to the controversial nature of correspondent's letter.

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[Redacted]  
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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Washington, D. C.--

Dear Mr. Hoover-

Most of the people in Baton Rouge were furious  
over the enclosed speech by that Nigger Gregory- Even the  
Negroes were furious. DICK

Can't you do something about all this?

The Negroes in our state, most of them were a  
happy people singing as they worked but King and a few of his  
like have gotten them so stired up we dare not go on the streets  
alone at nights. Even the ten year olds are throwing bricks,  
etc and braking glasses in our cars, as we drive along our streets.

Please help us --

Sincerely

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# Editorial:

## Plenty Loud, But Not Very Funny

In the days of vaudeville a comic who was not doing too well was likely to hear from the back row this cry: "Louder and funnier!" On the basis of comedian Dick Gregory's performance in Bogalusa, we would say that he is plenty loud but not very funny or very much of anything else good. His speech was one of the most demagogic, intolerant and unfair that we have ever heard of in connection with the civil rights movement. It was a blatant display of ignorance and smart Aleckism and plainly intended to interrupt peaceful settlement of racial problems in Bogalusa. Gregory is one of those who feel they have a stake in continued turmoil. That is his hobby horse and he is riding it for all he's worth.

In his talk he referred to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover as a "lousy dog" and to FBI agents as "thugs." Mayor J. H. Cutrer of Bogalusa, he added, is an "Uncle Tom." The Rev. W. J. Nelson, Negro minister who last week denounced the use of children in street demonstrations, is "a clown." The adult leaders of the Negro community in Bogalusa are "Uncle Toms" and Gregory, in his own words, hopes that they will all "die soon," so the civil rights movement "can go forward."

Interspersed in all this was a lot of "hip" talk in which individuals and populations were mentioned as "cats." The "Uncle Toms," he added, are like a 4-F "who stays back and lets someone else do all the fighting and then he collects all the benefits from the G-I bill." For the record, this is the first we have heard that anyone classified 4-F in the draft was eligible for anything under the G-I bill.

What's bothering Gregory, of course, is the same thing that has been bothering James Farmer, another volunteer Moses. The older Negroes in Bogalusa are having little or nothing to do with the demonstrations. A very large percentage of the marchers and pickets have been youths and children. A recent news photo showed one of them marching down the street carrying a large sign which read "We Want Jobs Now." He was a 12-year-old kid.

## When Readers Speak:

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Editor, Morning Advocate:

I was shocked by the reported utterances of Mr. Dick Gregory about Mr. J. Edgar Hoover and the Rev. W. J. Nelson. Such name-calling, McCarthyism, character assassination and mud-slinging cannot help but reflect upon the whole Civil Rights movement. Have we not had enough of this already?

What would it profit us if we gain our civil rights and yet lose our rights to dissent? Would we allow such totalitarian methods to be used to acquire democratic goals?

SIDNEY S. DOIN  
Southern University

*This was written by a neg*

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Editor, Morning Advocate:

After reading the article which recently appeared in the Morning Advocate regarding the extremely high percentage of young men in Louisiana who could not qualify under our present draft laws, for the armed service, I was very shocked, as I am sure were many folks who read the article.

Of particular interest, however, was a reference in the article to the substantial percentage of candidates for the armed services who were considered not mentally qualified to serve their country, in short illiterate. Wouldn't it be ironic if the same people were considered eligible to vote on matters involving their country's welfare, but disqualified, or putting it bluntly, not required to serve and defend their country?

Something to think about, isn't it?

J. B. MYERS  
422 Magnolia Woods Ave.

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ENCLOSURE

# Gregory Critical of FBI Chief In Bogalusa Civil Rights Speech

BY GIBBS ADAMS

BOGALUSA, Speaking before a civil rights rally of about 500 Negroes here Saturday night, Negro comedian Dick Gregory said FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover is probably one of the loudest dogs that ever existed.

Terming Hoover "one of the right wing", the Negro comedian said "It is a sin and a shame. You've got to put all of the FBI down for that dog. The only thing we've got going for us," Gregory continued, "he is 71 years old—thank God."

Later in his address he referred to FBI agents as "thugs", and he also took to task a Bogalusa Negro minister, Rev. W. J. Nelson, who last week criticized the use of children in street demonstrations, and said Negro ministers who are having no part in the street demonstrations here are Uncle Toms. Gregory said "lots of them preachers ain't saying nothing."

Refers to Mayor

The comedian also called Mayor Jesse H. Cutrer an "Uncle Tom," and defined a Tom as "a cat that uses finesse and trickery."

Gregory, who didn't arrive here until 8:45 as a result of his plane being late, said an Uncle Tom is like a 4-F. "He stays back and lets someone else do all the fighting and then he collects all the benefits from the GI bill."

Speaking of Rev. Nelson, Gregory said his comments drew newspaper publicity all the way to New York because he "said what the white man wanted to hear."

"If he had stood in front of you and told you about free-

dom, the Constitution, and America," Gregory said, "they never would have put it in the paper. But he can say this about you and it gets in the paper."

Gregory said the preacher's criticism of children in marches here is unwarranted, pointing out that children had a role in biblical time.

"Who did they send out to fight that giant?" Gregory asked. As the audience shouted the answer of "David" back to him, Gregory declared, "He was a child." And how old was Moses, when his Manim put him in that basket?"

Gregory said churches are the most segregated places in the world, pointing out that pool halls, swimming pools, night clubs, hotels and restaurants have integrated, but not churches.

The comedian also struck out at the elder Negroes in Bogalusa who are having nothing to do with the civil rights demonstrations here, and charged, "you ain't never done nothin' worth a damn, but sit around with your mouth full of snuff and with your Bible upside down. You lay up in bed with your rheumatism, high blood pressure, you'd get better medical care in jail."

He urged the elderly to "do something for society, and said at present "You ain't doing nothin' but getting in the way. When you die—Lord knows, I hope it's soon—then this civil rights movement can go forward."

Defines Problem

Gregory said the civil rights problem is not one of black against white, but of right against wrong.

And, he added, the white man is the slave of the Negro but doesn't know it. A free man, he added, is a man without fears, but the white man fears Negroes residing in his neighborhood, going with his daughter, eating in his restaurant. Hence, Gregory reasoned, the white man is the slave of the Negro.

He did call for respect of the law—when it's right, but urged his hearers to "destroy the law when it's wrong," and said this is in keeping with American tradition, recalling the Boston tea party and the disobedience of American pioneers of British law.

He called the Civil Rights Act an illegitimate bill because "America is not saying we are sorry, we want to see justice."

and disrupted the peace last summer."

Installment Plan Freedom

He said the bill provided "freedom on the installment plan while the American Negro is being asked to go to Viet Nam and provide instant freedom for cats in a foreign land."

He called states rights "the biggest trick in the world" and "sophisticated Hitlerism," then added:

"As Hitler fell, baby, this is gonna fall, too."

He said that Negroes have a life expectancy seven years less than whites and their insurance companies "give you the pleasure of paying a higher rate."

He also termed the civil rights movement "pure and good" and rapped at criticism that Communists have a role in it.

"I wouldn't say there might not be a few Communists in the movement," Gregory said, but he declared that he'd always heard that Russians didn't believe in freedom.

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HAROLD MONTGOMERY  
STATE SENATOR  
TWENTY-SIXTH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

May 16, 1965

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
FBI  
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Mr. Hoover:

I enclose a newspaper clipping of a speech given by  
a negro, Dick Gregory.

It is a terrible thing that negroes are being allowed  
to do anything that they wish. This is for your  
information.

Very truly yours,

Harold Montgomery

H. MONTGOMERY

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## Segregationist Group— Bogalusa Is Braced For Rally on Friday

**BOGALUSA, UPD**—This paper mill city on the Mississippi border survived a Negro rally featuring Negro comedian Dick Gregory without incident last weekend and then braced itself for Friday's white segregationist rally.

The city, which began to suffer with its racial troubles nearly a month ago with Negro demonstrations, marches and pickets, continued to enjoy a quiet, restful attitude as the result of a three-man mediation team's attempts to bring Negro and white to the bargaining table. The day may come this week.

**SATURDAY NIGHT**, Gregory addressed a rally of some 500 Negroes, mostly teenagers and young adults, at an empty lot. He sharply criticized the FBI, a Bogalusa Negro minister, and the town's older Negroes. The FBI, he said, was "the biggest trick going" and its agents were "thugs." FBI head J. Edgar Hoover was called "one of the louisiest dogs that ever existed."

Gregory said the only thing Negroes could be thankful for was that Hoover is 71 years old.

**THE COMEDIAN**, who has addressed Negro rallies at some of the South's hottest racial spots, lashed out against Rev. W. A. Nelson, pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church here, who last week criticized the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) for using children in civil rights demonstrations.

Gregory said "the worst enemy of the white man is the so-called Uncle. He tricks white man and colored man. He is a four 'F' soldier. He stays in the back after soldier fights and he gets all the GI bills."

**FOR OLDER Negroes**, Gregory also had sharp words. "You ain't never done nothing worth a damn," he said, "but sit around with your mouth full of snuff and with your Bible upside down."

"You lay up in bed with your rheumatism, high blood pressure. You'd get better med-

ical care in jail. You ain't doing nothing but getting in the way. When you die — Lord knows, I hope it's soon — then this civil rights movement can go forward," he said.

**THE RALLY** was held in a lot on the north side of town after Negroes were refused use of a city-owned baseball park.

The city's decision followed a similar position taken by the local school board, which banned controversial or political meetings from school property.

The board refused the whites use of a high school football stadium for their rally Friday night. It will, instead, be held in a shopping center parking lot.

Addressing this rally will be Dallas County (Selma, Ala.) Sheriff Jim Clark and Plaquemines Parish political boss and arch-segregationist Leander H. Perez Sr.

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Date 5/20/65

RE: **STATE SENATOR HAROLD MONTGOMERY,  
LOUISIANA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND TOURS)**

☒ For information    ☐ Retention optional    ☐ For appropriate action    ☐ Surep, by \_\_\_\_\_

☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents.

☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA \_\_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

**The Bureau is not acknowledging this communication.**

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 5/20/65

FROM : D. C. Morrell

SUBJECT: STATE SENATOR HAROLD MONTGOMERY,  
LOUISIANA

By letter dated 5/16/65, captioned individual enclosed a copy of a newspaper article describing Dick Gregory's irresponsible attack on the Director and the FBI. Montgomery notes this is a terrible thing that Negroes are being allowed to do anything they wish.

## BUFILES:

Bufiles indicate that in 1956 Montgomery was listed as a member of the White Citizens Council at Doyline, Louisiana. In 1961 he wrote asking the Director to condemn UNICEF and in 1963 he was listed as a speaker at a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan at Olla, Louisiana. In 1962 correspondent introduced a resolution he called the "Patrick Henry Declaration of 1962" which called for the State Legislature to censure the FBI in regard to its investigation into a bombing incident at Shreveport, Louisiana. The resolution stated among other criticisms: "--outraged by prostitution of the once great FBI and its misuse as a political police force not dissimilar in method and result to the Gestapo or NKVD." An in-absence reply was directed to him in October, 1963 in view of his background.

## OBSERVATION:

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It would appear that Montgomery is attempting to say "I told you so" in accordance with his apparent Ku Klux Klan sympathies and is not expecting an answer.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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That his communication not be acknowledged; however, that a copy of his letter be sent to New Orleans for their information by the attached routing slip.

Enclosure  
1 - Mr. DeLoach

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CORRESPONDENCE

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 6/13/65

The Civil Rights Division of  
the Department is being advised.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUN 13 1965

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Mr. Belmont	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
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FBI CHICAGO

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6-13-65

DHM

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO

UNKNOWN SUBJECT,  
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DICK GREGORY IN PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, FOUR  
TWO SIX EAST FIFTY FIRST STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SIX  
THIRTEEN, SIXTYFIVE, RM. <sup>RACIAL MATTER</sup>

AT TWO FORTY PM INSTANT, OFFICER [REDACTED] DEPUTY  
SUPERINTENDENTS OFFICE, CHICAGO PD, TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED THAT  
DURING MORNING OF SIX THIRTEEN INSTANT, DICK GREGORY, NEGRO  
COMEDIAN, RECEIVED CALL AT PROVIDENT HOSPITAL, FOUR TWO SIX  
EAST FIFTY FIRST STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM UNKNOWN MALE  
CALLER WHO ADVISED THAT HE WAS MEMBER OF KLU KLUX KLAN AND  
THAT "THEY" ARE GOING TO GET HIM. CALLER THEN HUNG UP  
[REDACTED] ADVISED NO SUSPECTS BUT THAT POLICE HAVE GREGORY  
UNDER PROTECTION IN HOSPITAL WHERE GREGORY CURRENTLY UNDER  
OBSERVATION.

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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9 JUN 24 1965 MR SULLIVAN

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AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-396916)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-55277)(RUC)  
SUBJECT:  aka  
SM - C  
OO: New Haven

*DICK GREGORY*

Re Los Angeles airtel to the Bureau, 6/10/65.

Enclosed are two copies of each of the below described articles concerning captioned Subject for the Bureau and New Haven.

The publication "Tocsin" self described as "The West's Leading Anti-Communist Weekly" published at Oakland, California.

Volume 6, #19, dated 5/20/65, Page 1

Volume 6, #20, dated 5/27/65, Pages 1 and 3

3-Bureau(Encls. 2)  
2-New Haven(100-18293)(Encls. 2)  
1-Los Angeles(100-66971)(INFO)  
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**Yale Prof Slated**

The son of two veteran Communist-fronters is among the scheduled speakers at the University of California's Viet Nam "teach-in" May 21.

Yale history Professor Staughton Lynd, son of Robert S. Lynd and Helen Merrell Lynd, will carry on the family's ideological tradition by appearing in opposition to the U.S. anti-Communist foreign policy. Young Lynd's statements are widely quoted in current left-wing publications, including the No. 3 issue of "Free Student," published by the pro-Viet Cong May 2nd Movement. This organization has been described by a former member as dominated by the pro-Peking Progressive Labor Movement, recently rechristened the Progressive Labor Party.

Staughton Lynd was listed as one of four guests invited to keynote the anniversary celebration of the Communist National Guardian Nov. 24. He was formerly a professor at Spelman College, Atlanta, and coordinated the "Freedom School" agitation in Mississippi last summer. Earlier he took part in the "Oswald was framed" drive launched by the National Guardian.

Robert S. Lynd, his father, is a professor of sociology at Columbia University. He has been affiliated with Communist fronts since at least 1938.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state)

1 Tocsin

Oakland, Calif

Date: 5-20-6  
Edition: Weekly  
Author:  
Editor: Dr. George  
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Classification:

Submitting Office: SF

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# TOCSIN

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Vol. 6, No. 20

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 27, 1965

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## THE THEME WAS 'HATE AMERICA'

### 'Viet Nam Day'—Few Surprises

They called it a "teach-in," but it sounded at times more like a compulsive exercise in self-denigration, at others like the shrieks of a sick evangelist sleep-walking into politics.

The University of California's 36-hour "get out of Viet Nam" demonstration chugged to a halt May 22 with these unmemorable pronouncements typifying the views voiced at the meeting:

Comedian-civil rights demonstrator Dick Gregory called J. Edgar Hoover "to me . . . probably the most vicious, dangerous man in this country. The only good thing about this man is that he's 71 years old—thank God." He referred to Political Science Professors Robert Scalapino and Eugene Burdick of UC, who withdrew from the meeting in protest of its one-sidedness, as "two teachers who copped out."

I. F. Stone, publisher of the ultra-left-wing I. F. Stone's Weekly, termed the war in Viet Nam an "exercise in self-delusion."

#### ARONSON'S CLAIM

James Aronson, editor of the New York-based Communist National Guardian, accused the U.S. press of practicing self-censorship and "withholding the truth about Viet Nam." Aronson is a recent visitor to Communist-held Cuba whose paper launched leftist attorney Mark Lane's "Oswald was framed" drive.

Novelist Norman Mailer came up with his own original analysis of why the U.S. is involved in Southeast Asia. "We are a property-loving nation, obsessed with the desire to destroy other people's property," he claimed.

Vincent Lynch, former staff member of Carlton Goodlett's San Francisco Sun-Journal and a recent visitor to Cuba, told the audience that "knowing white America I can't accept the fact that the Viet Cong are wrong." Lynch is a member of the black nationalist Freedom Now party.

Mercifully to some, the voice of Bertrand Russell, the aging philosopher given to overseas sponsorship of American pro-Communist causes, was heard on a recording so scratchy as to be unintelligible.

Among the monotonous voices of hate raised against the U.S. for striving to halt Communist aggression in Viet Nam, none was more relentless than that of young Staughton Lynd, Yale professor who spoke at the University of California's "Viet Nam Day" protest May 22.

Lynd openly advocated obstructing U.S. troops in the performance of their mission.

In what sounded like an updated version of incitement to overthrow the government, he called for the "non-violent" replacement of U.S. leaders.

As evidence of the ruthlessness of the opposition he advocates, Lynd proposed that U.S. Marines be kept at home because "they're going to be needed."

#### SHEDDING BLOOD

Opponents of U.S. anti-Communist policies should be ready to shed blood, he proclaimed.

Lynd was listed as one of four guests invited to speak at the anniversary celebration of the Communist National Guardian last Nov. 24. Formerly a professor at Spelman College, Atlanta, he coordinated the "Freedom School" agitation in Mississippi last summer. He was also a speaker at an "Oswald was framed" drive meeting conducted by the National Guardian, Feb.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Oakland, Calif.

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The professor's views are frequently quoted by pro-Communist papers, including the No. 3 issue of "Free Student," organ of the militantly pro-Viet Cong May 2nd Movement.

Lynd is the son of two veteran backers of Communist fronts. His father, Columbia Professor Robert S. Lynd, has been affiliated over the past three decades with a number of organizations listed in the House Committee on Un-American Activities' "Guide to Subversive Organizations."

#### COMMUNIST FRONTS

These include the American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, American Friends of Spanish Democracy, American Russian Institute, Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact and Council for Pan-American Democracy.

Also, League of American Writers, National Committee to Repeal the McCarran (Internal Security) Act, National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, National Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, National Emergency Conference for Democratic Rights, New York Conference for Inalienable Rights, Spanish Refugee Appeal and Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

Robert Lynd also signed an open letter protesting the ban on Communists in the American Civil Liberties Union, a petition for the defense of Communist schools, a statement of protest against the Attorney General's listing Communist Party schools as subversive and a petition for pardon of identified Communist perjurer Carl Marzani.

Staughton Lynd's mother, Helen M. Lynd, of Sarah Lawrence College, has also been affiliated with the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, the American Committee to Save Refugees and other cited Communist fronts.



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June 18, 1965

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In Formant

[Redacted]

Selma, Alabama 36701

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter of June 12th, with enclosure, and want to thank you for your kind wishes and expression of support of my administration of the FBI. It is hoped our future endeavors will continue to merit such approbation.

With respect to the individual you named concerning civil rights matters in your area, it has been my long-standing policy to consider the source of such criticism and consequently, I ignored this.

In connection with this, I am enclosing literature I hope will be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 27  
JUN 18 1965  
COMM-FBI

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosures (5)

1 - Mobile - Enclosure  
Our Heritage of Greatness  
Senator Thomas Dodd's speech on Floor of the Senate  
12/21/64 U.S. News and World Report  
The FBI's Role in the Field of Civil Rights  
April, 1965, LEB Intro

NOTE: Correspondent was a complainant in a civil rights case in 1962.  
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June 12, 1965

Selma, Alabama 367

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:-

I am attaching herewith a clipping which was sent to me showing the "snide" remarks this loudmouthed black Dick Gregory made about you recently in Bogalusa Louisiana.

It amazes me when people involved in the so called Civil Rights movement (I believe it is a Communist Movement) can call one of our leading citizens and without question one of our greatest public servants like you names such as this and still find themselves in the good graces of such as Katzanbach and his retinue.

Hoping this finds you in the best of health, I remain

Cordially yours,

[Redacted Signature]

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# Civil Rights Leader Says He Wants Old

DICK GREGORY CALLS  
J. EDGAR HOOVER "ONE  
OF THE LOUSIEST DOGS"

BOGALUSA-- Negro adults boycotted an inflammatory appearance here by Dick Gregory, a colored "comic" who fumed at them.

Addressing the older negroes--most of whom stayed away--Gregory said "You aint never done nothin worth a d---, but sit around with your mouth full of snuff. When you die--Lord knows, I hope it's soon-- then this Civil Rights movement can go forward."

Following his talk, segregationist leaders sent word to older negroes that they hope the two races can continue to live together in harmony and good will as they have done in the past. "We wish each of you a long and prosperous life, and want you to know that America affords opportunity for people of ambition, energy and education-- white and colored. Your greatest hope for prosperity and happiness is among people of your own kind, not in following the footsteps of hate-filled men like Dick Gregory. We congratulate you on your wisdom."

At the sparsely attended race mix rally, Gregory denounced J. Edgar Hoover as "one of the louisiest dogs that ever existed." He said that the only thing to be thankful for was that Hoover was 71 years old and would soon be dead. (Race-mixers hate Hoover because he isn't as energetic in running errands for them as his immediate superior, Nicholas Katzenbach, and some of the younger employees of the reau.)



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Less than 300 attended the Gregory meeting in spite of widespread publicity. Most of them were teenagers and young CORE members from New Orleans.

His appearance was in sharp contrast to throngs of Conservative whites who marched through Bogalusa three days later singing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers". Marching seven abreast, their file was so long that it took nearly 45 minutes to pass one point. They exposed the Bogalusa "crisis" as a leftwing political gimmick, and not as a fight between the whites and colored people of Bogalusa.

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[Redacted Address]

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear [Redacted Name]

Your letter of May 5th, with enclosure, addressed to President Johnson has been referred to the FBI and was received on July 2nd. My associates and I are pleased that we have your support, and we hope that our future efforts will continue to meet with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

**ROUTE SLIP**

(To Remain With Correspondence)

TO Cartha DeLoach  
Crime Records Division  
FBI

PROMPT HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.  
WHEN DRAFT REPLY IS REQUESTED  
THE BASIC CORRESPONDENCE MUST  
BE RETURNED. IF ANY DELAY IN  
SUBMISSION OF DRAFT REPLY IS  
ENCOUNTERED, PLEASE TELEPHONE  
OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL COUNSEL.

Date 6/30/65

FROM THE SPECIAL COUNSEL

**ACTION:** Comment \_\_\_\_\_  
Draft reply \_\_\_\_\_  
→ For direct reply xx \_\_\_\_\_  
For your information \_\_\_\_\_  
For necessary action \_\_\_\_\_  
For appropriate handling \_\_\_\_\_  
See below \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks:

Ltr dated 5/5/65 to the President from [redacted]  
[redacted] Lake Charles, La. re Dick Gregory's remarks  
about FBI agents.

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By direction of the President:

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May 5, 1965

President Lyndon Johnson  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

re: Dick Gregory in Bogalusa, La.

On May 2, 1965 the so-called negro comedian came to our state and made some remarks about our FBI agents which are not in keeping with good government. In calling Mr. Hoover "the lousiest dog that ever lived" is resented by the writer as is by many other Louisiana citizens. Some check should be made on this type of character as he must be sick. If Mr. Hoover has no recourse in the courts, some should be provided.



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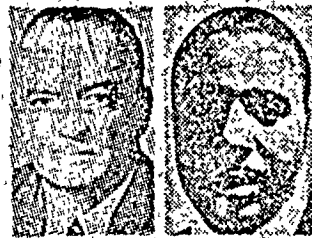
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# Hoover 'Lousy Dog,' According To Negro Comic

BOGALUSA, La. (UPI) Negro comedian Dick Gregory, who has appeared at a number of the nation's racial trouble spots, deviated from his comic routine during the weekend for some serious charges against the FBI, its director J. Edgar Hoover and the civil rights bill.



Hoover Gregory

Gregory, in a special appearance at a Negro rally Saturday night, said the FBI was "The biggest trick going," its agents were "thugs" and its director was "One of the lousiest dogs that ever existed."

ABOUT 500 persons, mostly teenagers and young adults, turned out to hear Gregory speak.

Bogalusa, designated a top target of the civil rights movement by Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) Director James Farmer, has been quiet since a special three-man mediation team began work last week to set up negotiations between Negroes and whites.

Gregory, who left after the rally to return to Philadelphia, said the only thing Negroes can be thankful for about the FBI director is that Hoover is 71 years old.

GREGORY ALSO lashed out at a Bogalusa Negro minister who criticized CORE for using teenagers in street demonstrations and at older Bogalusa Negroes who have taken no

part in recent racial demonstrations.

Rev. W. A. Nelson, pastor of the Mount Moriah Baptist Church, last week struck out at CORE for using "children" in the civil rights movement in Bogalusa.

Gregory said Nelson and other Negro ministers who have boycotted demonstrations were "Uncle Toms", which he defined as "Cats who use finesse and trickery."

ATTACKING OLDER Bogalusa Negroes, Gregory said "you ain't never done nothing worth a damn but sit around with your mouth full of snuff and with your Bible upside down."

"You lay up in bed with your rheumatism, high blood pressure you'd get better medical care in jail. You ain't doing nothing but getting in the way. When you die — Lord knows, I hope its soon — then the civil rights movement can go forward," he said.

Gregory, who told the audience to "turn the town upside down if necessary" to get freedom, said the

civil-rights bill was merely a written law and did not guarantee anything. "You can't vote the gun out of the sheriff's hand."

HE SAID the bill provided "freedom on the installment plan while the American Negro is being asked to go to Viet Nam and provide instant freedom for cats in a foreign land."

"America is not saying we are sorry, we want to see justice done. We got a civil rights bill because we shattered business and disrupted the peace all last summer," he said.

The rally was held in an empty lot on the north side of town. Negro leader Orbert Hicks said the city refused permission to use a city-owned baseball park for the rally.

The city's decision followed a similar position taken by the local school board, which banned controversial or political meetings on school property.

## Businessman To Try For Governorship

DOTHAN, Ala. (UPI) Charles Woods, Dothan businessman and former member of the State Prison Board, announced his candidacy for governor Saturday.

Woods said his candidacy is subject to the May, 1966 Democratic Primary.

A segregationist rally set for next week will be held on a shopping center parking lot because school officials denied the group the use of a high school football stadium.

A three-man mediation team — made up of a state senator, a prominent at-

torney and a state labor leader — met with attorneys for the city and the Bogalusa (Negro) civic and voters league last week to set the groundwork for sessions aimed at solving the town's racial problems.

It was not announced when the first negotiation meeting would be held.

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Racine, Wisconsin 53403

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Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of July 27th, with enclosure, has been received.

It is indeed encouraging to know of your support, and I want to thank you for your generous comments concerning my administration of the FBI. I hope that my future endeavors continue to merit such approbation.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: There is no record of correspondent in Bufiles. The enclosure is an article concerning Dick Gregory, who is well known to the Bureau, and sets forth some of his remarks in his speech at Racine, Wisconsin.

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[Redacted]  
Racine, Wisconsin  
July 27, 1965

The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Inclosed is an article from our local daily paper reporting on Dick Gregory's appearance in Racine Sunday evening, July 25. L

While I certainly recognize his right to appear here or anywhere else he chooses, I do not understand how he could make some of the threats he made without being arrested. It is my understanding that if a person is over-heard making a threat against the life of the president of the United States, he is immediately taken into custody - and rightly so. It is also my understanding that a person who boards a plane and says - even in a joking manner - that he has a bomb in his luggage, he is immediately taken into custody.

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Now here, Sir, is a man who threatens our entire country and he is free to go on to his next "assignment." I realize that you are powerless to make arrests, but I do wish to call this matter to your attention. I have talked to quite a large number of people since Mr. Gregory spoke here and all of them feel the same sense of SHOCK that I am experiencing.

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May I take this opportunity to commend you, Sir, for your excellent record of service and dedication to our Country. I, for one, feel much safer knowing that an honest, up-right person - Mr. J. Edgar Hoover - is at the head of our wonderful F. B. I.

Respectfully yours, 1 AUG 4 1965

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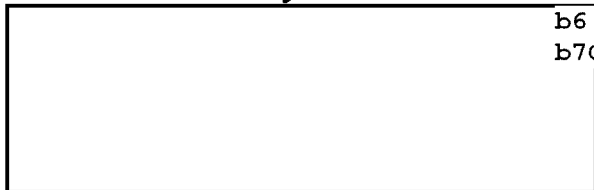
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MARCH FOURTEEN, SEVENTY ONE, AT THE SAME LOCATION.

CHARLOTTE WILL HAVE COVERAGE AT ALL SHOWS, HOWEVER,  
ADDITIONAL COVERAGE WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE BALTIMORE TO HAVE ITS  
INFORMANT ATTEND PERFORMANCES MARCH THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN,  
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Journal Times Photo

On the speakers platform at Memorial Hall Sunday night were, from left, comedian Dick Gregory; attorney Theodore Harris, moderator of the program; and Julian Thomas, president of the Racine branch of the NAACP. Asked what his five children do while he is touring the country, Gregory replied, "Picket."

### Makes Implied Threat:

## Gregory Gives U.S. 5 Years to Solve Negro Plight, or Else

By John M. Pavlik  
Journal Times Staff

(Additional Picture Page 1)

The American Negro is "hung up" on getting full citizenship under the Constitution, and unless he gets it the country will be lost, comedian Dick Gregory said in Racine Sunday night.

Gregory set a time limit of five years for the Negro to achieve equality. "If the problems aren't solved by that time, they'll solve them themselves," he told his audience.

### Stronger Threat

Earlier, in an interview, Gregory had put it stronger. "Either we get it within the next five years," he said, "or this country will no longer exist." He would not clarify the statement.

The 33-year-old comedian, civil rights leader, spoke in Memorial Hall for two hours Sunday night to about 400 persons who remained quiet and attentive despite the heat in the auditorium. The

another joke. "Now that they've put the lid on it you have to throw your garbage in your own backyard and it's really starting to stink."

### Not Making Progress

"We're not worried about southern white folks. We know where they stand. Ask them when we're going to get equality and they'll tell you in a minute, 'Nevah, Boy!' But the northerner keeps saying, 'Take it easy. You're making progress.'"

"In America today the Negro dies seven years younger than white folks. You gonna tell me that's making progress?"

"The Negro ain't making progress; the white folks are making progress by giving it to us on the installment plan. If you think the Negro is going to keep on going to keep on going to Viet Nam to guarantee some foreigner instant freedom while our black kids are getting it on the installment plan, you're wrong. Negroes don't think that

on wearing it and the shoe will wear out."

"The American Negro has got a callous around his soul and the shoe better back up."

Asked, before his talk, about Communist infiltration of the civil rights movement, Gregory replied, "Why complain if we have Communists in the movement if we don't have laws to keep them out of the country? If the FBI can't arrest them, then how can the NAACP get them out?"

He ridiculed the idea that he would work for the Communists. "I might overthrow the country one day, but I don't give it to another white man. I know what nigger sounds like in America, but I don't know what it sounds like in Russia."

Gregory's talk was sponsored by the Racine Branch of the National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People.

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Outside, Gregory was picketed by the National Assn. for the Advancement of White People, the White Dove Society and the National States Rights Party. Pickets carried signs reading "Dick Gregory! Guinea-Pig Tool of Communist!" and "Please Gregory don't eat our white people of Wisconsin."

### Hits School Segregation

Ridiculing criticism of Negro demonstrations, Gregory said of the pickets, "I had to warn them that a demonstration out here would only hurt their cause."

Julian Thomas, president of the Racine Branch of the NAACP, preceded Gregory with the comment that Racine has the same problems as the rest of the country, in education, in housing and in employment.

"We have the same trouble here with de-facto segregation as in Chicago," he said, "only in Chicago the man's name is Willis and in Racine the man's name is Prash."

### Not Going to be Easy

Gregory did not discuss Racine's problems specifically during his talk, saying only about the city: "You've got a good town here because it's a small town and you could clean it up real quick — if you wanted to."

"But it isn't going to be easy for you. And you'll be surprised at what's going to happen to you."

Gregory opened his talk with a rapid-fire, far-ranging comedy monologue ("I like LBJ myself, if for no other reason than he talks like us." "With 688 million Chinese, if they ever start singing 'We Shall Overcome,' they're gonna do it."), and dropped suddenly into the serious portion of his talk.

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gro dies seven years younger than white folks. You gonna tell me that's making progress"

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### Issues Warning

Gregory loosened his tie, opened his shirt collar and mopped his forehead. "Being Negro in America is like one long, black toothache," he said.

The tone of Gregory's talk was one of warning of increased racial disturbance and violence.

"America has gangrene," he said, "and it's trying to solve the problem without operating on the foot. Man, you're going to lose the whole body."

"What the power structure doesn't realize is that the longer they resist you the more you want. They give the Negro a little bit and that's just enough to get him mad. The Negro is going to start killing you and you don't know this."

Gregory himself advocates non-violence, but "I'm just telling you what's gonna happen, baby. I'm not worried about the cat in the movement, but the cat that's not in it—he's the one gonna throw the brick."

### Stop Lying to Yourself

Gregory softened his voice to a warning plea. "Better ask yourself where you're going. Better stop lying to yourself. Better wake up."

"You put a tight shoe on your foot your going to get a corn. Wear it long enough and it's a callous. Keep

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 10/26/64

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU 62-525

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
MISCELLANEOUS -  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

Honolulu airtel 8/6/64 reported subject was then  
in Honolulu.

On 10/12/64

Washington, D. C., was interviewed at Queen's Hospital.  
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[redacted] stated he had examined [redacted] passport, and the record of visas, entries and exits posted therein would tend to support her story. She also claims close [redacted]

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On interview 10/12/64 [redacted] in addition to discoursing at length on [redacted] claimed that the racial tension in the U. S. would become worse. She pointed out that DICK GREGORY, noted Negro comedian had [redacted]

[redacted] claims that although she is not in agreement with GREGORY's ideas [redacted] She claimed that [redacted] during the summer of 1964 GREGORY in her presence [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that GREGORY had [redacted]

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When an attempt was made to have her recall subject's exact words, she stated [redacted]

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[redacted] believes it was one or the other, stating, "That's what I think - I can't pin it down." ~~C~~ (U)

[redacted] stated that GREGORY hates the FBI because he believes they are not trying [redacted] ~~C~~ (U)

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[redacted] on 10/12/64. related that when she departs [redacted]

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(C) [redacted] stated he does not have information at hand to [redacted] reliability and he has no information of possible effect of [redacted] ~~C~~ (U)

Information copies of this letter furnished Chicago, San Francisco, Kansas City and WFO in the event data furnished by [redacted] is pertinent to any activity in those divisions. ~~C~~ (U)

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It is suggested WFO advise interested offices if information available, their files, re reliability of [redacted] ~~C~~ (U)

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TO : [REDACTED]

FROM : W. O. CREGAR

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

DATE: November 10, 1964

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The Internal Security Section requested Liaison to determine [REDACTED] an evaluation of [REDACTED]

On 11/9/64, [REDACTED] advised the Liaison Agent [REDACTED] considers [REDACTED] completely unreliable. [REDACTED] characterized [REDACTED] as a fabricator and a "nut."

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## ACTION:

The above should be directed to the Internal Security Section for their attention.

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1-Mr. Baumgardner (Attn.: [REDACTED])  
1-Liaison  
1-Mr. Cregar

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 11/24/64

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-474) (ATTN: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION)  
(RUC)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

// Re Honolulu letter to Director, 10/26/64.

WFO file 87-0-3521 reflects the following information.

On 6/27/61, [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D.C., telephoned WFO and furnished the following information:

Subject, a Negro female age [redacted]

[redacted] The checks were drawn on the [redacted]

The subject gave [redacted] checked this telephone number and determined it was not listed to the subject.

When [redacted] the subject claimed she was the [redacted] and [redacted]

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- (1 - GREGORY)
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- 1 - Honolulu (62-5256) (Info) (RM) (AM)
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[redacted] She listed as credit references [redacted] and [redacted], New York City. NY

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[redacted] advised that the subject left Washington, D.C., on [redacted] for a [redacted] According to [redacted] the [redacted]

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WFO file 47-8948 reflects:

[redacted] of the [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] who listed her address as the [redacted] Washington, D.C. registered at the [redacted] While at the hotel she cashed a check for [redacted] and signed the check [redacted] This check was returned to the [redacted] She also departed [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that it is his belief that she [redacted] and although he himself has not seen her, she has been described to him as a very large Negro female.

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According to [redacted] used as identification, a United States passport number [redacted] also had a general systems credit card, number [redacted] which carried her address as [redacted] [redacted] also had a credit card from the American Security and Trust Company, number [redacted]

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[redacted] said that [redacted] had shipped a package to [redacted] House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

[redacted] stated that while at the hotel [redacted] made several phone calls to a [redacted] to telephone number [redacted] and to [redacted] in [redacted] telephone number [redacted] She also received a collect call from an [redacted] number [redacted]

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[ ] said that all these calls were charged to a telephone credit card number used by [ ] does not have the telephone credit card number used by [ ] in making these calls.

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[ ] determined through the Retail Merchants Credit Bureau of Los Angeles, that through their source at Washington, D.C., they determined that [ ] was probably identically with [ ] who had been [ ]

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[ ] placed a telephone call to the [ ] and spoke to a [ ] who advised [ ] that [ ] had stayed at this address in [ ] She has told [ ] that she [ ] [ ] also told [ ] that at least ten hotels across the country have contacted him in the recent past concerning bad checks passed by [ ]

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On [ ] the management of the [ ] [ ] reported that [ ] a negro female, using the name [ ] registered at the [ ] at a cost of [ ] effects with the understanding she would [ ] claimed official status with the [ ] of [ ] Based on [ ] representation or association with [ ] she was allowed to register at the hotel without advance payment and was allowed to depart without making payment.

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A telegram was received at the [ ] on [ ] from [ ] in which she indicates she planned to [ ]

By [ ] stationery of [ ] [ ] advised [ ]

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On [ ] the management of [ ] reported that [ ] was considered a [ ]

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[redacted] when admitted to [redacted]  
[redacted] claimed to be dependent of [redacted]  
[redacted] exhibited dependent Identification card  
[redacted] when subject placed on seriously ill list,  
[redacted] and ascertained [redacted]  
[redacted] Facts discussed with AUSA,  
[redacted] who declined prosecution.

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It has not been determined whether the above mentioned individual is identical with [redacted] mentioned in reference communication.

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[redacted]  
Street, N.W., furnished the following information:

He advised that [redacted] who he described as a negro, female, [redacted] was a guest at this hotel [redacted] He stated on the latter date [redacted] left the hotel stating she

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[redacted] stated after [redacted]  
[redacted]  
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[redacted] advised she never would tell him where she was employed. [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] He stated she also claimed she worked for the Democratic National Committee.

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He stated on one occasion, a [redacted] telephoned

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[redacted]  
[redacted] did not tell him specifically, however, that  
[redacted] He stated he refused  
to [redacted] and so informed [redacted]

[redacted] advised [redacted] never personally, at any  
time, attempted to gain anything of value [redacted]  
[redacted] and he never granted her any favors  
in this connection and did not rely in any way on her  
statements and, in fact, wanted [redacted]  
as she was difficult to [redacted]  
He stated she never showed any documents in connection with  
her alleged employment or associations.

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[redacted] advised [redacted] told him she was originally  
from [redacted] and owned property there. She  
also had a bank account with the [redacted]  
Company.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised that one [redacted] a negro  
female, [redacted] to occupy an  
apartment [redacted]  
He stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] He stated [redacted] claimed  
to be a [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that based on [redacted] representation  
as being associated [redacted]  
she was [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] He said one of the primary reasons she was allowed  
to leave without making payment was her boisterous manner in  
claiming [redacted] and the fact  
that she [redacted]

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because he was convinced with her [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that on [redacted]  
was received at the [redacted]  
from [redacted] in which she indicated [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] advised that he now considers [redacted] to

[redacted] He stated the [redacted]

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A typewritten letter [redacted]

addressed to  
Congress of the

United States, Washington, D.C., from [redacted]

In  
this letter [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] issued by the [redacted]

[redacted] who claimed to be [redacted]

According to [redacted]

[redacted] also claimed to be a [redacted]

She furnished the address of [redacted]

[redacted] however, correspon-  
dence addressed to her at that address was unanswered. [redacted]

[redacted] in his letter requested information concerning [redacted]

A letter of [redacted] from [redacted] addressed  
to United States House of Representatives. [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D.C.

In this letter [redacted] thanks [redacted] for the  
information she had furnished regarding [redacted] in response  
to his letter of [redacted] In this letter [redacted] stated  
that he had received a call from [redacted] who [redacted]  
and she indicated she [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that he had contacted the [redacted]  
[redacted] and he understands they have [redacted]  
situation regarding [redacted] as he has at [redacted]  
[redacted] described [redacted] as follows:

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Name: [redacted]  
Sex: female  
Race: Negro  
Age: [redacted]  
Height: [redacted]  
Weight: [redacted]  
Build: Heavy  
Complexion: Very dark  
Hair: Black

The protective magazine for merchants and affiliated  
Credit Bureaus by the firm J. Burns International Detective  
Agency, Incorporated, dated July, 1960, reflects a photograph  
of a negro female, name [redacted] aka [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] She was described  
as [redacted], heavy build,  
dark skin, brown eyes, and red hair. The article reflected  
that [redacted] was arrested at [redacted]  
and claimed [redacted] She had social security  
number [redacted] in the name [redacted] and  
[redacted] she said she [redacted]  
[redacted] and she was being held [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted]  
[redacted] advised SA MICHAEL A. TOSAW  
that he had made inquiry by [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington, D.C., about subject. He  
advised he received a letter dated [redacted]  
[redacted] signed by [redacted]  
[redacted] advising him the whereabouts of subject was  
unknown to that office; however, she was believed to be on  
[redacted] Letter also advised that subject participated  
[redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] advised he later received a letter from subject dated [redacted] advising she would make good [redacted]

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On 8/14/64, AUSA [redacted] San Francisco, California, was contacted by SA TOSAW and he declined prosecution of subject for violation of Impersonation Statute and ITSP Statute.

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On 10/15/64, AUSA [redacted] Washington, D.C., declined prosecution of subject for Impersonation and ITSP.

On 10/15/64, AUSA [redacted] advised he declined prosecution of [redacted]

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[redacted] added he would also decline prosecution of [redacted] for violation of Interstate Transportation of Stolen Property (checks) since checks written by her were true name checks on a closed account.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (105-24822)

DATE: 10/12/65

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-6989)

SUBJECT: ELIJAH MUHAMMAD  
IS - NOI

Re Chicago airtel dated 10/7/65 captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the appearance of ELIJAH MUHAMMAD in an interview with IRVING KUPCINET on October 10, 1965, over television. One copy is enclosed for Atlanta, office of origin for MARTIN LUTHER KING.

Information in enclosed letterhead memorandum was monitored by SA [REDACTED]

The Bureau's attention is invited to the fact that subsequent to ELIJAH MUHAMMAD's appearance on "Kup's Show" DICK GREGORY was asked by KUPCINET about the civil rights riots in Watts, California. He replied only that "in Los Angeles they were the Watts riots, in San Francisco they were known as the Los Angeles riots, in America they were the California riots and throughout the world they were known as the American riots which gives America a bad name."

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He also said that if it is true there is racial unrest in London, England, he would consider going there at a later date to determine its significance. He also stated that the disagreement between MARTIN LUTHER KING and ELIJAH MUHAMMAD was mainly religious although MUHAMMAD was not a civil rights leader or advocate. No explanations were given.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois

OCT. 12, 1965

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The October 9, 1965, issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a Chicago, Illinois daily newspaper, contained an advertisement on page 30 captioned "Kup's Show." This advertisement reflected that the following individuals would appear as guests on that show at midnight October 9, 1965, over WBKB-TV, Channel 7:

Elijah Muhammad, leader of the "Black Muslims"  
(national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI))

Mrs. Jeane Dixon, clairvoyant

Dick Gregory, entertainer

Dr. Fred Schwartz, leader of an anti-Communist  
crusade

George Schaeffer, television producer

Jay Richard Kennedy, author

Dan Boorstin, author

The NOI is described in the appendix pages of  
this communication.

It is public knowledge that "Kup's Show" is a Chicago based panel type televised discussion show covering a variety of subjects lasting approximately three hours and telecast over WBKB-TV, Chicago. Irving Kupcinet, Chicago newspaper columnist and television moderator, presides over the show.

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The October 10, 1965, production of "Kup's Show" pertaining to Elijah Muhammad began at midnight, October 9, 1965, and was monitored by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Pertinent statements made by Elijah Muhammad are set forth hereinafter.

Elijah Muhammad did not participate in the television panel discussion but was interviewed separately by Irv Kupcinec at Muhammad's residence, 4847 South Woodlawn Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He was interviewed from 12:00 midnight until 1:10 AM in a question - answer type of interview.

Muhammad thanked God whom he also referred to as Allah who came to him in the person of one W. D. Farad 34 years ago and gave Muhammad a message for the black man which is why Muhammad calls himself the Messenger of Allah.

Muhammad stated the black man has lived in America under the white slave master for 400 years and now wants something for himself, to be himself, and to be on his own. He added that for a black man to oppose this would result in his ultimate death as a social and economic force.

He stated regarding civil rights that Martin Luther King and other Negro civil rights leaders lack knowledge of the black race and fail to realize now is the time the black man should work to be independent and be on his own. He said civil rights leaders seek to be like the white man and want to be his equal in a white country. Muhammad pointed out that as the black man was of a different color than the white man and of a different race he should be on his own and not integrate. He said the black man has served his term of slavery and should not have to beg the white man for a job or to be his servant, adding the black man should seek a more prominent status on his own. Muhammad stated that was achieved in America by and for the white man, not the black man. He said by the government seemingly giving



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more things to the black man such as its poverty programs and similar health programs it only meant that the white slave master, as he gets wealthier, can afford to dole out a little more proportionately for the black man but that such programs do not in any way elevate the black man. He said the government had an obligation to give the black man a state of its own and money for 25 years in which to operate in order that the black man can become completely self sufficient.

Muhammad said he had no power himself to bring about such change, but that Allah had such means. He added that Allah also knows when separation will take place. He said the time has come for Allah to intervene to separate the black man from his white slave master.

Muhammad stated that in America there was only a small proportion of black men as compared to the white man. He refused to name what state he would like if offered to him. He said the white man in America would lose his self respect if he yielded to the unreasonable demands of the civil rights leaders, as America cannot possibly agree with all of their demands.

Muhammad said in America intermarriages are not good, jobs for the black man were not available and in America the black man is not as good as the white man. The NOI desires, according to Muhammad, a state for themselves and equipment with which to operate it on a businesslike basis.

He stated that such prominent black men as Dr. Ralph Bunche, Jackie Robinson and the like only serve the white man and do nothing to better their black brothers.

Muhammad stated that like Moses and Jesus stated in the Bible, the black man was deaf, dumb and blind adding that if that sounded like Governor Wallace of Alabama it still was true.

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Muhammad stated that the education the black man has received will help him to go for himself, but doesn't mean that he should be satisfied and perform his services for the white man. He said such educated Negroes should separate from the white man and utilize their education for the black man when he gets his own state. He added that the black man would need modern tools, machinery, buildings and land in this connection.

He said the black man has lost his birthright and there is no record of his ancestry in America. He added that all the NOI wanted was freedom, justice and equality for the black man.

Regarding hate, Muhammad stated that according to Moses and Jesus a human being has to hate evil people, adding that such was in the Bible. He said in the Bible even brothers hated each other. He said some brothers couldn't live together and this included black and white and even Red China. Muhammad said you couldn't expect the Negro to follow the Bible if white Christians do not do so, adding that Christianity is anti-Negro.

Muhammad stated that Allah has stated all white men are devils, but that there are various degrees of devilry and that some whites are better than others. He said Jesus stated the human race were followers of the devil and He was crucified for it.

Muhammad stated Martin Luther King was wrong in his approach to civil rights and said he was misguided as white men and black men could not get along together. He said the black man must trust in God, not Martin Luther King, adding that the Nobel prize was no honor to King as he had done nothing for his people.

Muhammad said he never advocated boycotting white businesses, but only that whenever possible the black man should buy from black people. Muhammad added it would be very silly for him if he needed a suit to go without one if he could buy one from the white man.

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Regarding the bearing of arms for America, Muhammad stated after a Muslim receives the teachings of their religion it is then up to them individually to determine if they desire to serve in the Armed Forces.

Muhammad thanked Kupcinet for the opportunity to present his views to the public.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred  
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam,  
Aka. Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 7, 1965, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 3, 1965, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY  
(See Correlation Summary dated 10/19/64 filed as 100-440423-16).

Main File No: 100-440423  
See Also: 44-22002  
44-24630  
173-694

Date: 11-5-65

~~7MB~~ Subject: Dick Gregory

Date Searched: 5/19/65

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

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~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick C. Gregory~~  
~~Dick Claxton Gregory~~  
~~R.C. Dick Gregory~~  
~~Richard Claxton Gregory~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

This summary is designed to furnish a synopsis of the information set out in each reference. In many cases the original serial will contain the information in much more detail.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info. .... Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Dick Gregory may be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

ACT.....Associated Community Teams

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

SNCC.....Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee

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[redacted] Los Angeles, California (protect identity) advised that the Western Christian Leadership Conference (WCLC) (100-442349), organized a rally in the Los Angeles Sports Arena in 1961 at which time Martin Luther King Jr., Mahalia Jackson, Sammy Davis Jr., and Dick Gregory, made appearances that attracted enormous crowds and was successful beyond the organizers expectations.

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[redacted] stated that the WCLC was patterned after the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) in the southern part of the US and contact was maintained from the first inception of WCLC with Martin Luther King Jr. who gave it his encouragement, and considered it the Western branch of his own SCLC, but could not openly encourage it in 1961 because he and other Civil Rights leaders had made an agreement to prevent conflicts of interest among their various organizations.

This reference indicated that Mahalia Jackson and Sammy Davis Jr. were entertainers.

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[redacted] Chicago Police Department (protect identity) advised that on 5/13/63, Richard Criley (100-26567) was one of 1800 participants in a parade held in Chicago. The purpose of the parade was to protest the denial of civil rights to the Negro people of Birmingham, Alabama, and other Southern states. Dick Gregory, was among the speakers at a rally at the conclusion of the parade. He bitterly criticized President Kennedy's action in sending troops to the Birmingham area, stating that Kennedy only acted when the whites started getting hurt. Q11.

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Sheriff Harold Norton, Jefferson County, Arkansas, advised that Dick Gregory was arrested on 2/18/64 at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, during the time he was involved in desegregation activities at Pine Bluff. Sheriff Norton advised that Gregory declined to make bail. Sheriff Norton advised that Gregory, while in jail, had received censored mail and furnished photostats of a letter, together with mailing envelope, and clippings enclosed with the letter, which was mailed to Gregory at the jail by [redacted] (100-382102). The mailing envelope had the handwritten return address of [redacted] Idabel, Okla., and postmarked on 2/17/64 at Idabel, Okla. The letter to Dick Gregory mentioned the Klan and Castro, and the clippings enclosed included the masthead or its equivalent of the following publications: "Peking Review," "New Times," "Moscow News," "The Worker" and "Revolution."

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[redacted] reported that on 2/24/64, a "Freedom Boycott Rally" was held in Chicago which was sponsored by the West Side Unit of CORE (100-440885). One of the entertainers featured at the rally was Dick Gregory. The rally was in support of the school boycott which was scheduled to take place in Chicago on 2/25/64.

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[redacted] NY (protect identity) advised that in April, 1964 the SNCC sponsored an appearance by Dick Gregory in Schenectady to raise funds for SNCC. During the arrangements for this affair, [redacted] (100-251335) invited herself into the organizing groups and began working with that group. She wanted to

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organize a cocktail party at a restaurant in Schenectady and charge \$50.00 per person for the opportunity of the guests meeting Gregory and having cocktails with him. This turned out to be a complete failure and [ ] in the end was so desperate she finally began to call local Negroes inviting them to come to the restaurant, carefully pointing out she was inviting them to come as guests, without the \$50.00 fee, because they were Negroes. This action by [ ] alienated organizing the group. Thereafter [ ] called off the cocktail party and expressed her criticism of the SNCCC organization and of the Gregory appearance. b6 b7C

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On 11/18/64 Walter E. Alessandrone, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Justice, Harrisburg, Pa., furnished a report prepared by a Commission appointed by Governor Scranton to investigate the charges of excessive use of force by police in Chester, Pa.

The appointment of this commission followed the serious charges of excessive use of force by State and local police during the civil rights demonstrations on March 28, April 22, and April 24, 1964 in Chester, Pa. During the demonstrations between 3/28/64 and 4/22/64, Dick Gregory, appeared at one time or another at a rally and in the march that followed.

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The "Washington Post" dated 4/27/64, on the first page of the Appendix Section, contained an article entitled "Gregory Predicts Social Revolution." The article stated that Dick Gregory spoke at a pre-show cocktail party on 4/25/64 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke W. Wilson on the grounds of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) 9100 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Md. The article stated that the Wilsons, who donated the NIH site to the government, asked friends - many of whom were members of the Friends of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee or the Women's Strike for Peace, both of which Mrs. Wilson was associated with - to meet Gregory and the Freedom Singers and to help raise money for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Gregory and the Freedom Singers were in Washington, DC to appear in a show on 4/25/64, to benefit the SNCC's Mississippi summer project.

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This serial indicated that [redacted] in September, 1955, was a member of the CP, and [redacted] was a secret member of the CP.

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On 3/13/64 [redacted] Committee for Freedom Now, Chester, Pa., advised that a civil rights conference was scheduled to be held on 3/14/64 at the Eastern Light Masonic Lodge, 815 West 33rd St., Chester, Pa. Among those who would attend were Dick Gregory, Malcolm X Little, Reverend Milton Galamison of NYC, and [redacted] of Cambridge, Md.

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On 3/14/64 Chief of Police Francis Holt, Chester, Pa., advised that the civil rights conference was held as scheduled and in addition to the above civil rights leaders, [redacted] of Chicago, Ill. also attended.

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On 3/16/64 [redacted], BSS, NYCPD advised that the second boycott of NYC public schools was held that date by the Citywide Committee for Integrated Schools, which was headed by Galamison, Pastor of the Siloam Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, NY. Among the speakers at the boycott demonstration were: Reverend Galamison, US Congressman from Harlem Adam Clayton Powell, Gregory, Richardson and Malcolm X Little.

The 4/26/64 edition of the "New York Herald Tribune," contained an article on page 10, relative to the racial situation by former professional baseball player Jackie Robinson. In the article Robinson criticized Malcolm X and stated that Dick Gregory had said that "Malcolm X was invented" by the people who edit big newspapers; control big television and radio and publish big newspapers and magazines."

This serial indicated that [redacted] was a civil rights leader and Malcolm X Little was the founder of Muslim Mosque Inc. (100-441765).

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SE 785-S and [redacted] reported [redacted] (100-441469) attended a regular meeting of the Seattle Branch, SWP, on 4/28/64. [redacted] gave a report on SNCC and stated that plans for the appearance of Dick Gregory were not going as well as planned (no further information).

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] (100-413321) together with Emma Sterne and [redacted] were in charge of an appearance of Dick Gregory at the San Jose Civic Auditorium, San Jose, California, on 5/16/64 (not further described).

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This serial identified Emma Sterne and [redacted] as close to the CP in the San Jose area.

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[redacted] advised that a civil rights report was given by [redacted] at a weekly Branch meeting of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) (100-16) held on 4/14/64, 3815 5th Ave., NE, Seattle, Washington. [redacted] reported that he attended a meeting of CORE where a plan for a sit-in demonstration concerning real estate offices was discussed. [redacted] stated that SNCC planned to have a big public event when Dick Gregory gave a performance in Seattle on 5/17/64. She stated that SNCC would have tickets for sale prior to his appearance and that they would like for everyone to sell as many tickets as possible.

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100-16-51-361 p.23  
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On 5/19/64 [redacted] advised that an organization known as "Friends of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee" (SNCC), sponsored a rally held at the City Auditorium, Denver, Colo. on 5/19/64. Dick Gregory, nightclub entertainer, and the SNCC (100-439190) Freedom Singers, entertained at this rally. Gregory asked persons present to donate to the Freedom Movement by contributing to individuals with cups in the lobby who had volunteered to take up the collection. Informant advised that [redacted] were in the business office of the Auditorium selling tickets for admission. Several members of the Denver Branch, SWP, were present at this rally.

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This reference identified [redacted] as the organizer of the Denver Branch, SWP and [redacted] had been active in the SWP but not a member.

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The "National Guardian" page 5, dated 6/6/64, entitled "Japanese bomb survivors speak in New York June 8," revealed that New Yorkers would have the opportunity to listen to survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at a public meeting at Carnegie Hall on June 8, sponsored by the World Peace Study Mission (62-109339), 325 Lafayette St., NYC. This organization arranged the good-will journey of 26 hibakusha (bomb affected ones) through the US, England, France, Belgium, Germany, the Soviet Union and China. Speakers in New York included two American Friends Dick Gregory and Norman Cousins, editor of the Saturday review.

62-109339-A "National Guardian"  
(3) 6/6/64

A reliable source (not identified) advised that on 6/14/64 a racial demonstration sponsored by the Non-Violent Direct Action Committee, Dayton, Ohio, whose director was [redacted] staged a peaceful demonstration at Dayton, Ohio, led by Dick Gregory.

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This reference captioned "Bombing Matters. Louisville" (157-2-27) revealed that on 7/19/64, [redacted] (NA), Louisville Police Department, Records Room, Louisville, Ky., advised that the telephone switchboard operator [redacted] received a telephone call from an unidentified male saying that there would be a bomb thrown on that date at approximately 9:15 p.m. at the Iroquois Amphitheater in Louisville. No bomb was thrown and there had been no explosion as of 10:30 p.m. on 7/19/64. According to the above source, Louis Lomax, writer, Dick Gregory, both Negroes, and Governor Edward T. Breathitt were appearing at a fund raising "Freedom Fund Show" sponsored by Allied Organizations for Civil Rights.

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SI 157-2-27-186  
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The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the main file captioned "Unknown Subject; Michael Schwerner, James E. Chaney, Andrew Goodman-Victims, Philadelphia, Miss.," (Miburn). The references set out information pertaining to the activities of Gregory during the period from 6/23/64 to 8/13/64 in Mississippi and Chicago and information in his possession regarding the missing civil rights workers who disappeared from Meridan, Miss. on 6/21/64

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and whose bodies were found on 8/4/64 near Phila., Miss. Some of the activities were sponsored by ACT. In press conferences and news releases Gregory was critical of the FBI in connection with the above case.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

44-25706-19	(2)
172	(2)
883 p.377,378,379	(2)
930	(2)
954	(2)
976	(2)
1004	(2)
1361	(3)

On 8/11/64 [redacted] Chicago City News Service, Chicago, Ill., advised that [redacted] head of ACT (100-441968) announced in a press release on the above date that Dick Gregory would present his side of the story of the Mississippi Killings (not further described). Gregory would appear at a meeting to be held on 8/13/64 at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. At this time Gregory would play a tape recording that he had that would tell how the Killings took place and would also reveal the name of the killers. Gregory would also read a letter that he had received telling where the bodies would be found. Admission to this meeting would be for the benefit of ACT.

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NK 2458-S\* and NK 2459-S\* furnished the following information:

Martin Luther King Jr. (100-106670) arrived in Atlantic City, NJ on 8/22/64. He appeared before the Platform Committee of the Democratic National Convention, although he did not wish it to appear that he was attending the Convention.

The Credentials Committee reached a compromise of permitting the Freedom Democratic Party (FDP), two delegates at large and other members of the FDP to be admitted as observers to the Convention. Senator Hubert Humphrey and Walter Reuther, President of the United Auto Workers of America, told King and others of the offer.

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On 8/26/64, Dick Gregory expressed great regret that "the FDP delegation had not resulted in a floor fight at the Democratic Convention." Gregory claimed that FDP members would have gone home before the convention if they had been given a guarantee of Federal referees for registration and election. Gregory favored a plan for stalling traffic en route to Convention Hall on August 26 and 27, 1964. The leaders of this were to be Jesse Gray of New York and [redacted] of Philadelphia. King opposed such action feeling that it would help elect Barry Goldwater whom King detested. King felt that demonstrations should be held to a minimum until after the election.

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It was noted that Dick Gregory in talking to King stated that in his opinion only a very "thin line keeps J. Edgar Hoover off the Negro's back." He could not forgive Mr. Hoover for stating that there were communists in the civil rights movement without naming them. He felt that if there were any communists, they were white, but Mr. Hoover wanted people to think they were Negroes. Gregory threatened to write King's name in for President and felt that Senator Humphrey would not be Johnson's selection for Vice-president, but rather Muskie of Maine who was a Catholic and who could get the votes in the white ghettos.

100-106670-462  
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The following references in the file captioned "Disruption of Democratic National Convention," contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with an attempt to disrupt the Democratic National Convention which was to be held in Atlantic City, NJ from 8/24/64 to 8/27/64. These activities took place in Chester, Pa., Stamford, Conn., and Atlantic City, NJ., during the period from 8/20/64 to 8/28/64. Gregory participated in rallies and fund raising affairs of various civil rights groups including ACT, NAACP, and Chester Committee for Freedom, in support of demonstrations to protest the failure to seat the Freedom Democratic Party Delegates from Mississippi at the convention.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-442527-125 p.1,2	(8)
137	(8)
185 p.1	(8)
196	(8)
211 p.13	(8)
221 p.2	(9)
276 p.1,2,3,4	(9)
285 p.1,2,3	(9)

On 9/11/64 [ ] advised the Newark Office that he was the [ ] of the Society Protecting Unequal Representation (SPUR) (100-442666) and the one who decided what policy should be followed and what would be done. [ ] advised that he demonstrated the needs of the citizens of Orange, NJ through publicizing their problems in relation to housing. [ ] spoke of the rally he ran on 8/30/64 at which Jesse Gray, Harlem rent strike leader and Dick Gregory spoke. He stated that his purpose in running the rally was to make known his organization through the use of "big names." [ ] claimed that he believed the rally, which was attended by only 150 persons, would have been more successful had not people, who were in opposition to him politically, recommended their followers not to attend the rally.

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NY 4596-S\* advised that [ ] from Orange, NJ, contacted an unknown male at Harlem Community Council on Housing 6 East 117th St., NYC, which was under the leadership of Jesse Gray (100-357847), rent strike leader. [ ] asked about getting Dick Gregory for a rally in Orange, NJ on 8/30/64. The unknown male advised [ ] that he would let him know. Source furnished no information as to the nature of the rally referred to.

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[ ] further stated that he would see Jesse in Stamford (no state mentioned) on Saturday, (August 22nd ?). [ ] stated that Dick (Gregory ?) might also be there.

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This serial indicated that the meeting on Saturday probably had reference to a meeting of the Citizens for Progress Committee.

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[ ] Rand Bldg., Buffalo, NY (protect identity), advised on 8/27/64 that [ ] Buffalo, NY, [ ] of the Buffalo Chapter of CORE directed a telegram to CORE at 38 Park Row, NYC, requesting the appearance of Dick Gregory in Buffalo on a date as near 9/5/64, as possible. The telegram further indicated that CORE in Buffalo expected non-violent direct action when a new junior high school opened on 9/9/64.

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It was noted that the Woodlawn Junior High School (157-1954) was the only new junior high school opening in Buffalo on that date and had been subject of much public discussion and debate regarding

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its integration, the principal charge in this discussion and debate being that it would be a de-facto segregated school with as much as 98% colored students.

157-1954-3  
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The "Fort Dodge Messenger," Fort Dodge, Iowa page 2, dated 9/12/64 featured an article by Ethel Pringel, Staff Writer, entitled " 'Non-Violent Bag' Hit, Kicked in Training for Rights Duty." It set out information pertaining to a speech by Marcia Moore, a civil rights worker for the Mississippi Summer Project (157-1676), made before the Fort Dodge Education Association on 9/10/64 at the Wahkonsal Hotel, Fort Dodge, Iowa, in connection with her work in the civil rights movement in Mississippi. In the speech she stated that she was assigned to the Freedom School in Laurel, Miss. and that money to finance the Freedom School ventures was obtained from contributions and benefits and that the Negro Comedian, Dick Gregory had raised thousands for this purpose.

157-1676-1215  
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Dick Gregory appeared as a feature of "A Salute to Freedom" benefit program sponsored by CORE held on 9/15/64 at the Chicago Civic Opera House. At 10:30 p.m., 9/15/64, the Chicago Police Department advised that the above benefit was peaceful with no incidents.

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On 9/15/64 [ ] NBC News, Chicago, Ill., advised that Dick Gregory held a press conference on the above date at the Essex Inn Motel, Chicago, to promote the sale of a book entitled, "Vigor," which he authored. During the press conference, according to [ ] Gregory also discussed the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 11/22/63, Dallas, Texas (62-109060). He was critical of the US Government and, in particular, the FBI, stating that he believed that certain photographs of Lee Harvey Oswald\* which had been released by the Government were fake because of certain shadows which appeared on them.

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Gregory also talked, according to [ ] about the murder of three civil rights workers in Mississippi during the past summer and stated that both he and the FBI knew who killed the workers but that as yet the Bureau had made no arrests. He was critical of the FBI for failure to answer certain questions concerning that investigation which needed to be answered.

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On 9/15/64 the above information was furnished to the Chicago Police Department, and on 9/16/64 the same information was furnished to [ ] Region 1, 113th INTC Group, Chicago, Ill.

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\*Accused assassin of President Kennedy.

On 9/17/64 [ ] a confidential source in racial matters (protect identity) stated that Durham, NC city authorities were considering a request which had been made by the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) (157-370) for the use of the Durham Civic Center on 10/31/64. The above source stated that the representative of UKA who had made the request for the use of the Civic Center had pointed out that the Civic Center was to be used on 9/21/64 by CORE in presenting a program by Dick Gregory. The source stated that in this connection that the Durham city authorities had not been aware at the time the Civic Center was originally leased for the use of Dick Gregory, that his appearance there was being sponsored by CORE.

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[ ] stated that on 9/19/64 [ ] of UKA with other members of the UKA decided that they would take no action to interfere with the use of the Civic Center on 9/21/64 by Dick Gregory and his group but they would follow up on the request for the use of the Civic Center by UKA on October 31. It was decided that if UKA was rejected in its request for the use of the Civic Center they would take legal action.

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On 9/23/64 [ ] advised that a regular meeting of the Durham, NC Klavern of the UKA was to be held in or near Durham on the same night as Dick Gregory was to appear at the Civic Center. On the evening of 9/21/64, Major W.B. Julian, Assistant Chief of Police, Durham, NC, was advised by a Bureau Agent that a Klan meeting was scheduled to be held in Durham on that night and that there was a possibility that there might be a conflict between this group and those attending the appearance of Dick Gregory. On the morning of 9/22/64, Major Julian advised that Gregory and his company had appeared as scheduled at the meeting sponsored by CORE on 9/21/64 and that no picketing or other interference had occurred.

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Lt. [ ] Special Investigations, Detroit, Michigan, Police Department, advised that on 9/24/64, Dick Gregory entertained and spoke at a fund raising benefit by CORE (100-225892), held at the Ford Auditorium in Detroit, Mich. Gregory panned a number of prominent individuals including J. Edgar Hoover. Gregory stated that he had talked to President Johnson and stated that he advised him that he could avoid being assassinated by nominating a Negro for Vice-President.

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This reference captioned "Testing of Public Accommodations in Southwestern Oklahoma By CORE 10/9/64, Public Accommodations Civil Rights Act, 1964, Oklahoma City" (173-1-35), revealed that on 10/2/64, [ ] of the Oklahoma City Chapter of CORE, advised that no definite plans had been made by CORE in regard to a contemplated "freedom ride" into southwestern Oklahoma, which had previously been announced for 10/9/64.

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[ ] stated that as of the above date, the Oklahoma City Chapter of CORE did not have sufficient finances for such an undertaking, but hoped that finances would be available following the appearance of Negro comedian Dick Gregory in Oklahoma City on 10/8/64. He advised that if the CORE Chapter had sufficient funds available, the trip to southwestern Oklahoma would possibly be made a few days following Gregory's appearance in Oklahoma City.

173-1-35-24  
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The following references in the file captioned "Freedom Now - CORE Affiliate," contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory, in connection with a demonstration to be held at the Governor's Conference in San Antonio, Texas, October 10 through October 14, 1964. This demonstration was to be directed by James Farmer, National Director of CORE and Dick Gregory was to participate in picketing the conference.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-1668-88 p.2	(15)
92 p.3	(15)
96 p.2	(16)

The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence In Racial Matters," contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 5/13/63 to 10/14/64 in cities throughout the US, including Chicago, Ill., Chester, Pa., Denver, Colo., Bethesda, Md., San Francisco, Calif., and San Antonio, Texas, in connection with racial matters. Gregory spoke at rallies sponsored by SNCC and performed at concerts sponsored by SNCC and CORE to raise funds for these organizations. He also attended meetings and was a consultant to ACT.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-442529-269 p.42	(9)
275 p.13	(9)
286 p.101, 166, 225, 226	(9)
289 p.22	(9)
291 p.12	(9)

[redacted] and [redacted] NYCPD (protect identity) furnished information pertaining to a public meeting sponsored by the Organization of AFRO - American Unity (OAAU) (100-442235) on 12/13/64 at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th St. NYC. The featured speaker was OAAU Chairman and Muslim Mosque Inc. leader, Malcolm X Little. He devoted most of his speech to the Congo situation claiming that the US was responsible for the situation there because of its support for Congo Premier Moise Tshombe. After his speech Little introduced Negro comedian Dick Gregory, who joked about 40 minutes chiefly concerning law enforcement and the racial situation in the South.

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SI 100-442235-75 p.50  
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The following references in the file captioned "Christmas For Mississippi," contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this project from 12/10/64 to 12/26/64 in Chicago and Mississippi. Gregory and Drew Pearson were Co-chairmen of and Sammy Davis Jr. participated in the committee which was established to raise funds to ship 20,000 turkeys to the Negro people of Mississippi on Christmas Eve, 1964.

Gregory was to participate in a fund raising affair sponsored by ACT, a civil rights group in Chicago on 12/17/64.

Gregory arrived in Jackson on 12/23/64 and held an impromptu news conference. He was scheduled to perform in a show in Jackson on 12/23/64, in Clarksdale on 12/24/64, and in Gulfport, Mississippi on Christmas day. He was to depart from Jackson on 12/26/64.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-2337-2	(16)
4	(16)
10	(16)
15	(16)
19	(16)

On 11/23/64 a confidential mailbox of the NYO supplied a flyer which advertised "A Holiday Benefit for 'Freedomways'," a magazine published by Freedomways Associates Inc. (100-434819), to be held at the Village Gate, 185 Thompson St., NYC, on 12/27/64. It indicated that one of the artists who would attend was Dick Gregory.

advised that Dick Gregory made an appearance during the later part of the Benefit. There was no collection taken but those present were urged to buy the magazine "Freedomways."

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The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the file captioned "Racial Matters," and set out information concerning Gregory's activities from 1964 to 1965 in the civil rights movement in the localities as indicated below. Gregory participated in many racial demonstrations by leading marchers, sit-ins, and speaking at many of the meetings and rallies.

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LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
Cambridge, Md.	157-4-3-42 p.2	(10)
-----	157-4-9-118	(10)
Gary, <u>Indiana</u>	157-4-21-15	(10)
	16 p.1,2,3	(10)
	18	(10)
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	157-4-35-25	(10)
San Antonio, Texas	157-4-45-47 p.6	(10)
Baltimore, Md.	157-6-3-1269	(10)
Cambridge, Md.	157-6-3-1277	(10)
Baltimore, Md.		
Atlantic City, NJ	157-6-3-1409	(10)
Philadelphia, Pa.		
Cambridge, Md.	157-6-3-A "Washington Post" and "Times Herald" 6/1/64	(11)
Cambridge, Md.	157-6-3 The "Daily Banner" 6/5/64	(11)
Chicago, Ill.	157-6-9-533	(11)
	536	(11)
	568	(11)
	872	(11)
	966	(11)
	981	(11)
	1011	(11)
	1076 p.5	(11)
Dayton, Ohio	157-6-10-363	(11)
	157-6-10-397	(12)
Toledo, Ohio	157-6-11-231	(12)
-----	157-6-18-35	(10)

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Indianapolis,	157-6-21-240	(12)
	241	(12)
	242	(12)
Bloomington, Ind.	157-6-21-246	(12)
Gary, Ind.	157-6-21-366	(12)
Chattanooga, <u>Tenn.</u>	157-6-24-267 p.2,3	(12)
Louisville, <u>Ky.</u>	157-6-27-293 p.9	(12)
Lexington, Ky.	157-6-27-306	(12)
Nashville, Tenn.	157-6-28-885	(12)
Patterson, NJ	157-6-31-472 p.2	(12)
Orange, NJ	157-6-31-473	(13)
Atlantic City, NJ	157-6-31-477	(13)
Atlantic City, NJ	157-6-31-487	(13)
Philadelphia, Pa.		
Orange, NJ	157-6-31-496 p.2,3	(13)
	529 p.4	(13)
Stamford, Conn.	157-6-32-154	(13)
Bogalusa, <u>La.</u>	157-6-33-2589 p.4	(13)
	2596 p.2	(13)
Chicago, Ill.	157-6-33-2612	(13)
Philadelphia, Pa.		
Atlanta, <u>Ga.</u>		
New Orleans, La.		
Bogalusa, La.		
Bogalusa, La.	157-6-33-2626	(13)
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NYC	157-6-34-728 p.8	(13)
Tulsa, Okla.	157-6-35-202	(14)
Oklahoma City, Okla.	157-6-35-242	(14)
Tulsa, Okla.	157-6-35-260	(14)
Philadelphia, Pa.	157-6-37-727 820 p.8	(14) (14)
Atlantic, NJ	157-6-37-872	(14)
Baltimore, Md.	157-6-37-881	(14)
St. Louis, <u>Mo.</u>	157-6-42-629	(14)
San Francisco, Calif.	157-6-46-74 p.2,3	(14)
San Diego, Calif.	157-6-46-121 128 p.2,3,4,5	(14) (14)
San Francisco, Calif.	157-6-47-320 p.2	(14)
Baltimore, Md.	157-6-47-325	(15)
San Francisco, Calif.	157-6-47-347	(15)
Savannah, Ga.	157-6-49-2373 2377 2401 p.16	(15) (15) (15)
Washington, DC	157-6-53-559 p.2 677	(15) (15)

The following references in the file captioned "Associated Community Teams" (ACT), contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with ACT from 1963 to 1965 in the localities as indicated below. Gregory was one of the founders, one of the leaders, and a consultant of ACT. ACT, a National Civil Rights Committee, was founded on 4/18/63 in Washington, DC.

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-----	100-441968-7 p.1,2;4	(6)
Washington, DC	100-441968-10 p.1,3	(6)
-----	100-441968-11	(6)
NYC	100-441968-12 p.1,2 16 p.2	(6) (6)
-----	100-441968-19	(7)
Chicago	100-441968-30 31 p.1-4	(7) (7)
Mississippi	100-441968-42	(7)
Mississippi San Francisco	100-441968-43	(7)
McComb, Mississippi	100-441968-44	(7)
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McComb, Mississippi	100-441968-49	(7)
San Francisco	100-441968-50	(7)
McComb, Mississippi San Francisco	100-441968-51	(7)
San Francisco Mississippi	100-441968-52 p.1,2	(7)
-----	100-441968-57 p.4	(7)
Stamford, Conn.	100-441968-71	(7)
Chicago	100-441968-76 93	(8) (8)
-----	100-441968-94 p.2	(8)

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LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
----	100-441968-98	(8)
----	100-441968-98X	(15, 18)
----	100-441968-A "Evening Star" 4/26/65	(5)
----	100-441968-106 and encl.	(18)
----	100-441968-107	(15, 18)
----	100-441968-108	(18)
----	100-441968-111	(18)

In connection with the Desegregation of Public Accommodations, Birmingham Ala. (173-1-4-58), Chief of Police William M. Marable, Tuscaloosa, Ala., advised that on 1/19/65, Dick Gregory had lunch at the Toddle House in Tuscaloosa with no incidents observed.

173-1-4-58  
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An article from the "Washington Post and Times Herald" page A-17, dated 1/21/65 entitled "School Boycott Leader Arrested in New York," revealed that Dick Gregory and a group of Negroes testing the 1964 Civil Rights Act in Tuscaloosa, Alabama were turned away from four establishments on 1/19/65, including Garner's Restaurant where the imperial wizard Robert M. Shelton of the Ku Klux Klan was eating. The Negroes were refused admittance and were told that they needed reservations. Dick Gregory stated they would make reservations for the following night. A white youth who tried to enter the restaurant at the same time was arrested when he bumped into a Negro.

Earlier in the day Gregory led other Negroes in successful tests at eight restaurants.

100-440326-A "Washington Post and Times  
(6) Herald" p.A-17 1/21/65



This reference captioned "Desegregation of Public Accommodations. Tuscaloosa, Alabama, (173-103) indicated that [redacted] b6  
[redacted] of Holiday Inn, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, advised on 1/20/65, that b7C  
he had just had a visit at the motel from [redacted]  
[redacted] Tuscaloosa Citizens for Action Committee, and  
[redacted] Christ Lutheran Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, who requested rooms at Holiday Inn for themselves, stating that they desired to register. [redacted] stated that he informed these individuals of the policy of this Holiday Inn of not accepting registrations from any local residents. [redacted] advised that about two minutes later, Dick Gregory appeared at Holiday Inn and informed him that unless rooms were given to [redacted], that he intended to call a national boycott of Holiday Inn. [redacted] stated that until he received instructions from his [redacted] who operated Holiday Inn under a franchise, and also operated Town House Motel in Tuscaloosa, that he could not furnish rooms to [redacted] and [redacted]

173-103-53  
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The following reference in the file captioned "Registrars of Voters, Dallas County, Alabama Voting Discrimination DR" (44-12831) contains information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 2/12/65 to 2/17/65 in Selma, Alabama. Gregory participated in demonstrations and made speeches in connection with the registration of voters. Gregory and seven other individuals were arrested on 2/16/65 on disorderly conduct when he attempted to register at the Holiday Inn Motel in Selma. Gregory was released on 2/17/65 by posting bond; other individuals were released on 2/16/65.

44-12831-441 p.5-8,12,13  
(2,17,18)

The following references on Dick Gregory appear in the main file of Malcolm X Little (100-399321). The references set out the activities of Gregory and Little in connection with civil rights in Chester, Pa., and NYC, from 2/14/64 to 12/13/64. They attended and spoke at meetings of ACT, Organization of Afro-American Unity, civil rights conferences and participated in the boycott of public schools in NYC.

Dick Gregory attended the funeral of Malcolm Little who had been assassinated, on 2/27/65 in NYC.

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100-399321-125 p.50,51	(4)
215 p.42,84	(4)
290	(5)
302 p.2	(5)
334	(5)
-A "Arizona Republic"	(5)
10/10/64	

In connection with an investigation of "Alleged Assassination Attempt of [redacted] (157-2787), the Buffalo Office advised on 3/8/65 that [redacted] had recently advised that Malcolm X told her on 2/16/65 that money was "pouring " into the US from Mexico and Canada for Negro exploitation. Malcolm told [redacted] that the organization "ACT" or such similar name, NYC based, was receiving at least part of the funds from abroad and channeling these funds to various areas in the US where needed. Malcolm mentioned Livingston Wingate, NYC Anti-Poverty Head, Dick Gregory, [redacted] and Representative Adam Clayton Powell as some of the "ACT" members who possibly would know about these funds and their source. Malcolm confided to [redacted] "I am going to get killed because I know too much."

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The whereabouts of Dick Gregory was unknown to the Buffalo Office.

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The following references in file captioned "March From Selma to Montgomery, Ala., 3/21/65," contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this March from 3/21/65 through 3/25/65. Gregory participated in the Civil Rights March which was a protest of voting discrimination and he also performed in the evening entertainment.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
44-28544-82	(3)
83	(3)
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374 p.23	(3)

An article from the "Washington Post" and "Times Herald," page B7 dated 3/27/65, entitled "Success Story in Corninth, Miss.," by Drew Pearson (94-8-350), set out information pertaining to the race relations in Corninth, Miss. The article also stated that Dick Gregory entertained the freedom marchers to Montgomery during their first night in a cow pasture. Earlier he had spent two nights in the Selma jail. Gregory stated that he had been in 24 or 27 jails, he couldn't remember which, and he had enjoyed them. Pearson stated that Gregory had kept his sense of humor even in jail. According to Pearson, Gregory after leaving the Selma jail, stopped off in Washington, told friends that down in the Selma jail, "A cop hit me. I called the FBI." "Where's the marks?" they said. "Never mind the marks. You just take a picture of my whole back," I said. "We'll fix up the points later." "

94-8-350-A "Washington Post" and "Times  
(4) Herald" 3/27/65

The "New York Times" edition of 4/12/65, p.28, contained an article which revealed that the "Committee of Concerned Mothers" was sponsoring a variety benefit program on 4/23/65 to be held at the Appollo Theater, 253 W. 125th St., NYC for Malcolm X's family. The article stated that one of the entertainers scheduled to perform was Dick Gregory.

This serial indicated that the "Committee of Concerned Mothers" was a group of prominent Negro women formed for the sole purpose of raising funds to meet the need for food, clothing and shelter of the widow and children of Malcolm X.

According to this serial the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU) (100-442235) was not sponsoring the above benefit but would support it and plans were made to sell souvenirs of Malcolm X at the benefit in order to make money for the OAAU.

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

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1 - Mr. Trainor

To: SAC, Chicago (157-347)  
Newark  
New York  
Seattle

From: Director, FBI

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReCGairtel 11/9/65 and Seattle letter to Chicago 10/29/65.

The New York Office will disregard the lead to contact Fawcett Publications, Incorporated, at this time.

The Newark Office should conduct a file check on [redacted] and the Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis and furnish pertinent information to the Bureau and interested offices. An interview of [redacted] should not be conducted without Bureau authority.

The Chicago and New York Offices should advise the Bureau of any information in their files indicating any travel to Canada by Gregory during the past year.

The Seattle Office will furnish to the Bureau any additional information in your files bearing on [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
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DATE OF REVIEW 11-9-85

Re Seattle letter to Chicago 10/29/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau, Newark and New York is one copy of referenced communication containing information relating to the article reportedly prepared by DICK GREGORY for publication in the magazine "Cavalier". A copy of this airtel is being furnished for the information of the Seattle Division, in view of the possible need for re-interview of [redacted]

Investigation, Chicago, reflects the magazine "Cavalier", is published monthly by Fawcett Publications, Inc., with headquarters Fawcett Building, Greenwich, Connecticut. Inquiry at the Chicago offices of Fawcett, Inc., on 11/9/65, reflected that any article submitted to "Cavalier" for publication would be referred to the New York office of that firm located at 67 West 44th Street, New York City. A

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(U) review of the "Cavalier" publication for 11/65, fails to reflect any article written by DICK GREGORY.

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Sergeant [ ] Human Relations Section, Chicago PD, who is an acquaintance of GREGORY and who has in the past been in regular contact with GREGORY during GREGORY's participation in the protest demonstrations in Chicago, on 11/9/65, advised that in his contacts with GREGORY over the past six months, he has received no indication that GREGORY has visited Canada, on a regular basis as alleged.

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In view of the nature of the information appearing in enclosed communication, the following investigation is being requested in an effort to corroborate this material:

Requests of the Bureau

[ ] Will consider the advisability of contacting [ ] and/or any sources who might be in a position to determine whether GREGORY has visited Canada on a monthly basis as alleged. (S) (U)

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NEWARK

AT IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY. Will, through the Advanced Ethical Hypnosis, 10 Washington Avenue, locate and interview [ ] in an effort to corroborate the information furnished by [ ]

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. Will contact the Editorial Offices, Fawcett Publications, Inc., 67 West 44th Street, publishers of "Cavalier", to determine if that firm in the past, has received articles from DICK GREGORY, and in addition, determine whether the firm contemplates publication of any articles by him at some future date.

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CHICAGO

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will, upon receipt of results of investigation, take necessary action toward proper dissemination of this information.

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SAC, SEATTLE (157-0)

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

The following information is being furnished for the Chicago Division. No further action is being taken by the Seattle Division.

On October 18, 1965, [redacted] Colfax, Washington, advised SA [redacted] that over the weekend of October 15 through October 17, 1965, he attended a convention for the Association to Advance Ethical Hypnosis at Chicago, Illinois. He advised that on the night of October 16, 1965, he went to the "Blue Angel" where DICK GREGORY, the comedian, was putting on a show. He advised that he was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted] a New Jersey entertainer who could be located through the American Association for Advanced Ethical Hypnosis, 10 Washington Avenue, Irvington, New Jersey.

[redacted] advised that after the show at the Blue Angel was over, [redacted] asked if they would like to go to GREGORY's dressing room and meet him. [redacted] and his wife said yes, and so they accompanied [redacted] to the dressing room.

[redacted] advised that while they were in the dressing room, he had the opportunity of briefly glancing at an article which GREGORY said he had written to be published in the "Cavalier". [redacted] advised that he did not read the whole article, but that [redacted] did. [redacted] advised that in the article GREGORY indicated that all Negroes arm themselves and urged them to kill policemen, judges, mayors, etc. He advised that the article was written with the Constitution or Declaration of Independence as a basis.

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[ ] advised that GREGORY personally told him that MARTIN LUTHER KING, according to present plans, would be killed in the spring. GREGORY also advised that he (GREGORY) goes to Canada once a month to meet with a group of Chinese men, referring somewhat to the overthrow of the present form of government. GREGORY also told [ ] that the Cuban refugees coming into the country at the present time have been inoculated with a deadly disease for which there is no cure.

[ ] advised that he had no further information, but that he was quite concerned about the article and general attitude and conversation of GREGORY.

For the information of the Chicago Division, [ ] is presently awaiting a hearing in the State of Washington concerning his ethical and medical practices. He has the reputation of writing prescriptions for other than medical purposes. The validity of the information furnished and the accuracy thereof cannot be ascertained by the Seattle Division, and is therefore being furnished the Chicago Division for any action deemed necessary by that office.

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Records Branch11/10, 1965

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

1 - Mr. Knickrehm

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed herewith are two copies of a letterhead memorandum from Chicago, Illinois, dated November 5, 1965, captioned as above. Bureau files indicate that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, is a Negro comedian who has appeared at numerous fund-raising events for such civil rights organizations as the Congress of Racial Equality, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and Associated Community Teams. He reportedly was one of the founders of Associated Community Teams and has been identified as a consultant to this organization.

Bureau files also indicate that Gregory at various times has been involved in the promotion of rent strikes, economic boycotts, sit-in demonstrations, picket lines, marches, and other forms of protest. He has openly boasted that he has been frequently jailed as a result of his civil rights activities. Most recently Gregory has been one of the leaders in demonstration in Chicago, Illinois, protesting alleged de facto segregation in the Chicago schools. He has been arrested for civil disobedience in connection with these demonstrations.

You should make the information in this letter and letterhead memorandum available to [redacted]

The Bureau should be advised of any pertinent details concerning Gregory's appearance in London.

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Letter to Legat, London ~~(S)~~ (U)  
RE: Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as  
Dick Gregory  
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NOTE:

The Chicago Office advised on 11/5/65 that Richard Claxton Gregory reportedly has a contract to go to England to do a dramatic special on television and that he also wanted to go there to do three specials on the racial crisis in February, 1966. It is believed that the possibility of Gregory appearing in London, England, should be made available to [redacted] through the Legat. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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11/5/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 RCH/KP

REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 11-10-80

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight, and for  
Washington Field one, copy of LHM concerning GREGORY.

Inquiry subsequent to the original receipt  
of the information set forth has failed to provide  
additional pertinent data re GREGORY's plans to travel  
to London, or specific information as to what his  
appearance there in "Three Specials" involves.

The LHM is being submitted to enable the  
Bureau, through liaison, to provide appropriate English  
authorities with information concerning his stated  
intentions, in the event the Bureau deems this  
advisable in view of GREGORY's well known deep involve-  
ment in the civil rights movement, in Chicago, and  
elsewhere, particularly insofar as demonstrations,  
rallies, his frequent arrests and the like are con-  
cerned. (C) (U)

No dissemination of this information is to be  
made locally at Chicago.

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- (3) - Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)  
1 - WFO (Encl. 1) (Info.) (RM)  
Chicago  
(1 - 100-40346)

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1 - Bureau & National Academy  
Commission on Civil Disorders  
by R/S 11/11/67  
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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD. (U)

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By: [Signature] - med.

1 - mail unit

Approved: [Signature]

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2 - [Signature]  
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No source was utilized in providing the background data in the concluding portions of the LHM, as the information is public knowledge, having been set forth on numerous occasions in newspaper clippings and stories concerning GREGORY, in various Chicago news media.

Discreet inquiry at the U.S. Passport Office, Chicago, through [redacted] Supervisor, failed to reflect any indication of an application for U.S. passport on GREGORY's part. A copy of this communication is being provided WFO in the event of future inquiry to be made in this matter, although no specific lead is being set forth at the present time.

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Chicago is not pursuing this matter at present, but any additional information concerning GREGORY's travel plans obtained through public or other sources will be appropriately provided the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
November 5, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ALSO  
KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

The "Chicago Sun Times", a Chicago daily newspaper, issue of October 31, 1965, contains an article concerning an interview with Dick Gregory, as he is commonly known, concerning his involvement in the civil rights movement in the United States. The article, prepared by a representative of the "Chicago Sun Times", described Gregory as a nationally known comedian and civil rights leader.

This interview was conducted during October, 1965, while Gregory was performing at a local Chicago nightclub. During the interview with the representative of the "Chicago Sun Times", Gregory advised that he recently received a contract to go to London, England, to do a dramatic special there on television. He advised that he is wanted there also "to do three specials in London, on the racial crisis there, in February." Gregory stated that he feels he received this offer only because of his well known involvement in the civil rights movement in the United States.

Gregory is a male Negro, born October 12, 1932, in St. Louis, Missouri. He resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois. He has been arrested on numerous occasions in the past several years in various parts of the United States, Chicago, and elsewhere, during the course of numerous civil rights demonstrations, rallies, sit-ins and the like, in which he has been a participant.

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Date: 11/12/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 11/9/65.

On 11/9/65 [redacted] Supervisor, U.S. Passport Office, State Department, Chicago, telephonically contacted the Chicago Office and advised that earlier that date [redacted] of DICK GREGORY, had appeared at the USPO and had filed a passport application.

Subsequently on 11/9/65 [redacted] personally made available this passport application which reflected the following:

[redacted] was born [redacted] resides at [redacted] Chicago with [redacted]. They were married [redacted] and she is employed as a housewife. She is 5'8" in height, weighs 140 pounds, and is a female Negro.

The passport application reflects that she planned to leave this country from New York City, New York, via BOAC, for travel of two weeks in England, this travel to commence 11/28/65 and for purposes of combined business and pleasure.

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- 3 - WFO
- 2 - Chicago
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She noted that she also planned to make subsequent foreign travel but there was no specific information concerning this. [ ] advised that she would be issued passport number [ ]

[ ] advised that there is no record at the USPO that DICK GREGORY has filed an application for a passport through this agency.

Noting the above, WFO, who received a copy of re airtel, is requested to check records of the USPO, Washington, D.C. concerning DICK GREGORY to ascertain if he is currently in possession of a valid U.S. passport or has secured one recently through a medium other than the USPO in Chicago. Pertinent information, if obtained, should be set forth in LHM form by WFO, utilizing also in such LHM pertinent portions of the above re [ ]

[ ] advised he will immediately bring to the attention of the Chicago Office any indication that DICK GREGORY has subsequently applied for a passport through the USPO here and in this event, Chicago will then submit appropriate LHM.





FBI

Date: 11/16/65

Transmit the following in PLAIN  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157- ) (RUC)

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 11/12/65.

Newark files contain no pertinent information  
identifiable with the Association to Advance Ethical  
Hypnosis or b6  
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2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
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Date: 11/17/65

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Holloman	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (RUC)

SUBJECT: <sup>①</sup> DICK GREGORY  
RM: *Racial Matters*  
(OO: CG)*Referred upon completion To The Office of Origin**Reference Bureau Airtel**New York*

ReBuairtel to Chicago and NY dated 11/12/65.

*New York Office*

The indices of the NYO, reviewed to date concerning comedian DICK GREGORY, failed to reflect any information concerning travel to Canada by GREGORY during the past year.

*Criminal**Top Echelon*

On 11/16/65, [redacted] a valuable source of the NYO, who must be fully protected, advised that

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The source further advised that GREGORY indicated to him privately that he would like to invite NYC Mayor-elect JOHN LINDSAY and (FNU) [redacted] of US Ambassador JOHN LODGE, to attend his Chicago press conference.

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2 - Chicago (157-347)  
1 - New York

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 11/18/65

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian is a known agitator and trouble maker; in the past he has been critical of the Director, FBI Agents and law enforcement in general. We received information from a source, whose reliability is unknown, that Gregory goes to Canada twice a month to meet a group of Chinese. To date, we have not been able to verify such travel. We have previously received such newspaper accounts that Gregory was contemplating running for Mayor of Chicago. We also previously received information that Gregory planned a trip to London. Legat London has been advised and instructed to alert pertinent sources. The Civil Rights Division, military authorities and the State Department have been apprised of the London trip.

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The source advised that in the past various newspapers have indicated that GREGORY was half serious about running for Mayor of Chicago; further, that the press conference of 11/23/65, is supposed to be the formal announcement of GREGORY's intentions.

The source advised that [REDACTED]

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Extreme caution must be exercised to protect the identity of the above informant, a highly valuable source, who could be readily identified in the event the above data is not also acquired from other sources.

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Date: 11/23/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI ;  
 FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)  
 SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS

ReCGairtel to BU, 11/9/65; BUairtel to CG, 11/12/65.

The following information concerning [redacted]  
 [redacted] Colfax, Washington, is contained in Seattle files:

On 4/7/48, [redacted] Colfax, Wash-  
 ington, advised this office that [redacted] South  
 [redacted] Colfax, Washington, "a Methodist Minister", is a  
 pacifist to the point where his sermons direct criticism a-  
 gainst universal military training, and he discourages any talk  
 concerning the international situation re Russia and the possi-  
 bilities of war. [redacted] stated also that the  
 young people under his guidance are being influenced by his  
 thinking to the point where they will become conscientious  
 objectors in the event of universal military training or  
 Selective Service.

In 1955, and 1966, this and other offices conducted  
 investigation in the case entitled "UNSUB, Theft of Green Piper  
 Tripacer Plane, #N845A, ITSMV; Miscellaneous, Civil Aeronautics  
 Act (BUfile 26-190080)." The serials in Seattle file reflect  
 that inconclusive investigation was conducted concerning the  
 alleged theft of above plane owned by [redacted] and it  
 apparently was not determined whether, in fact, it was stolen  
 or whether there was a conspiracy of some type between [redacted]

- 3 - Bureau (Reg.)  
 1 - Chicago (Info) (Reg.) (157-347)  
 1 - Newark (Info) (Reg.)  
 1 - New York (Info) (Reg.)  
 2 - Seattle

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[ ] and two other individuals to defraud an insurance company of \$4600.00. Serials in Seattle file do not contain any information reflecting on racial matters or having any relevance to this present matter.

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On 10/28/58, DONALD C. MC MANNIS, Whitman County, Washington, Prosecutor, advised this office that [ ] was, in MC MANNIS' opinion, a somewhat "shady character" who practices hypnotic medicine and has, for many years, allowed prostitutes and pimps to come to his office in Colfax. He advised also that a dope addict, [ ] had access to [ ] office and that he thought that [ ] could possibly be involved in transporting prostitutes to Idaho from Washington in a private plane that [ ] owns; however, he said he had no proof of this.

On 2/4/64, PHIL FARIS, Prosecuting Attorney of Whitman County, Colfax, Washington, advised that he had learned that [ ] a former Colfax resident and a frequent Colfax visitor, had recently been arrested in King County, Washington, on a possession of narcotics charge. He said it was his understanding that he had claimed that the large quantity of narcotics in his possession were obtained by prescription from [ ], a Colfax physician. He stated he also understood that when [ ] had been contacted, [ ] had vouched for the fact that he had prescribed for the narcotics in [ ] possession. FARIS said [ ] has been a suspect in narcotic traffic in Colfax for years and was generally of an unsavory reputation. He said [ ] has long associated with pimps, prostitutes, addicts and persons of questionable reputation for years.

It is noted also that in Seattle letter to Chicago, 10/29/65, it was mentioned that [ ] is presently awaiting a hearing in the State of Washington concerning his ethical and medical practices.

No inquiry has at this time been made concerning [ ] however, SA [ ] advised that during investigations in the Colfax area in the past, he has observed that individuals generally regard [ ] as "sort of a Robinhood", who has "loads of money" and will treat

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patients who are without funds for considerable periods of time. SA [ ] advised also that persons knowing [ ] have generally indicated that he has some unsavory friends, and appears to be unable to stay away from pimps, prostitutes and narcotic addicts.

No recontact of [ ] is contemplated by this office UACB.

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

1 - Mr. Wacks  
1 - Mr. Knickrehm

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

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[redacted] Colfax,  
Washington, has advised the Seattle Office that on October 16,  
1965, he met the subject, Dick Gregory, the well-known Negro  
comedian who has been active in civil rights work, at a  
nightclub in Chicago, Illinois, where Gregory was performing.  
[redacted] claims that in discussing the racial situation in the  
United States, Gregory told him that he goes to Canada once  
a month to meet with a group of Chinese men.

For your information [redacted] has been described  
as an associate of pimps, prostitutes, and narcotics addicts  
and he is presently awaiting a hearing in the State of  
Washington concerning his ethical and medical practices.

Inquiry by our New York and Chicago Offices has  
developed no information to substantiate the information  
furnished by [redacted]. It is desired that additional  
inquiry be made by you through your sources in Canada to  
determine if Canadian authorities are aware of any monthly  
visits of Gregory to Canada and, if so, the nature of his  
activities while in Canada. (C) (U)

1 - Chicago (157-347)

**NOTE:** Although inquiry by the Chicago and New York Offices  
has failed to develop any information to substantiate the  
report of [redacted] further inquiry by the Legat at Ottawa  
in an effort to run down this report is deemed appropriate. (C) (U)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review) (C) (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 12/8/65

FROM : Legat, London (157-99) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM

ReBulet 11/15/65. There are enclosed original and four copies of memorandum containing information concerning subject, made available [redacted]

[redacted] a confidential source of this office. [redacted] is T-1 in the enclosure. According to [redacted] subject returns to the U. S. 12/9/65.

As there are no further leads outstanding this case is being placed in RUC status, but will be reopened should additional information be received.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 5)
  - 1 - Liaison (sent direct)
  - 1 - London
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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

December 8, 1965

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on December 3, 1965, that subject, traveling on U. S. Passport E 500889, arrived in England at London Airport on November 28, 1965, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] While in England he has appeared in a few night clubs, and also, according to T-1, was to appear on British television on Sunday, December 5, 1965, on a panel show.

Subject did appear on television on the above date and was given the opportunity to again express his views on the civil rights issues in the United States. He made several statements indicating he thought the courts and jury system in the United States were stacked against Negroes, and himself in particular. He openly admitted on the television program that he was on bail from the United States and was to return to Chicago to face further charges. According to T-1, subject's bail in the United States expires on December 20, 1965.

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recommendations nor conclusions of  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/21/65

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-474) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

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*Not necessary to disseminate to Legats as Gregory has returned; Legat Bonn previously advised ASK*

ReCGairtel and LHM dated 11/9/65 and CGairtel dated 11/12/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 18 copies of an LHM on above captioned individual, including three copies each for the Legats at Bonn, Paris and London. Enclosed for the Chicago Office are two copies of LHM on GREGORY as well as a negative and six photographs of GREGORY. (U)

Review of the passport file at the Chicago Passport Office on [redacted] was set out in reCGairtel, 11/12/65.

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IC [redacted] reviewed the passport file on RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the Passport Office, Dept. of State, on 12/13/65.

- ② - Bureau (Encs. 18)
- 3 - Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 9) (RM)  
(1 - 157-[redacted])
- 2 - WFO  
(1 - 157-763) (RUC)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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[REDACTED]

On November 9, 1965, a representative of the FBI reviewed a passport application made by [REDACTED] at the United States Passport Office, Department of State, Chicago, Illinois, and noted that this individual had made application for a passport on the same date for two weeks travel to England via British Overseas Airline from New York, New York, on November 28, 1965, for the purpose of combined business and pleasure. [REDACTED] indicated that she planned subsequent foreign travel but furnished no specific information concerning her destinations. She stated in her application that she was born [REDACTED] presently resides at [REDACTED] Chicago, Illinois, with [REDACTED] and that they were married [REDACTED]. She furnished the following additional description of herself:

Race:	<u>Negro</u>
Height:	Five feet eight inches
Weight:	140
Occupation:	Housewife

It was determined that [REDACTED] would be issued Passport Number [REDACTED]

On December 13, 1965, a representative of the FBI reviewed the passport file at the Department of State on Richard Claxton Gregory and noted that he was issued Passport Number E500889 on June 12, 1964, at New York, New York, and that he had indicated his approximate departure date as June 14, 1964, via Air France for seven days to France, Germany, East Germany and Russia and the purpose of the trip was to attend the "World Peace Mission." Gregory indicated his permanent residence as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois, and furnished the following description of himself in his application dated June 12, 1964:

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Date of Birth:	October 12, 1932
Place of Birth:	St. Louis, Missouri
Height:	Five feet ten inches
Hair:	Black
Eyes:	Brown
Marks:	None
Occupation:	Entertainer
Parents:	<i>MR &amp; MRS</i> Presely Gregory, born 1898 in Tennessee Lucille Franklin, born 1904 in Missouri. <i>Gregory</i>

Gregory indicated in his application that he was married February 2, 1959 to [redacted] who was born on [redacted] and he also listed his wife as the person to be notified in the event of death or accident.

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Gregory's passport contained a restriction excluding travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

12/6/65

SAC, CHICAGO (157-717) (C)

DEMONSTRATIONS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
PROTESTING REHIRING OF SCHOOL SUPER-  
INTENDENT BENJAMIN C. WILLIS  
RACIAL MATTERS

DICK GREGORY

ReCG1hm dated October 27, 1965, and CGairtel dated  
June 18, 1965.

The Chicago Division, during November, 1965, has  
been in daily contact with representatives of the Human  
Relations Section, Chicago, Illinois, Police Department, for  
information relating to demonstrations by captioned group.  
Based on information received from these officers, as well  
as periodic spot checks by agents in the Chicago Division,  
it has been determined that the group ceased its demonstra-  
tions during the last days of October, 1965. No demonstra-  
tions were observed by the Chicago Division during November  
or December, 1965, and no information has been received from  
the Chicago Police Department which would indicate that there  
had been any such demonstrations during that period. In view  
of the foregoing, the Chicago Division is placing this case in  
a closed status.

It should be noted that CGairtel dated June 18,  
1965, contained a lead for the Chicago Division to follow  
the disposition of the arrests of comedian DICK GREGORY which  
occurred on June 8 and 11, 1965, in connection with captioned  
demonstrations.

[redacted], Corporations Counsel Office,  
City of Chicago, on December 2, 1965, advised SA [redacted]  
that GREGORY's trial date relating to his arrest on June 11,  
1965, has tentatively been set for December 20, 1965, and the  
trial date for the June 8, 1965, arrest has tentatively been  
set for January 10, 1966.

③-Bureau (RM)  
④1 - 157-4253)  
3-Chicago  
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The Chicago Division currently has a case pending relating to DICK GREGORY (CGfile 157-347; Eufile 157-4253). Dispositions relating to the above-mentioned arrests will be obtained and the results will be furnished to the Bureau under the "DICK GREGORY" caption.

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Date: 12/23/65

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM relating to captioned individual. Chicago Division will maintain contact with the Human Relations Section, Chicago Police Department for pertinent information relating to GREGORY's activities, which will be furnished the Bureau.

3 - Bureau (Encl. **ENCLOSURE**)  
3 - Chicago  
1 - 157-413  
1 - 100-11329

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 23, 1965

DICK GREGORY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

The "Chicago Daily News", a daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, dated December 21, 1965, carried an article captioned "200 to Aid Gregory's Campaign".

This article in summary states that Dick Gregory, the Negro entertainer who plans to run against Mayor Richard J. Daley in 1967, said that 200 civil rights workers will invade Chicago from June 15 through August 15, 1966, to help in his election campaign.

The workers, according to the article, were to be furnished by the National Headquarters of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). These individuals will register voters as well as plug Gregory's candidacy. In return for their services Gregory has agreed to pay CORE \$40,000, enough to pay each worker \$25 a week for 8 weeks.

James Farmer, National Director of CORE, said in New York that the Chicago bound task force will be an unprecedented effort to register voters in city Negro ghettos. Farmer added that the short range goal was to help elect Mr. Gregory but that this voter registration has long range implications which extend far beyond this campaign. Farmer stated he regarded the political education of city Negroes, starting with voter registration, as a must if the civil rights movement is to succeed in the north. Farmer added that the CORE representatives assisting in the Gregory campaign would live with families in the Chicago area without charge.

The article in conclusion states that Gregory, who plans to run as an independent stated that his biggest

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problem is to get his name on the ballot. In order to do this he indicated he would need more than 60,000 names of registered, independent voters on his nominating petitions.

Officer [redacted] Human Relations Section, Chicago Police Department, on December 22, 1965, advised that his department had no further information relating to this matter and that the only knowledge of this proposed voters registration known to his department was that which appeared in the local newspapers.

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Legat, Ottawa

January 19, 1966

Director, FBI (100-440423)

1 - Mr. Wacks  
1 - Mr. Knickrehm

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**, also known as  
**DICK GREGORY**  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBulet 12/9/65.

In connection with the inquiry being made through [redacted] to determine if [redacted] are aware of any monthly visits of Gregory [redacted] information has been received from an informant that Gregory is believed to have departed New York City for Vancouver, British Columbia, on January 16, 1966, for approximately two weeks. The purpose of his trip was not known to the informant. b7D

Efforts should be made [redacted] to verify Gregory's visit to Vancouver and to ascertain the purpose.

The Bureau should be promptly advised of the results of the inquiry as soon as they are received by you from [redacted]

NOTE:

Gregory is the Negro comedian who has been active in civil rights work. Legat Ottawa is making inquiry through [redacted] as to whether or not [redacted] are aware of any monthly visits of Gregory [redacted] and if so, the nature of his activities while [redacted]. The inquiry was initiated by the Bureau in view of information received from one [redacted] Washington, who informed our Seattle Office on [redacted] that [redacted]

[redacted] was described as a person of poor reputation but it was deemed appropriate that his information be checked out.

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

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TO DIRECTOR, NEW ORLEANS (173-201), SEATTLE  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE BUREAU LETTER TO LEGAT, OTTAWA, DECEMBER NINE LAST; NEW YORK  
TEL TO BUREAU JANUARY SEVENTEEN LAST, CAPTIONED "RACIAL SITUATION  
BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA; RM"; AND CHICAGO PHONE CALL TO SEATTLE JANUARY  
NINETEEN INSTANT. (U)

INVESTIGATION CHICAGO O'HARE FIELD REFLECTS GREGORY HURRIEDLY  
BOARDED UAL FLIGHT ONE FOUR SIX TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, THIS DATE.  
DUE SEATTLE THREE PM, PCT. GREGORY BELIEVED ACCOMPANIED BY NEGRO FEMALE  
[REDACTED] AND NEGRO MALE [REDACTED] WHO BOARDER SAME FLIGHT. GREGORY  
ADVISED TICKET CLERK HE INTENDED CONTINUING TO VANCOUVER, BRITISH  
COLUMBIA. NATURE AND PURPOSE OF TRIP UNKNOWN.

SEATTLE ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE PURPOSE OF TRIP. ADVISE NEW ORLEANS  
RE ANY INFORMATION INDICATING TRAVEL TO BOGALUSA.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, CHICAGO /157-347/

FROM SAC, SEATTLE /157-511/

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU TODAY.

GREGORY ARRIVED SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, UNKNOWN FLIGHT,

THIS PM, DEPARTED TWO TWENTYFIVE PM PST VIA UAL FLIGHT

SEVEN EIGHT SEVEN TO VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA. UAL

RECORDS SHOW

[REDACTED]

BOOKED

ON SAME FLIGHT.

THE PROVINCE, A VANCOUVER, B.C. NEWSPAPER, INDICATES  
GREGORY OPENING TODAY FOR TEN DAY APPEARANCE AT THE CAVE  
THEATRE RESTAURANT, VANCOUVER, B.C. WILL ADVISE OF ANY OTHER  
ACTIVITY AND ENDEAVOR TO DETERMINE FUTURE ITINERARY.

NO ADVISED BY MAIL.

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Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
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Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. Wick	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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Date: 1/20/66

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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ReNYairtel and LHM dated 1/18/66.

In an effort to clarify the information contained in referenced LHM, [redacted] was recontacted on 1/20/66. Informant advised he was not in a position to talk to GREGORY at this time, but did contact an associate of GREGORY's named [redacted] advised the informant that [redacted]

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[redacted] added that it was his belief that GREGORY had filed suit in Dade County, Illinois, against certain Illinois state and city judges. GREGORY is claiming that the judges are holding office illegally inasmuch as they were not included in the one man, one vote, ruling of the Supreme Court. (U)

Informant further advised that he is not sure of the correct spelling of one [redacted] referred to in referenced LHM. However, informant added that GREGORY definitely referred to this individual as [redacted]

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In view of GREGORY's history of embellishing facts and making outlandish statements which are later proved false, no further action is being contemplated by the NYO at this time.

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2-Chicago (RM)  
2-San Francisco (RM)  
1-[redacted] (43)  
1-NY 157-1093 (43)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Mr. Wick \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual. Enclosed for Chicago and San Francisco is one copy each of the same LHM.

The confidential source utilized was [redacted] and the information was provided to SA JOHN E. WESTHOFF on 1/4/66 and 1/18/66. (C) (U)

It is to be noted that source could not evaluate or substantiate the validity of GREGORY's statements or the current timeliness of his alleged plans. Informant added that GREGORY has a tendency to embellish facts and circumstances. (C) (U)

This LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" inasmuch as it contains information from an informant of continuing value, revelation of which could have an adverse effect on the national defense interests of this country.

3-Bureau (Encls. 8) (RM)  
2-Chicago (Encl. 1) (RM)  
2-San Francisco (Encl. 1) (RM)  
2-New York  
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Special Agent in Charge

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 1-20-66

Dick Gregory is the Negro comedian who has been active in the Civil Rights Movement and who according to recent stories in the Chicago press is entering the political field and may run for the office of Mayor in Chicago. Reapportionment mentioned in attached may be in reference to the question of reapportionment of various Congressional districts. According to Bureau files, [redacted]

an expose of organized crime in Las Vegas, Nevada authored by [redacted]

[redacted] There is no record of an [redacted] in Bureau files. b6 b7C

The New York Office has been instructed to attempt to clarify and ascertain the significance of this information after which appropriate dissemination will be considered.

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Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_

Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_

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File No.

New York 157-1093

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
January 18, 1966

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Dick Gregory  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory had planned to send a telegram to President Johnson, Justice Earl Warren and Attorney General Katzenbach announcing his intention to sue the Government concerning reapportionment. This same source advised that Gregory said that one [redacted] who is the [redacted] had evidence on seven Supreme Court judges that could get them suspended. For this evidence, [redacted] wanted \$5,000.00 in advance and \$1,000.00 travel expenses to come from San Francisco.

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Mr. Trotter	
Mr. Tele. Room	✓
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FBI CHICAGO

133 PM CST URGENT 1-26-66 CRA

TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

CITY NEWS BUREAU, CHICAGO, THIS DATE ADVISED PRESS RELEASE  
RECEIVED JANUARY TWENTY SIX, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX, FROM SHERMAN  
SKOLNICK, CHICAGO, IN BEHALF OF , NEW YORK CITY,   
 FOR DICK GREGORY, STATING GREGORY SENT TELEGRAM TO ATTORNEY  
GENERAL JANUARY TWENTY SIX INSTANT REQUESTING INVESTIGATION AND  
PROSECUTION OF US DISTRICT COURT CLERK ALBERT A. WAGNER, CHICAGO,  
CHARGING WAGNER WITH TAMPERING WITH SUMMONS AND OBSTRUCTION OF  
JUSTICE IN REAPPORTIONMENT SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT. GREGORY AND  
SKOLNICK STATE CLERK ALTERED DATES ON SUMMONS MAKING IT IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR US MARSHAL TO SERVE SUMMONS IN VIOLATION TWO SECTIONS US CODE.  
SUIT CHARGES AUSA  <sup>ASSISTANT U.S. ATTORNEY</sup> AIDED CLERK WAGNER IN THIS MATTER. CHICAGO  
FILES CONTAIN NO PERTINENT INFORMATION RE SHERMAN SKOLNICK. TO JAN 28 1966

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MR. DELCASH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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ADVISES GREGORY CURRENTLY KEEPING NIGHT CLUB ENGAGEMENT,  
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF ANY  
ADDITIONAL PERTINENT INFORMATION RECEIVED.

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*cc Mr. Sullivan*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 1/31/66

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re Chicago letter dated 12/6/65 captioned "DEMONSTRATIONS, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, PROTESTING RE-HIRING OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BENJAMIN C. WILLIS, RACIAL MATTERS."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned individual. This letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes and is not being disseminated locally.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow the trials of subject relating to his June 11 and June 28, 1965 arrests.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago
- 1 - 157-413

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date 2-5-66

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
January 31, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

[redacted] Corporations Counsel, City of Chicago, on January 12, 1966, advised that the trial of comedian Dick Gregory relating to his arrest on June 8, 1965, as a result of a sit-in at the Chicago Board of Education in Chicago, Illinois, began on January 10, 1966, and as of January 12, 1966, was still in session. [redacted] stated that Gregory's trial relating to his June 11, 1965 arrest for assault and battery in connection with anti-School Superintendent Willis demonstrations was still pending and no trial date had been set. [redacted] added that Gregory's trial relating to his June 28, 1965 arrest in Chicago also as a result of the anti-Willis demonstrations, is also pending and the trial date is being continued on a day-to-day basis.

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The "Chicago American", a Chicago daily newspaper, 3 Star Final, for January 14, 1966, carries an article relating to the trial of Dick Gregory for his June 8, 1965 arrest. This article in summary states that a criminal court jury in Chicago, after four hours of deliberation, was unable to reach a decision in this case. The article indicated Gregory was acquitted on the disorderly conduct charge but that the jury failed to agree on a verdict relating to the loitering charges against Gregory. The article stated that Gregory and others were arrested last summer in front of the Board of Education Building, 165 West Wacker Drive, in Chicago, Illinois, while protesting the re-hiring of Chicago Superintendent of Schools Benjamin C. Willis. Gregory at the trial, testified he was kneeling in prayer when police seized him and led them to their squadrol. The city prosecutor stated Gregory resisted

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

arrest and had to be carried from the walk to the squadrol.

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1/26/66

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

We have not received any request from the Department for Obstruction of Justice investigation or Administrative Inquiry concerning alleged actions as indicated herein of U. S. District Court Clerk Wagne<sup>b6</sup> or Assistant U. S. Attorney <sup>b7C</sup> Chicago. In the absence of a request from the Department, no investigation is being conducted. You will be advised before any action is taken, should such request be received.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

6:20 PM PST URGENT 2/5/66 DKT

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423); CHICAGO (157-347); MIAMI; LOS ANGELES  
FROM: SEATTLE (157-511)

TELETYPE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTERS.

RECGTEL TO BUREAU AND SEATTLE JANUARY NINETEEN LAST.

GREGORY'S ENGAGEMENT IN SEATTLE ENDS TONIGHT. GREGORY  
HAS STATED WILL GO TO MIAMI FOR ONE DAY PERFORMANCE, THEN  
MONTREAL AND NEW YORK. NO AIRLINES RESERVATION HERE IN GREGORY'S  
NAME. SEATTLE WILL ADVISE BY TEL IF SAME DETERMINED. [REDACTED]  
GREGORY'S ASSOCIATE, DEPARTED FOR CHICAGO, VIA UAL, NOON YESTERDAY.  
NO INFORMATION RE ITINERARY OF GREGORY'S ASSOCIATE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GREGORY BOOKED FOR SEATTLE PERFORMANCE LAST SEPTEMBER  
BY ASSOCIATED BOOKING CORP., BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF., AN  
AFFILIATE OF AMERICAN GUILD OF VARIETY ARTISTS. GUILD HEAD-  
QUARTERS AT FIVE FIVE ONE FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK, AND BRANCHES IN  
SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND LAS VEGAS. LOS ANGELES AND MIAMI  
DETERMINE FUTURE ITINERARY. RETEL REQUESTED PURPOSE OF GREGORY'S  
TRIP BE DETERMINED AND NEW ORLEANS BE ADVISED IF ANY INFO RECEIVED  
INDICATED TRAVEL TO BOGALUSA. NY, SF, AND NO ADVISED BY AIRMAIL.  
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406 PM PST URGENT 2-6-66 KNY

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), CHICAGO (157-347) AND MIAMI  
FROM SEATTLE (157-511)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTERS.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY STILL IN SEATTLE. HAS PUBLICLY  
ANNOUNCED WILL PARTICIPATE IN "FISH-IN" WITH INDIANS ON  
NISAULY RIVER WHERE INDIANS HAVE IN PAST HELD FISH-INS IN  
CONTINUING DISPUTE WITH STATE OF WASHINGTON OVER TRIBAL FISHING  
RIGHTS CLAIMED BY TREATY. [REDACTED] ADVISED GREGORY  
CLAIMS TO HAVE CANCELLED ALL ENGAGEMENTS TO TAKE PART IN FISH-  
IN, HOPING TO GET ARRESTED. STATE OFFICIALS ADVISED RE FISH-IN

LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW ORLEANS ADVISED  
BY MAIL. AIRTEL FOLLOWS.

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DATE OF REVIEW 2-6-96

Date: January 29, 1966

To: Director, FBI

(Bufile : 100-440423 )

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Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

( 157-14 )

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka.	Character RACIAL MATTERS Reference Bulet - 1/19/66
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Enclosed are the following communications received from [ ]

Original and two copies [ ] letter of 1/26/66, with enclosures;  
 one copy of newspaper clipping from 1/27/66 issue of Toronto,

Remarks: Canada "Globe and Mail" re Subject's visit to Vancouver, B.C.

## Dissemination

- ☐ May be made as received.  
☒ May be made as indicated by stamp on enclosure  
☐ May not be made without further clearance with [ ]

Following offices would be interested in receiving copies of enclosures:

Chicago (157-347)

Status with this office:

- ☐ RUC  
☒ Pending

3- Bureau (Encs.  
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2- Racial Unit

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HE DOESN'T EAT WITH HIS EARS

# Equality No Joke for Gregory



DICK GREGORY

... Jailed 50 times

By DAYE ABLETT

Stand-up comedian Dick Gregory reached across a slice of ham and picked up a devilled egg.

"Just because I've got thick lips and nappy hair doesn't mean I eat steak by stuffing it in my ear," he said.

The line, the kind expected of the Negro comedian, would have drawn laughs in a nightclub.

Only nobody laughed because Gregory was deadly serious.

He was not seeking laughs as he talked to reporters Wednesday afternoon about the Negro revolution in America and his part in it. He would seek the laughs later on stage at the Cave.

Gregory would not have eaten the steak if he had it.

... he is a vegetarian and is as committed to it as he is to non-violence, Negro equality and America. That is why he passed up the ham and went for the egg.

Being a Negro doesn't stop a man from being drafted or dying in Viet Nam, he said, but nor does it force a man to kill.

"If I were drafted and sent to the front line, I'd go on only one condition ... that I didn't have to carry a gun," said Gregory.

"America is worth dying for but it's not worth killing for."

Gregory has been to jail 50 times by his own count for taking part in demonstrations in cities ranging

Watts County; Los Angeles last summer.

He estimates he has thrown \$2 million of his own money into the civil rights movement in the last four years.

And he plans to run as an independent for the Chicago mayoralty in 1967 because he figures the racial lid is about to blow off there.

Gregory is serious about running and serious about winning because he believes he can get 90 per cent of the Negro vote — he doesn't count on the other 10 per cent "because there are some Negroes in Chicago who voted for Goldwater last year" — and 30 per cent of the white vote, and that should be enough.

Gregory's message is basic.

"The richest white man is the same as the dumbest,

most ignorant Negro," he said. "They both eat the same way.

"They breathe the same way. In fact, if I was a white man I'd be mad because Negroes have wider noses. They can get more air."

But in present-day America the Negro is not accepted as equal, he said.

"I want to be judged as a man under the Constitution of the United States," he said. "Not under the Civil Rights Bill of 1965.

"But we will solve the problem in five years or it will solve us," he said.

America as it is now will cease to exist, he added.

The answer as Gregory sees it is simple.

Issue of JAN 20 1965



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2-7-66

1 - Mr. Knickrehm

Airtel

To: SACS Chicago  
Los Angeles  
Miami  
Seattle

From: Director, FBI

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReSetel to Director 2-5-66.

The checking of Gregory's itinerary may be discontinued. Therefore, Los Angeles and Miami may disregard leads set forth in retel. You should, of course, be alert to any information indicating that Gregory is going to participate in any civil rights activity and advise the Bureau by appropriate communication.

NOTE:

The New Orleans Office received information on 1-14-66 that Gregory was considering going to Bogalusa, Louisiana, in the near future to participate in civil rights demonstrations. The Chicago Office was requested to ascertain Gregory's itinerary. Chicago determined that Gregory left Chicago, Illinois, for Seattle, Washington, on 1-19-66 and requested Seattle ascertain Gregory's purpose there and his subsequent itinerary. Inasmuch as Seattle advised that Gregory was fulfilling an entertainment commitment in Seattle there is no purpose in continuing to ascertain his future itinerary.

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FBI SEATTLE

9-31PM PST URGENT 2-7-66 FMT  
TO DIRECTOR /100-440423/ AND CHICAGO /157-347/  
FROM SEATTLE /157-511/ 1 PG

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

AIRPORT SECURITY, SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
ADVISED GREGORY DID NOT DEPART ON FLIGHT ONE FIVE FOUR UAL  
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE SIX TWENTY PM INSTANT. GREGORY NOW HAS  
BOOKED RESERVATION UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE FIVE EIGHT DE-  
PARTING SEATTLE ONE AM TOMORROW ARRIVING CHICAGO SIX TWENTY-  
FIVE AM.

LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, MIAMI, AND NEW ORLEANS  
ADVISED BY AM.

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cc: Racial Unit

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FBI SEATTLE

301 PM PST URGENT 2/7/66 JAT

TO DIRECTOR /100-440423/ AND CHICAGO /157-347/

FROM SEATTLE /157-511/ 1 PG

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

AIRPORT SECURITY, SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT,  
ADVISED GREGORY BOOKED RESERVATION UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT  
ONE FIVE FOUR DEPARTING SEATTLE SIX TWENTY PM ARRIVING CHICAGO  
ELEVEN FORTYFIVE PM TODAY. SUBSEQUENT ITINERY UNKNOWN.  
LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, SAN FRANCISCO, MIAMI, AND NEW ORLEANS  
ADVISED BY MAIL.

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Date: 2/7/66

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Seattle teletype to Director, 2/5/66, and  
Chicago teletype to Bureau and Seattle, 1/19/66.

Referenced Seattle tel advised GREGORY's engagement  
in Seattle ended 2/5/66, at which time he allegedly would  
go to Miami for one-day performance and subsequently to  
Montreal and New York. His associate [redacted] departed  
for Chicago via UAL, noon, 2/4/66.

For the information of the Bureau and New Orleans  
the following bookings were obtained from [redacted]  
[redacted] Associated Booking Corporation, Beverly Hills,  
California, on 2/7/66, and she advised that DICK GREGORY is  
booked for a series of personal appearances through 7/30/66  
and thus far has given no indication that he plans to cancel  
any of his engagements.

[redacted] furnished the following itinerary  
for GREGORY, noting that some of the dates are tentative and  
subject to be changed or cancelled at the last moment:

2/11 and 12/66

The Village Gate  
New York City, New York

- 3 - Bureau (AM) (RM) REC-22  
1 - Chicago (AMR)  
1 - Miami (AMR)  
1 - Seattle (157-511) (AMR)  
1 - Jackson (AMR)  
1 - New Orleans (AMR)  
1 - Los Angeles

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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LA 100-64492

2/18/66

One nighter, name of  
club unknown,  
Williamsport, Pennsylvania

2/25/66

(Tentative)  
One nighter, name of club  
unknown, Waterville, Maine

2/26/66

(Tentative)  
One nighter, name of  
club unknown, Clinton,  
New York

2/27/66

(Tentative)  
Scheduled for appearances at  
unknown clubs in Rochester,  
New York and Montreal,  
Canada.

3/3-6/66

Leo's Casino  
Cleveland, Ohio

3/13/66

One nighter at unknown  
club, Detroit, Michigan

3/27/66

Hollywood Palladium  
Hollywood, California

4/15,16,22,  
23,29,30/66

Village Gate  
New York City, New York

May, 1966

No bookings with Associated  
Booking Corporation  
scheduled.

June and  
July, 1966

June 27th - July 30, 1966  
Hungry I  
San Francisco, California

It should be noted that no bookings were listed for  
Bogalusa, Louisiana.

FBI

Date: 1/28/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (-P-)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: CG

ReCGtel to Bureau, NO and SE, 1/18/66.

A copy of retel is being furnished San Francisco for its future use in the event GREGORY appears at the "hungary i", as indicated.

Subject has been playing at "The Cave" nightclub, Vancouver, B.C., past week, to finish January 29. He is reportedly booked at Edgewater Inn, Seattle, January 31 through 2/5/66, and is expected to leave Vancouver, January 30. He is believed to be booked into "hungary i" in San Francisco after Seattle engagement.

Subject registered in Georgia Hotel, Vancouver, in Room 606 as DICK GREGORY with [redacted] Chicago. Registered in Room 605 at same time is [redacted] Chicago. Registered in Room 608 on January 26 with bills charged to GREGORY is a [redacted] Chicago. Informants believe he is white and all others are Negro.

Numerous long-distance phone calls made, some charged to hotel bill and others on Gregory's Telephone Credit Card No. #3240934098. These calls listed on separate page.

- 3 - Bureau (REG)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (REG)
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SUBJECT: \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] has advised that subject and male and female Negro associate together at the Cave, but the other two are not part of the show. He believes woman's name is [ ] and man's name [ ]. She is light-skinned with freckles and spots on her face, in her late 30's. [ ] is short with unusual shaped head and dark skinned.

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Subject has been interviewed on television and the press and the customers of the Cave during his show are staying away in droves.

This informant advised he understands subject made derogatory remarks regarding the FBI and HOOVER, details set out hereafter from a different source. [ ] did not actually hear these particular remarks, but did hear other references in one or two shows regarding subject's being pursued by police and FBI for narcotics.

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One skit claims two policemen knocked on his door with search warrant for drugs. He pushed the little box of dope under the door and told them their search warrant was now no good and then called the FBI and told them two policemen were at the door trying to sell him dope. Another skit pertained to FBI hiding in the bushes trying to catch him with the little box of marijuana.

Confidential source [ ] employed at the Cave, advised subject has a hatred of whites in general and also of the FBI and Mr. HOOVER. He has referred to the FBI on occasion in his skits, but not in each show. However, in one show he stated how he did not like HOOVER, and that "HOOVER is a goddamn bastard and nothing but a homosexual and a close friend of WALTER JENKINS." This source has also heard other references to Agents hiding in the bushes to catch him with his little box, but he is too cozy to be caught.

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[ ] advised he has made references to "LBJ" and Vietnam in a derogatory manner, without specifics, except he did state, "LBJ has guts enough to stand on the White House lawn to show his operation--its a good thing he was not operated on for hernia."

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[ ] advised he is drawing extremely poor crowds.

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He furnished similar data regarding the two people with him and advised that two white men arrived later this week.

He believes the woman and Negro male with GREGORY could be on narcotics because of their actions, but has no knowledge of any reason they are with him in Vancouver. None of the crowd go to the usual after-hours spots, but all go to their hotel after the shows.

Discreet investigation will continue at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle. Record of calls listed on attached sheet are being left to discretion of Chicago as to further investigation desired.

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LONG-DISTANCE CALLS

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Charged to Room 605:

<u>Made by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Directed To</u>	<u>City &amp; Number</u>
<div></div>	1/23/66	<div></div>	Chicago, <div></div>
		(toll - \$17.35)	
	1/24/66	Anyone	Chicago, <div></div>
		(toll - \$21.05)	

Charged to Room 606:

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GREGORY	1/19/66	Anyone	Chicago, <div></div>
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GREGORY	1/20/66	Anyone	New York, <div></div>
GREGORY	1/22/66	Anyone	Chicago, <div></div>
GREGORY	1/22/66	<div></div>	New York, <div></div>
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GREGORY	1/23/66		Chicago, <div></div>
GREGORY	1/24/66		FARMER
GREGORY	1/25/66	Anyone	Chicago, <div></div>

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GREGORY	1/25/66	Anyone	Chicago, [redacted]
From SHERMAN and SKOLNIK	1/25/66	Collect Call	Chicago, [redacted]
GREGORY	1/26/66	SKOLNIK	Chicago, [redacted]
GREGORY	1/26/66	[redacted]	New York, [redacted]
GREGORY	1/27/66	[redacted]	Portland, [redacted]
GREGORY	1/27/66	[redacted]	New York, [redacted]

## Calls charged to GREGORY's Credit Card:

<u>Made by</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Toll</u>	<u>City &amp; Number</u>
Room 608	1/26/66	Anyone	\$13.55	Chicago, [redacted]
	1/27/66	[redacted]	7.40	Washington (possibly D.C.) [redacted]
	1/27/66	Anyone	7.30	Washington [redacted]
	1/27/66	[redacted]	4.10	San Francisco, [redacted]
	1/28/66	Anyone	11.75	Chicago, [redacted]
Collect From Chicago	1/28/66		None	Chicago, [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Seattle airtel, 1/28/66.

Inasmuch as referenced airtel contained derogatory statements made by comedian DICK GREGORY in Vancouver, B.C., [redacted] of SA CASTELLOW of this office, together with her sister and brother-in-law, [redacted] attended the 9:00 PM performance of GREGORY's show at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, Washington on February 2, 1966 to determine whether or not GREGORY would make similar remarks in this country. They advised that GREGORY made no comments concerning the FBI or Director HOOVER, although he did make numerous belittling remarks concerning the President.

A copy of typewritten notes furnished by [redacted] is being enclosed to the Office of Origin for whatever purpose it may serve. It is noted that GREGORY indicated he had written a book entitled "Nigger" and that he would like to see this book in every home in America. It is also noted that GREGORY appears to be in the habit of bringing a drink of whiskey on stage with him and that he sips it during his act. The last paragraph of these notes is opinion:

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"GREGORY is bitter, vindictive, malicious, but above all there's this feeling of triumph because white people come and pay to see him....and be insulted. He's intelligent and clever, but his egotism is stronger than his mind."

[redacted] Secretary to the [redacted] Edgewater Inn, Pier 67, Seattle, Washington, on February 4, 1966, made available to this office a copy of the contract between the Edgewater Inn and the Associated Booking Corp., 9477 Brighton Way, Beverly Hills, California, which agreement was made on September 28, 1965. It is noted that this contract, a copy of which is also being furnished to the Office of Origin, indicates that GREGORY received \$5,000.00 plus a gratis suite of rooms, for his performance there for six nights.

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[redacted] stated that GREGORY caused no disturbances of any kind while at the Edgewater Inn, but she did note that there was much discussion pro and con concerning GREGORY's appearance there and that numerous persons had complained about the type of material he was presenting. She said they had also received several letters criticizing the Inn for having booked GREGORY.

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[redacted] (Protect) on February 7, 1966 furnished this office pages 5 and 6 of the February 2, 1966 issue of "the peak", a campus publication of the Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada, which contained an article captioned "no massa, I don't wanna sit in the back of the bus", purporting to reflect the results of an interview of GREGORY by Dr. BOTTOMORE, of the P.S.A. Department. The original of this page is being furnished the office of origin and a copy is being furnished the Bureau (S) (U)

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No information has come to the attention of this office concerning GREGORY's subsequent itinerary, however, it is noted that he departed Seattle on February 8, 1966, as set out in Seattle teletype February 7, 1966. Prior to departure, he was quoted by various news media as stating that he would again return to the State of Washington with [redacted] to participate in "fish-ins" with Indians on the Nisqually River, near Olympia, Washington. GREGORY's attending a "fish-in" has been characterized as a publicity stunt in news articles which are being furnished the Bureau and Office of Origin.

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Pages 5 and 6 of 2/2/66 issue of "the peak" containing article  
captioned "no massa, I don't wanna sit in the back  
of the bus"

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
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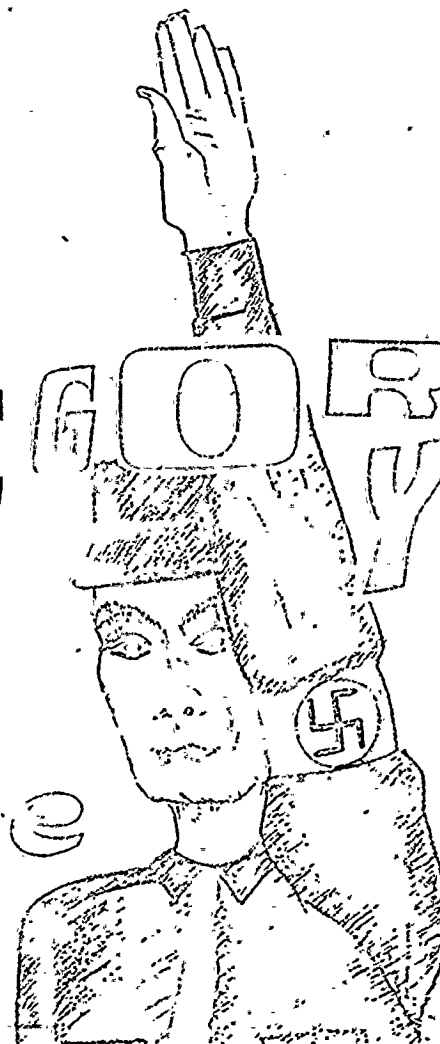
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THE  
GREGORY  
BIRCH  
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# I don't wanna sit in the back of the bus

In conjunction with a Student executive Council sponsored luncheon and tour of the University, the "PEAK" arranged an interview with Dick Gregory and Dr. Bottomore. Dr. Bottomore, head of the P.S.A. dept., who is just having a book on classes published in the States, had a number of pertinent questions to put to Gregory.

Gregory, one of the most controversial comedians on the American night club scene, has participated in boycotts, sit-ins, stall-ins, marches and Freedom Rides throughout the United States. He is credited in "Playboy" as becoming the first negro comedian to break into the big leagues of show business and the only entertainer of any color to commit his fame and fortune - even his physical well-being - to the cause of racial equality.

Dr. Bottomore: I'm interested in Marxism and Classism. I don't know the United States well, but the Negro revolt seems to me to be one of the most hopeful things happening in America. What do you think will be the outcome of it?

Gregory: I can't see anything but mass destruction. Demonstrations wake up people, but they don't solve the problem. What's happening in America it seems to me is that we give an examination and find out that there's cancer, but the doctor keeps telling us it's a headache, which is what you want to hear, but you are gonna die.



the same pattern as tornadoes and earthquakes. You never know how much they're going to destroy. America would be better off with 20 people in 20 different cities. Then they would have somebody to blame it on. The white man in the South is honest, but in the North he lies. In the South the Negro has learned to live with it. The northern Negro is bothered by the South. He sees his southern brother standing there being lynched.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: CHICAGO

With regard to previous communications and news articles submitted regarding GREGORY's "fish-in", "The Seattle Times", Tuesday, February 15, 1966, contained an article entitled, "Dick Gregory Goes to Jail for Fishing" which states:

"Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, was jailed here today on two counts of illegal net fishing on the Nisqually River.

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"Gregory, a candidate for Chicago mayor and an active civil-rights worker, said he would go to jail rather than pay the \$2,000 bail set by Thurston County Superior Court Judge Hewitt Henry.

"A warrant for Gregory's arrest was issued after he went fishing with three Indians on the Nisqually River yesterday. He netted one steelhead."

The Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

DIRECTOR, FBI

2/11/66

SAC, CHICAGO (157-673) (RUC)

RACIAL SITUATION, BOGALUSA, LOUISIANA  
RM  
O.O. New Orleans

Re New Orleans teletype to Director, 1/14/66;  
Los Angeles teletype to Director, 1/15/66; Chicago teletypes  
to Director, 1/15/66 and 1/19/66; New York teletype to  
Director, 1/17/66; Butel to Chicago, 2/7/66, captioned RICEARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY, RM (cc Los Angeles, Miami and Seattle).

Referenced Bureau teletype, 2/7/66, advised indicated  
offices to discontinue checking GREGORY's itinerary. However,  
indicated offices are to remain alert for any information  
indicating that GREGORY is going to participate in any civil  
rights activity and advise the Bureau by appropriate communi-  
cation.

In view of the above, Chicago is conducting no  
further investigation relating to GREGORY's alleged future  
appearance in Bogalusa. Chicago will remain alert for any  
information indicating participation in civil rights  
activity on GREGORY's part.

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To: SAC, Seattle (157-511)

From: Director, FBI

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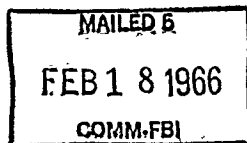
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Immediately advise whether Gregory presently incarcerated and if not was he released on bond. By return airtel submit the above requested information and details concerning his arrest in letterhead memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE:

Seattle advised by airtel 2-15-66 that Dick Gregory Negro comedian was jailed in Seattle, Washington on two counts of illegal net fishing on the Nisqually River. Gregory had been conducting a fish-in with the Indians on the Nisqually River where the Indians have in the past held fish-ins in a continuing dispute with the State of Washington over tribal fishing rights claimed by treaty. Seattle is being instructed to furnish a letterhead memorandum concerning this fish-in and Gregory's subsequent arrest.

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423)

Att.: ~~Civil Rights Section~~  
General Investigative Division

From: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (-P-)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum, for the Bureau, and for Chicago, two (2) copies of a LHM in captioned matter

A copy of the LHM has been furnished locally by FD-342 to the U.S. Secret Service, the United States Attorney, INTC, ONI, and OSI.

The affected state, county and local authorities are following these "fish-ins" and GREGORY's activities on a continuous basis and this office is not contacting such authorities to advise them of developments which this office obtains from newspapers. This matter is also widely publicized by t.v. and radio.

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The Bureau will be kept informed regarding developments in this matter.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington  
February 21, 1966

  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"A warrant for GREGORY's arrest was issued after he went fishing with three Indians on the Nisqually River yesterday. He netted one steelhead."

The "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" (PI), a daily newspaper published in Seattle, Washington, on February 16, 1966, contained an article entitled, "GREGORY Denies Guilt in Net-Fishing Case", which states:

"Comedian DICK GREGORY and his wife both pleaded not guilty to charges of illegally fishing with a set net in their arraignment at Thurston County Superior Court Tuesday.

"Judge HEWITT HENRY set a trial date for the pair for the week of May 23.

"Bail was also reduced to \$500 each by Judge HENRY. Original bail had been \$2,000 for each.

"Despite the reduction, GREGORY and his wife decided to remain in jail, at least overnight.

*Clark* "The reduction was made after GREGORY's attorney, JAMES McIVER, argued that the comedian's record of court trials showed he had always returned to stand trial in court cases concerning civil rights in which the comedian was involved.

"Thurston County Assistant Prosecution Attorney JEROME L. BUZZARD said there was no guarantee that GREGORY and his wife would return to stand trial.

"Who knows what his interests will be six months from now--he might be in Selma, Ala., with more serious trouble," BUZZARD said.

"After the arraignment, GREGORY told newsmen he did not know how long he would stay in jail. 'I plan to sleep on that' decision, he said."

The "Seattle P-I" on February 17, 1966, contained an article entitled, "Indians: 'GREGORY Hurts Cause'", which states in part:

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"The chairman of the Nisqually Tribal Council said Wednesday the Nisqually Indians did not ask Negro comedian DICK GREGORY to help them and do not like what he has done in embracing their cause.

"He is trying to turn this into a civil rights issue," said ELMER KALAMA of Yelm. "We are not fighting for civil rights. We have our civil rights. We can vote and do anything any other citizen can do.

"We are fighting for our fishing rights and he is hurting our cause."

"KALAMA said he would be just as happy if GREGORY would go back to Chicago and resume his campaign for mayor of the Windy City."

"The Seattle Daily Times" on February 17, 1966, contained an article entitled, "DICK GREGORY Leaves Jail; Wife Stays", which states in part that ELMER KALAMA, Yelm, Washington, the Chairman of the Nisqually Tribal Council, said yesterday that most "of the Indians who fished with the GREGORYs aren't members of the Nisqually Tribe. He said he has asked his people to fish on their reservation until the dispute is settled in court.

"While GREGORY and his wife sat in jail, the comedian received support from BERTRAND RUSSELL, philosopher, in London and the Rev. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr., in Atlanta.

"RUSSELL telegraphed: 'Fully support stand on fishing rights. Have called JOHNSON for your release.'

"Dr. KING telegraphed: 'You are to be congratulated on your forthright stand which you have taken on behalf of another oppressed minority, the Nisqually Indians.'

"KALAMA objected to that. He said he doesn't consider his people an oppressed minority."

The "Seattle P-I" on February 18, 1966, contained an article entitled, "DICK GREGORY Talks--Fish Nets Confiscated", which states in part:

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"While Indians were listening to Negro comedian DICK GREGORY discuss their fishing rights Thursday, state game protectors confiscated Indian fish nets from the Nisqually River.

"WALTER NEUBRECH, chief enforcement officer for the State Game Department, told United Press International his men had seized two nets.

"Meanwhile, GREGORY was telling a student crowd at St. Martin's College he plans to sue the State of Washington for false arrest...."

"He denied he had joined Indian fish-ins for personal publicity and contended the trouble over Indian fishing rights was instigated by the sports-fishing lobby.

"GREGORY, who cracked a few jokes for an appreciative audience, was mild in his denunciation of the state in comparison with BOB SATIACUM, self-styled chief of the Puyallups.

*Wash.*

"SATIACUM, who was decked out in a Plains Indian costume, though the Puyallups aren't Plains Indians, said:

"'Almost every word the state puts out is a lie.'

"He charged that state conservation measures are merely a subterfuge to deprive the Indian of his fishing rights.

*Wash.*

"JANET McCLOUD, a Tulalip Indian who lives near Yelm and has been a frequent vocal foe of the state, said that 'destruction of the salmon begins in the spawning beds.

"'But the state doesn't arrest the polluters,' she said.

"SATIACUM traced the history of his and other Indians' battles with the state.

"'If the state would send some fish and game men to Viet Nam and they would use the same tactics there that they use on us, the war probably would be over sooner,' he said.

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"J. E. LASATER, assistant director of the State Department of Fisheries, told the audience that unrestricted fishing with nets in rivers would deplete seed stocks of salmon and ruin the fish runs.

"He said that the state isn't trying to break the 1854 Treaty of Medicine Creek, which gives the Indians the right to fish 'in their usual and accustomed ground' forever 'in common with other citizens.' But he said the state does insist, until a federal court rules otherwise, that it has the right to regulate all fishing off reservations..."

"All speakers at St. Martin's got enthusiastic applause--but SATTIACUM drew some booing when he made his charge that the state lies."

"The Seattle Daily Times" on February 18, 1966, contained an article entitled, "GREGORY Seeks Aid for Indians", which states in part:

"DICK GREGORY, Negro comedian, released from jail here yesterday after posting \$500 bond, flew to Chicago last night to gather support for a group of Indians in their dispute with the state over fishing rights.

"He said he would meet with civil-rights leaders in the East to plan nation-wide demonstrations for the Indians, then return here next week..."

"Gregory's lawyer bailed him out but Mrs. GREGORY planned to stay in jail. 'It's up to her when she wants to come out,' GREGORY said..."

"Yesterday afternoon five Indians paddled a leaky dugout canoe down the Nisqually River east of here and staged another fish-in while GREGORY watched from the river bank.

"As the Indians hauled in four steelhead from a net laid near a highway bridge over the river GREGORY hollered, 'Bring the fish over here, I don't want to get mud on my shoes.'"

"Before going to the river, GREGORY, several Puyallup and Tulalip Indians and J. E. LASATER, assistant director

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of the State Department of Fisheries, participated in a panel discussion at St. Martin's College here.

"None of the Nisqually Tribal Council attended. Student leaders who arranged the discussion said none had been invited..."

"The Seattle Sunday Times" on February 20, 1966, contained an article entitled, "Indians March in Olympia; 6 To Camp on White House Lawn," which states in part:

"A group of 35 Indians marched briefly today in a protest demonstration over fishing rights on the Nisqually River east of here (Olympia).

"They gathered near the totem pole on the Capitol grounds, marched about a block to the Thurston County Courthouse where Mrs. DICK GREGORY is held in jail, sent in a bouquet of flowers which Mrs. GREGORY acknowledged by waving from a barred fourth-floor window, and then proceeded to the grounds of the executive mansion.

"A small detachment of state patrolmen refused to let the group approach the official residence of Gov. and Mrs. DAN EVANS.

*Wash.*  
"Mrs. JANET McCLOUD, ~~spokesman for the Survival of American Indians Association~~, announced that six Indians will go to Washington, D.C. to organize an Indian encampment.

"She said they will camp on the White House lawn and remain there until President JOHNSON acts 'to protect Indian treaties.'..."

"Mrs. McCLOUD said no date has yet been set for the trip to Washington.

"While in the nation's capital, she said inquiries will be made to see whether the United States is living up to its obligations under all Indian treaties.

"Mrs. McCLOUD paid tribute to Mrs. GREGORY, saying few persons had helped their cause as much as the GREGORIES.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"'How many of our own people would go to jail and risk a \$1,000 fine when it was not even their own cause?' she asked the group of Indians.

"Indians to Seek Ban Against Gregory"

*Wash.*  
"The Puyallup and Nisqually Tribal Councils will seek an enjoinder to ban the Negro comedian, DICK GREGORY, from fishing in their waters, FRANK WRIGHT, chairman of the Puyallup Tribal Council, said today."

"WRIGHT said the two councils feel that the civil-rights issue and the Indian-fishing issue are separate problems.

"GREGORY was in the East today where he said he intended to consult civil-rights leaders and seek their support for the Indians. He said he planned to return to Olympia next week....."

Confirms information given telephonically to [redacted]  
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Date: 2-16-66

To: Director, FBI

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Attention :

( 157-14 )

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-16)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (100-4013)

SUBJECT: SWP  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM pertaining to certain aspects of the recently concluded SWP National Committee Plenum held 2/11 - 13/66, in New York City, suitable for dissemination.

The source utilized in this memorandum is  who has furnished reliable information in the past.

This memorandum is being classified "~~Confidential~~" (U) inasmuch as this information tends to disclose this source of continuing value which disclosure would have an adverse effect on the defense interests of this country.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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New York, New York  
February 14, 1966

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Socialist Workers Party

A source advised on February 14, 1966, that the National Committee Plenum of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was held February 11 - 13, 1966, at SWP headquarters, 873 Broadway, New York City.

Source advised that among those attending was Dick Fraser, a National Committee member from Seattle, Washington. According to the source, Fraser did not plan to attend this plenum inasmuch as he and the Seattle Branch have split from the SWP, which action is not known as yet by the Party.

According to Fraser, he was urged by the National Secretariate of the SWP to attend this plenum and accepted after the Party offered to pay his expenses to and from the plenum.

Source stated that according to Fraser, the main point brought up at the plenum was an attack by the Party leadership on himself and the Seattle Branch. It was voted at the plenum to censure Fraser and colonize this branch. The attack, led by Farrell Dobbs, National Secretary of the SWP, accused Fraser of having a split. prospective and of carrying on anti-Party activity. This activity included the distribution of factional material to other branches including the Vancouver, Canada, Branch which had sent copies of literature from Fraser to Party headquarters in New York City.

*Source: [unclear]*

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During his stay in New York City, Fraser continued to negotiate the possibility of collaboration, if not unification, between himself and his dissident SWP followers with the Progressive Labor Party (PLP) or the Workers World Party (WWP). Fraser also has certain contacts in the civil rights movement in the South and he is reportedly hoping to unify this group of individuals.

During the evening of February 12, 1966, Fraser held a conference with Dick Gregory, the comedian and civil rights activist, at the Village Gate in New York City. Fraser described Gregory as a friend of his and added that he had many civil rights contacts in the South, particularly in the Freedom Democratic Party.

Fraser further related that he would probably announce the split of the Seattle Branch of the SWP from the Party in approximately three weeks.

A characterization of the PLP, WWP and the SWP - Seattle Branch is contained herein.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

1.

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)  
PROGRESSIVE LABOR MOVEMENT (PLM)

A source advised on April 20, 1965, that the PLP, formerly known as the PLM, held its first national convention April 15-18, 1965, at New York City, to organize the PLM into a PLP. The PLP will have as its ultimate objective the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism.

"The New York Times," City Edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP. The PLP was described as an outgrowth of the PLM. Its officers were identified as MILTON ROSEN, New York, President, and WILLIAM EPTON of New York and MORT SCHEER of San Francisco, Vice Presidents. A 20-member National Committee was elected to direct the party until the next convention.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962 by Mr. ROSEN and Mr. SCHEER after they were expelled from the Communist party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

The PLP publishes the Marxist-Leninist Quarterly", a theoretical magazine; "Progressive Labor," a monthly magazine; "Challenge," a New York City newspaper; and "Spark", a west coast newspaper.

The June 1, 1965, issue of "Challenge", page 6, states that, "this paper is dedicated to fight for a new way of life-where the working men and women own and control their homes, factories, the police, courts, and the entire government on every level."

The source advised that the PLP utilizes the address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn 1, New York, but also utilizes an office in Room 622, 132 Nassau Street, New York City, where PLP publications are prepared.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY - SEATTLE BRANCH

In May, 1941, a source advised that during the month of May, 1941, the Seattle Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was reorganized and received official recognition as a branch of the Party from the national office of the SWP in New York, New York.

On May 24, 1965, another source advised that the Seattle Branch, SWP, with headquarters at 3815 5th Avenue Northeast, Seattle, is a present affiliate of the National SWP, following the aims and principles of the National SWP. According to the source, membership in the Seattle Branch included RICHARD FRASER, who is a member of the SWP National Committee, and his wife, CLARA FRASER, who is an alternate member of the SWP National Committee.

The Socialist Workers Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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APPENDIX

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1.

WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a confidential source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group under the leadership of National Committee member, SAM BALLAN, split from the SWP.

The source stated that this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events, split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of LEON TROTSKY and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved co-operation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery-individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to source, advocated unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, source advised that this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, second source advised that the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York, supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423)

XXXXXX Civil Rights Section  
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From: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 (OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Seattle airtel, 2/21/66.

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A copy of the letterhead memo has been furnished locally by FD-342 to the U.S. Secret Service, the United States Attorney, INTC, ONI, and OSI.

The affected state, county and local authorities are following these "fish-ins" and GREGORY's activities on a continuous basis and this office is not contacting such authorities to advise them of developments which this office obtains from newspapers. This matter is also widely publicized by television and radio.

The Bureau will be kept informed regarding developments in this matter.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington  
March 2, 1966

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

By memorandum dated February 21, 1966, this office furnished information concerning comedian DICK GREGORY, who was arrested on two counts of illegal net fishing on the Nisqually River, near Olympia, Washington.

"The Seattle Daily Times", a newspaper published in Seattle, Washington, on March 2, 1966, contained an article entitled, "GREGORY RE-ARRESTED IN FISH PROTEST", which states:

"DICK GREGORY, Negro comedian, was released from the Thurston County jail this morning after posting \$1,000 bail on a charge of illegal net fishing in the Nisqually River.

"GREGORY took part in a demonstration by Indians against the state's fish-conservation regulations.

"At the time of his arrest, GREGORY was free on \$500 bond on an earlier fishing violation.

"The trial on both charges was set for May 23.

"Warrants for two Indians who participated in the same demonstration were issued yesterday. The Indians are ALVIN BRIDGES and HERMAN JOHNS. Bench warrants also were issued in Pierce County for BRIDGES and JOHNS and two other Indians, LEWIS SQUALLY and LEONARD SQUALLY, brothers, charging them with failure to appear in court on charges resulting from an earlier net-fishing incident.

"GREGORY DID NOT resist arrest. However, JANET McCLOUD and her sister-in-law, EDITH McCLOUD, both Indians, protested so violently they were arrested.

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"Mrs. ~~GREGORY~~, who was arrested two weeks ago with her husband and was released on \$500, was present but did not take part in the demonstration.

"Four Muckleshoot Indians, SHERMAN DOMINICK, LARRY MAURICE, and CECIL and ROBERT MOSES were to be cited in King County Superior Court for violating an order barring Indians from fishing in the Green River off their reservation."

Various news media, subsequently on March 2, 1966, carried news items indicating that DICK GREGORY had been freed from the Thurston County Jail on \$1,000.00 bond and had returned to Chicago with his wife, LILLIAN. They further indicated that GREGORY had apparently caught a bad case of the flu, was feeling "miserable" and said he wanted to see his doctor at home (Chicago, Illinois).

Date: 3-10-66

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To: Director, FBI

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Attention :

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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## Dick has the tools, uses them skilfully

28 X One of the best acts to hit Vancouver in years was (Dick Gregory), possibly the best stand-up comedian in the U.S.A. His audience at the Cave (where he appeared from January 19 to 29) roared at this one: "I like the way you treat your Negroes in Vancouver—all six of them."

It's a pity he didn't appear at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre instead of a cabaret, because this cat has a message for everybody. Gregory is very active in the Negro struggle for civil rights and has been jailed more than fifty times.

As a Negro, he has known poverty and discrimination. He is an artist with a social message. Where other people make speeches for civil rights and peace, which is necessary, Gregory uses the caustic wit, ridicule and bitter-sweet irony of a first-rate comedian.

Gregory has been on civil rights picket lines in many U.S. cities and suffered a gunshot wound in the Los Angeles riots last year, riots provoked by police violence against Negroes.

He is currently considering offering himself as a candidate for the mayor's office in Chicago, on a civil rights platform. No

one can say that fame and wealth have corrupted this fine artist. He has given \$2 million to the civil rights movement.

Referring to his popular book, called "Nigger," he brought the house down when he said "My ambition is to put a nigger in every American home."

Like most good comedians, his dialogue is topical, including L.B.J.'s foreign policy (which he ridicules), the Ecumenical Council, the need to recognize China, Birmingham, birth control, space exploration and local issues.

Referring to the heavy snow we had in Vancouver, he said that friends had phoned his hotel to apologize. "There's no need to apologize. Snow is the only white thing I can walk over!"

There's a picture book on sale at the Co-op Bookstore, 341 West Pender, Vancouver, called "Dick Gregory, What's Happening?" It contains a collection of Gregory's best jokes, illustrated by some very amusing photographs.

Gregory, himself, posed in costume for most of the photos. It's well worth \$2.35. For example: "Sheriff, why do you want to waste tear gas on us? We got enough to cry about already!"

—Jack Phillips

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How do you tell a group of people that a guy burns a draft card and in five days you're gonna have a dandy draft card burning, but you can lynch my grandma, and the government can't get involved. I'm telling you - you think more of a piece of cardboard than my grandma, and you're gonna be in trouble. A hundred years we've been trying to get an anti-lynching deal, but we can't. Actually, what it amounts to is a bunch of white college kids having some fun. The best thing for them to do, would be not to burn a lot of draft cards 'cause they'd get in a lot of trouble. They can bomb a Negro church and the government can't get involved.

BOTTOMORE: Yes, but do you think burning draft cards is a good thing?

GREGORY: Well, the fact is, it's a legitimate protest. All they are trying to say is, it's a new day now. These kids have watched war, they're not hungry any more. The ones that make the best army are the hungry ones, and Americans are not hungry.

BOTTOMORE: There are so many things happening in the States now, the Negro revolt, the students' activities. Can these things change society, make it better altogether?

GREGORY: Rome didn't change, Rome fell.

BOTTOMORE: Rome fell, but other countries didn't. There was the French revolution.

GREGORY: When a country gets too strong for you to run your own government, you burn it down, but in America you're not about to outdo the Army, the Navy, the Airforce, all the missiles, the State Police, the Local Police, the FBI, the CIA.

You see, in America, if we could have a revolution, we'd ask the guy, and we'd say, look this is what we're going to do. But we aren't about to go downtown and take anything away from that man, so you can't get groups of people together.

When you have something spontaneous, then it takes on,

honestly instead of trying to fight it with emotion. Any problem man has created, man can solve, but there is the basic problem of will he? It's gone beyond the point of no return.

BOTTOMORE: Do you think it has gone that far?

GREGORY: I would definitely say so.

BOTTOMORE: Sometimes people get more honest when they are under pressure.

GREGORY: Well, like I say, it's headed that way. It's just one lie after another. You take what happened in Panama. A Panamanian came out and tore up the American flag, and they have yet to call him a hoodlum. People do everything around the world in the name of freedom, and the black man do the same thing in America, and get called a hoodlum.

BOTTOMORE: Yes, but if it did turn into something different, would it be more like socialism? I mean for everybody, not just the Negro.

GREGORY: Nobody knows. If we can make the constitution work right, it will have worldwide implications. If we can't make it work right there will be tremendous trouble. We're not trying to pass laws in America to make people like each other. We're just trying to pass laws to adjust social behaviour. This is all. You don't have to love me. We have to pass a law, so that you can't lynch me if you don't like me. You ask me what turn it's going to take, I'll tell you, as I see it now, it's very bad.

BOTTOMORE: Do you think the ideas of the rest of the world have much influence.

GREGORY: Yes. We didn't get civil rights legislation out of the goodness of America's heart, but you get out in the street and disrupt the peace and the whole world knows about it.

The African countries had more than that. They made a tremendous difference. It's something to have them take \$10,000,000 a day while you're lynching negroes in Mississippi.

It's the same situation in Canada. All Canada would have to do to become a world power is to straighten up the Indian problem, the French problem and the Jewish problem.

Ghandi made India a world power by being a nice guy. In the case of Canada, being this close to America, if she could only solve her social problems, she would set an example.

Canada makes the same mistake with her problems as we've made in the Northern States. We keep dumping it on Mississippi. And the same thing will happen in Canada as happened in the States. As the South starts correcting her problem, what can the North put the blame on? So everybody forgets about the problems in the North, and they are far more frightening than in the South.

It was a psychological victory for the negro, and the fact that 20 negroes were killed was a psychological victory for the white bigot. Everybody held their own. It was a good game.

What happens when they train negroes to kill? Then you get 25,000 soldiers involved in 20 cities. We haven't got soldiers enough for that. Then you bring the marines back from Viet Nam, which might not be a bad idea.

BOTTOMORE: I think that's true. When I was in Chicago at the end of August there was a demonstration next door.

GREGORY: We all came out because you all was there.

BOTTOMORE: I was interviewed by the press. They were frightened to death about the negro problem and they said conditions were the same in Chicago as in Los Angeles.

GREGORY: Worse. Much more bitter. They'll fight harder in Chicago. Watts is justified by the American Declaration of Independence. Watts is a good American tradition, but basically it is a materialistic thing.

The guy who can't afford ten loaves of bread is a patriot. He's got to be 'cause he's got no money to hoard. The white man relaxes because we're only ten percent of the population, and he can never realize that ten percent can destroy a society.



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## I don't wanna sit in the back of the bus

In conjunction with a Student executive Council sponsored luncheon and tour of the University, the "PEAK" arranged an interview with Dick Gregory and Dr. Bottomore. Dr. Bottomore, head of the P.S.A. dept., who is just having a book on classes published in the States, had a number of pertinent questions to put to Gregory.

Gregory, one of the most controversial comedians on the American night club scene, has participated in boycotts, sit-ins, stall-ins, marches and Freedom Rides throughout the United States. He is credited in "Playboy" as becoming the first negro comedian to break into the big leagues of show business and the only entertainer of any color to commit his fame and fortune - even his physical well-being - to the cause of racial equality.

Dr. Bottomore: I'm interested in Marxism and Classism. I don't know the United States well, but the Negro revolt seems to me to be one of the most hopeful things happening in America. What do you think will be the outcome of it?

Gregory: I can't see anything but mass destruction. Demonstrations wake up people, but they don't solve the problem. What's happening in America it seems to me is that we give an examination and find out that there's cancer, but the doctor keeps telling us it's a headache, which is what you want to hear, but you are gonna die.



the same pattern as tornadoes and earthquakes. You never know how much they're going to destroy. America would be better off with 20 people in 20 different cities. Then they would have somebody to blame it on.

Try to blame it on the communists like Billy Graham. There aren't enough communists in the world to stand on every corner in the Negro ghetto and wait for

a chance to start a riot. It's like mass destruction, it's like fighting a forest

The white man in the South is honest, but in the North he lies. In the South the Negro has learned to live with it. The northern Negro is bothered by the South. He sees his southern brother standing there being lynched and he learns to resent him too.

All I can say about the North. If they don't make drastic changes there'll be 20 Watts this summer. Watts itself wasn't bad. It's what it means to 300,000 negroes living in Watts and only 5,000 white people. What happens

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned individual. These enclosures are being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes and are not being disseminated locally inasmuch as GREGORY's conviction has received considerable attention through the local news media.

The Chicago Division will follow GREGORY's appeal and sentencing scheduled for 5/2/66 and pertinent information relating to him will be furnished to the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois

April 25, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

"The Chicago Tribune," a Chicago daily newspaper, for April 21, 1966, carried an article captioned "Gregory Asks To Be Tried In U. S. Court."

This article in summary states that Dick Gregory, Comedian and civil rights agitator asserted that Negroes are being excluded from the jury in his trial in criminal court and because of this he could not get a fair trial. These allegations were made in a petition filed with the clerk of the Federal District Court asking the Federal court to take jurisdiction in this case. Gregory in this petition asserted his constitutional and civil rights were being denied him.

The article in conclusion points out that Gregory is scheduled to go on trial in Municipal Court on charges of resisting arrest and battery. These charges stem from his arrest on June 11, 1965, while leading a demonstration in Chicago, Illinois. Gregory's petition for a change of venue to the Federal Court was assigned to Judge Bernard M. Decker for a hearing.

"The Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily newspaper, for April 23, 1966, contained an article captioned "Gregory's Lawyer Planning Appeal."

This article in summary states that Mrs. Jean Williams, Lawyer for Dick Gregory, was preparing an appeal from his conviction on charges of battery and resisting arrest. The article indicates that a jury in circuit court on April 22, 1966, found Gregory guilty of the charges stemming from his arrest on June 11, 1965, during a march protesting the administration of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Attorney Williams declined to enlarge on her appeal but indicated she was calling out of town experts on Jury selection and constitutional law to aid her. She contended that Gregory's trial in circuit court violated his civil rights.

The article indicates that at Gregory's trial policemen and other witnesses testified Gregory kicked police officers as they carried him into a squadrol.

Magistrate Maurice W. Lee, who presided at Gregory's trial, set May 2 as the date for sentencing Gregory.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM relating to a speech given by GREGORY at Denison University in Granville, Ohio on March 6, 1966.

This letterhead is being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes and is not being designated locally in Chicago, Illinois.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
April 27, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

"The Denisonian," the weekly publication of Denison University, Granville, Ohio, for March 11, 1966, carried an article entitled "Gregory: Vivid Image of Protest." This article, in summary, states that Negro comedian, Dick Gregory, spoke before a crowd of 1,200 people in Livingston Gymnasium at Denison University on March 6, 1966. Gregory's speech was sponsored by the Celebrity Lecture Series.

Gregory, during his speech, stated that the "laws of nature" dictated Negro uprisings and that "criminal conditions, not criminal people" were responsible for race organizations rioting and looting in the Watt's section of Los Angeles. Gradual education, according to Gregory, is not the answer to the present racial crises. Gregory stated that man is born with all the education he needs to realize he has the right to live in dignity.

Gregory in his speech predicted a racial uprising in Chicago stating, "Chicago's gonna bust this summer. When it does, it's gonna make Watts look like a picnic for the Pope." Gregory implied that conditions in the Windy City were largely due to inequities felt under the regime of present Mayor, Richard J. Daley, whom Gregory will oppose on an independent ticket in the November elections.

Gregory in his speech drew a parallel between the grip of the Ku Klux Klan in the South and the close association of many northern city political machines and underworld syndicates.

Gregory at the conclusion of his speech outlined his campaign plans for the Chicago Mayoral race. He indicated he expected to pool 90% of the Negro votes and 30% of the white votes in Chicago. He indicated that by doing this he will be able to break the Daley machine in Chicago.

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: ~~X~~ UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

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Re Chicago teletype and airtel with LHM, dated 4/1/66,  
all captioned "POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE MAJOR URBAN AREAS".

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of a LHM pertaining  
to the above captioned peace rallies.

This information is being furnished to the Bureau  
for information purposes.

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- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - 157-949
- 1 - 157-350
- 1 - 157-413
- ~~X~~ 1 - 157-347 (RICHARD GREGORY)
- 1 - 157-303 (ACT)
- 1 - 100-34347 [redacted]
- 1 - 100-42542 [redacted]
- 1 - 157-831 [redacted]
- 1 - 157-675 (CHARLES CHEW, JR.)
- 1 - 157-366 (YOUTH GANGS - CHICAGO AREA)

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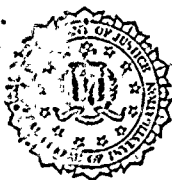
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- 2) [redacted] CS - R (Second Source)
- 3) [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Chicago Police Department, to SA VINCENT L. INSERRA
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Chicago will follow and keep the Bureau advised. Chicago will also canvass criminal informants re association between GREGORY and [redacted], mentioned in enclosed LHM.

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Copies of attached LHM are being furnished to the office of the United States Attorney, U.S. Secret Service and Region I, 113th INTC Group.

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UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY, SPONSORING PEACE  
RALLIES, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

The "Chicago Daily News," a daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, April 7, 1966, edition, carried an article titled "Use Ballots Not Bricks -- Gregory." This article reflects as follows:

"Comedian Dick Gregory told 500 persons, most of them Negroes, at a South Side rally that their problems will be solved by ballots, not bricks.

"Gregory, in beginning what he said will be a series of rallies to make Negroes aware of their political power and to stave off what could be a 'long hot summer' of rioting over civil rights, asserted:

"'This rally is to save lives. Violence is not the way. We will solve our problems one day and it won't be by the gun.'

"He said the rally, held Wednesday night at the United Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 S. Wabash, was political, "But we're not going to tell you how to vote. We're going to teach each other about politics. We're going to talk about political education.'

"The rally had entertainment - a combo and a girl singer - which Gregory said was 'the trick we used to get you all here. Now we're going to ask you to work hard through the summer,' he said, indicating it meant campaign work. Gregory is an announced candidate for mayor in 1967.

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"He said the rallies - he left the Packinghouse Hall to attend a second one Wednesday night and another is planned for Thursday night - would cost about \$20,000, which he expected to get through 'collections.'

"Others speaking during the three-hour meeting were Ald. Charles Chew (17th), who plans to run for the state Senate; Fred D. Hubbard, 1st District candidate for the U.S. House, and Lawrence Landry, head of ACT, a civil rights action group. (ACT is not a set of initials, but the name itself).

"Chew said 'instead of Negroes getting mad' about civil rights 'they should get smart. We're having problems because we've been voting for the wrong people. Education and legislation will get us what we want.'

"Hubbard said through politics the Negro can 'pursue the dream of life without prejudice.' He said only through the proper use of the ballot can 'the kind of system' be set up to sustain that dream."

A first confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) on April 7, 1966, as follows concerning a peace rally held on April 6, 1966, on Chicago's south side at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4849 South Wabash. Comedian Dick Gregory, head of the sponsoring unnamed group told the packed audience of approximately 500 not to be violent, however, there was no need to be pushed around. (U)

Gregory announced plans to have mobiles on the streets of Chicago this summer so that his workers could obtain refreshments. Also, he planned to furnish transportation to the museum, zoo, and other points of interest in the Greater Chicago area. He announced his aims are to make working for him pleasant. He further announced that he would not tell those in the audience how to vote or to vote for him, however, they should consider the candidates and vote for the best man.

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It is noted that Gregory is an announced independent candidate for mayor of Chicago in 1967.

Supposedly the rally, first in a series, was designed to prevent violence in Chicago this summer.

Other speakers during the meeting, which ended at approximately 10:45 p.m. were Jean Williams, Lawyer, who following an introduction by Gregory pointed out the lawful rights of demonstrators and what position and course law officials would take concerning dramatizing various issues. Williams placed herself as the greatest lawyer the movement ever had and how fortunate the movement was to have her services. Alderman Charles Chew, Jr., of Chicago's 17th Ward was introduced by Gregory and made very brief remarks which were purely political in nature.

It is noted Chew has announced plans to run for the Illinois State Senate.

Gregory introduced, with high praise, Fred Hubbard who advocated strongly, non-violence. Hubbard in addition campaigned for himself and continually stressed his aspiration to unseat incumbent Congressman William L. Dawson.

Lawrence Landry, Chicago chairman of the organization ACT, spoke of violence and non-violence. He told the audience this non-violence thing could be "beautiful", but too much non-violence can also be disastrous. He invited the audience to come and actively participate in the current Chicago civil rights movement. The source pointed out that Landry did not show any enthusiasm while other speakers were speaking and he, in fact, appeared bored. The source concluded that generally the meeting was more political in nature than directed to the group's announced goal of preventing violence in Chicago.

On April 8, 1966, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the Chicago Office of the FBI as follows concerning a rally sponsored by Dick Gregory which was held on April 7, 1966, on Chicago's west side at the Alex Theater, 3826 West Madison: ~~(U)~~

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A one cent cost of admission was charged to enter the theater, however, the cent was supplied by a male who stood out front. Entering, the source said, he encountered west side Chicago Negro youth gangs well represented. The theater was very noisy as gang members stood and shouted their various gang affiliations. The source recognized several members of the Vice Lords, a west side Chicago Negro youth gang.

Dick Gregory appeared on stage at approximately 9:15 p.m. to quiet the audience of approximately 600, inclusive of children, 8, 9, and up. Entertainment was supplied by an organ and saxophone combo playing jazz.

Gregory developed instant influence and rapport with the audience by speaking on the grass-roots level of his audience. He told many double meaning jokes and proceeded into a talk designed to prepare the audience for political activity and for later assumption of control of their community. Gregory announced there would be no rioting now or this summer. He instructed the audience to "cool it" and to be prepared to control their community in the not too distant future. The source surmised that Gregory spoke out of both sides of his mouth. The audience was thoroughly confused as to what position Gregory actually took on violence as opposed to non-violence.

Another speaker, Fred Hubbard, spoke mainly with direction toward prompting the audience to involve themselves politically, considering the power they possessed through the ballot.

The "Chicago Daily Defender," a Negro owned and operated daily publication in Chicago, Illinois, April 6, 1966, edition, carried an article entitled "Peace Rallies Set For Today And Thursday." This article reflects as follows:

"The first three Chicago peace rallies will be held today and Thursday, comic Dick Gregory and grocer Leo Rudendorf announced.

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"Rugendorf has agreed to underwrite six of the rallies at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

"Tonight's rally will be held at the Packinghouse Hall, 49th St. and S. Wabash Ave. at 7:30 p.m. An hour later, the rally will move to Englewood's Regent Ballroom, 6836 S. Halsted St.

"Entertainers 'Guitar Red,' Paul Bascomb and Parnella Williams will headline the entertainment while 17th Ward Ald. Charles Chew, Fred Hubbard, Lawrence Landry, Rev. Archie Hargraves, Attorney Jean Williams and Dick Gregory will deliver speeches. Thursday, the westside rally will go into the Alex Theatre, 3826 W. Madison St. at 8p.m. Due to insurance regulations which protect theatre-goers, a one-cent admission will be charged. However, Rugendorf will be on hand with a bushel of pennies to pay the admission fee.

"Rugendorf gave financial support to the successful 'Christmas for Mississippi' project which supplied more than 50,000 turkeys to both Negro and white people. He was also instrumental in bringing Sammy Davis, Jr. to McCormick Place for the climax of the Christmas fund-raising drive.

"Gregory noted that Chicago and Los Angeles turned down the federal government project offered to 21 cities for the purpose of studying and quelling racial violence. After the Watts incident, he feels that citizens in Chicago should take the reins and responsibility and do whatever is necessary to help avoid any possible racial outbreak here.

"Rugendorf agreed with the comedian-civil rights leader: 'We must do whatever it takes to try to avoid blood-letting and property destruction in Chicago. That is why I'm willing to spend my money in attempting to stave off trouble.'

"Dates and locations of future rallies will be announced later, they said."

Concerning [redacted] a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 12, 1966, that [redacted] is an ex-convict with an extensive record of arrests,

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which includes extortion, armed robbery and robbery. He has been connected with many members of the organized crime element in Chicago, most notable of which is Felix Alderisio, with whom he has been involved in the "loan shark" business. ~~Q~~ (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

7/13  
The "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily newspaper, for 5/3/66, carried an article which in summary reflects that comedian DICK GREGORY was sentenced to five months in County Jail and was fined \$1,400 on charges of battery and resisting arrest. These charges related to GREGORY's arrest during a civil rights protest march 6/11/65. The sentence was imposed by Jury Court Magistrate MAURICE W. LEE. GREGORY advised a "Daily News" reporter that, "This is another one of Mayor DALEY's stunts," apparently referring to GREGORY's candidacy for mayor of Chicago in 1967.

GREGORY's attorney, [redacted] indicated this sentence will be appealed and posted \$5,000 bond for GREGORY.

The Chicago Division will attempt to review pertinent records when available after which a letterhead memorandum relating to this matter will be submitted.

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☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV. *RACIAL UNIT N.D.*Subject: DICK GREGORY  
APPEARANCE AT FRANKLIN AND  
MARSHALL COLLEGE, LANCASTER, PA.4/30/66  
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## Summary of Complaint:

Re Philadelphia teletypes to Director 4/27 and  
5/1/66.Submitted herewith to Bureau are eight copies of  
a self-explanatory LHM.INTC, OSI, NISO, Secret Service, and USA, EDPA.,  
have been advised locally.The first source who furnished information re  
remarks of GREGORY at Franklin and Marshall College is  
[redacted] Lancaster, Pa., on  
4/30/66.

The second source is [redacted]

who furnished this

ACTION: UACB: information to SA PHILIP M. CULLEN on 4/29/66.

☐ No further action being taken and☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA☐ LHM being submitted☐ Report being submitted☐ Preliminary investigation instituted☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

May 3, 1966

DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE AT  
FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE,  
LANCASTER, PA., APRIL 30, 1966

In accordance with prior arrangements, DICK GREGORY appeared on the campus of Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pa., on the afternoon of April 30, 1966, in connection with a program to raise funds for PREP, a pre-college enrichment program for disadvantaged youths to be held at Franklin and Marshall College this coming summer.

The weather was raw and damp with intermittent heavy rain, so that the planned outdoor campus rally at which GREGORY was to appear was moved indoors on the campus.

A source who attended the rally advised the hall was not overcrowded and said GREGORY's hour-long talk covered a range of subjects, including the Vietnam war, but he did not dwell on particular racial injustices to any extent or try to incite the students on any particular racial crusade. The source said the audience did not create any disturbance and at the conclusion of the program left the area without lingering.

A second source on the Franklin and Marshall Campus advised that during the latter part of the week before GREGORY's appearance on Saturday, April 30, 1966, he noticed student campus leaders were quietly being called in for discussion with college administrative officials and said he believed college officials were taking this method to forestall any possible campus demonstration at the time of GREGORY's visit.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS

Re Chicago airtel and Letterhead Memorandum (LHM)  
 dated 4/25/66, and Chicago airtel dated 5/3/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a  
 LHM relating to captioned individual. No copies of this  
 memorandum are being disseminated locally in view of the  
 extensive publicity given to this matter by local news media.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow and report  
 pertinent activities of GREGORY.

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*18 copies of LHM to National Advisory Commission  
 on Civil Disorders by RB  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Chicago, Illinois

May 23, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated April 25, 1966.

The "Chicago Daily News," a Chicago daily publication, for May 4, 1966, carried an article which in part reflected that comedian Dick Gregory, on May 3, 1966, had been sentenced to five months in prison and fined \$1400.00. It was stated that Gregory, on April 22, 1966, had been found guilty of battery and resisting arrest during the course of a protest march against Chicago School Superintendent Benjamin C. Willis, on June 11, 1965. Gregory was fined \$500.00 each on two charges of resisting arrest, and \$200.00 on each of two charges of battery of a police officer. Magistrate Maurice Lee in addition, imposed concurrent five month jail sentences on the four charges.

Five Chicago police officers testified at the trial that Gregory kicked and bit arresting officers, and that he had to be carried to the police squadrol. A jury of six men and six women heard Gregory's case. Gregory's attorney, Jean Williams, refused to cross-examine the witnesses and offered no witnesses in Gregory's defense. Attorney Williams stated she would immediately appeal Gregory's sentence, and in addition post a \$5,000 appeal bond, after which Gregory was released, having spent one hour and forty minutes in the lockup. Attorney Williams further charged that she believed "It is expedient" to have him (Gregory) out of the way for the forthcoming election. It should be noted that Dick Gregory is campaigning as independent candidate for Mayor of Chicago in the 1967 election.

[redacted] City of Chicago Corporations Counsel, [redacted] on May 23, 1966, advised that on May 13, 1966, comedian Dick Gregory was found guilty on city charges of obstructing justice and disorderly conduct, growing out of the June 11, 1965 protest marches. The date for sentencing Gregory on these charges was set for June 8, 1966.

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SUBJECT: UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

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Re Chicago airtel with LHM, dated 4/12/66, captioned  
as above.

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of an LHM  
pertaining to a petition distributed at a GREGORY sponsored  
peace rally on Chicago's south side. This information is being  
furnished to the Bureau for informational purposes.

Confidential source utilized in enclosed LHM is  
[redacted] liaison source. The original petition is  
being retained in the 1-A exhibit section of this file.

It is noted that the sponsors of this petition are  
identical with the individuals participating with GREGORY in  
his peace rallies.

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UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
RACIAL MATTER

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), on May 17, 1966, a petition reflecting demands that the vacancy of the position of deputy superintendent in the Chicago Police Department, be filled by a Negro.

The source understands the petition was distributed at one of the peace rallies sponsored by comedian Dick Gregory on April 6, 1966, on Chicago's south side.

The source further understands that the petition has received small "circulation" and little effort has been exerted in securing signatures. The source opined this endeavor, by Gregory, has achieved very little success.

On May 17, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] Commanding Officer, Human Relations Section, Chicago Police Department, was advised by the Chicago Office of the FBI of the existence and distribution of the above mentioned petition. Lieutenant [redacted] stated he and other police department heads have been furnished a copy of this petition. He understands the petition was distributed at a Dick Gregory sponsored peace rally on Chicago's south side in April.

Lieutenant [redacted] pointed out he had no idea where the inaccurate statistical figures quoted on this petition were obtained. The deputy superintendent's position referred to in the petition was described by Lieutenant [redacted] as a position of legal and personal advisor to Police Superintendent O. W. Wilson. Lieutenant [redacted] added he personally did not know of any Negro

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RE: UNNAMED GROUP HEADED BY  
RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY  
SPONSORING PEACE RALLIES,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

officer within the department who could thru formal education and experience, qualify for the position which he opined would require a law degree.

Lieutenant [ ] further stated there has been no great concern within the police department concerning the petition, and frankly they have not heard any more concerning the petition since it was brought to their attention. Supposedly, the Chicago Urban League initially displayed limited interest, however, seemingly they have assumed a hands off attitude.

A copy of the petition mentioned hereinbefore is enclosed with the memorandum.

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Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are asking you to help us make the long hot summer in Chicago a cool one. The following material was compiled at the direction of O. W. Wilson, Superintendent of Police of Chicago.

MANNING OF POLICE FUNCTIONS BY NEGRO PERSONNEL

<u>POSITIONS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>NEGRO STRENGTH</u>	<u>NEGRO PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL STRENGTH</u>
Captains	74	5	1.3
Lieutenants	245	3	1.2
Sergeants	1,051	71	5.6
Detectives	1,126	130	11.5
Dispatchers	191	123	6.8
Policewomen	54	3	5.6
Police Matrons	33	2	6.1
Police Surgeons	8	1	12.5
Other Positions	21	none	none
Telephone Operators	26	1	3.8

We, the undersigned of this petition, are demanding that the Negro strength of these positions be increased immediately.

We are also demanding that the vacancy of the position of deputy superintendent of the Chicago Police Department which has been created by the resignation of Minor K. Wilson be filled by a Negro.

Dick Gregory  
Alderman Charles Chew  
Fred Hubbard  
Lawrence Landry  
Rev. Archie Hargreaves  
Atty. Jean Williams

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When completed, mail or deliver to: Dick Gregory  
1153 55th Street

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 6/2/66

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: CHICAGO

As is set out in newsclippings recently furnished to the Bureau and Chicago, DICK GREGORY's trial in connection with his "fish ins" in the State of Washington has been set for November 28, 1966 in Thurston County Superior Court.

This office will at that time advise the Bureau and Chicago of the outcome of the trial or if circumstances seem to warrant it, an LHM will be submitted for dissemination.

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May 31, 1966

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Chicago, Illinois.

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Mr. Hoover,

I have some important information  
I think you ought to know.

The word has come down that  
Dick Gregory is suppose to be killed  
in the next two months, and even though  
I don't agree with everything he does  
I still think to let something like  
this happen to a good man like this  
would be a tragedy to us in Chicago.

I'm gonna send Gregory a letter  
like this because I don't think he  
knows how dangerous this business is.

Myself, I can't afford to get  
involved in this personally cause I'd  
be dead to, but since you're the FBI  
you can get to this and stop it.



Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Head of FBI  
Washington, D. C.

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Date: 6/7/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-954) (RUC)

THREAT TO KILL DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReButel, 6/2/66.

Appropriate local authorities, local military intelligence agencies, and Secret Service were immediately informed of the alleged threat to GREGORY.

JULIUS W. HOBSON, Chairman, Washington, D. C. Chapter of ACT, on 6/7/66, advised that DICK GREGORY supposedly returned to Chicago, Illinois, immediately after participating in an open-air rally in Washington, D. C., on the night of 6/1/66. It was HOBSON's understanding that GREGORY is currently in Chicago but plans to go to Mississippi to finish the march through Mississippi which JAMES MEREDITH was doing at the time MEREDITH was shot on 6/6/66.

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The 6/7/66 issue of the "Washington Afro-American and Washington Tribune," a semi-weekly Washington, D. C., newspaper, on Page 6 contained an article captioned, "New Walkers Set To Finish MEREDITH's March." It indicated that DICK GREGORY, the entertainer, in Chicago had stated he planned to see MEREDITH in the Memphis hospital and take up MEREDITH's march where MEREDITH left off.

WFO will conduct no further investigation in this matter.

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TO: SACS, CHICAGO  
WASHINGTON FIELD (BY SPECIAL MESSENGER)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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THREAT TO KILL DICK GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

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ANONYMOUS LETTER POSTMARKED CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
MAY TWENTY NINE SIXTY SIX RECEIVED AT BUREAU STATING THAT  
"THE WORD HAS COME DOWN THAT DICK GREGORY IS SUPPOSED TO  
BE KILLED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS." ANONYMOUS WRITER  
INDICATED SIMILAR INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED TO GREGORY.  
CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY APPROPRIATE  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, AND SECRET  
SERVICE OF ALLEGED THREAT TO GREGORY.

NOTE:

Dick Gregory is currently in Washington in connection with protest demonstrations against the White House Conference on Civil Rights and has been maintaining his headquarters in Chicago, Illinois. Crime Records Division has received inquiry from "Jet Magazine" concerning this alleged threat indicating that Gregory has been made aware of the threat and notified "Jet Magazine".

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# Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: June 7, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen *AR*

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
PROPOSED MARCH FROM  
HERNANDO, MISSISSIPPI,  
TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
6/7/66  
CIVIL RIGHTS -  
RACIAL MATTERS

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1 - Mr. Malley  
1 - Mr. McGowan  
1 - Mr. Fehl  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

The Memphis Office has advised of the receipt of a telephone call this date from Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights leader. Gregory advised our Memphis Office that he was staying in room 315 of the Motel Lorraine at 406 Mulberry Street in Memphis.

Gregory plans to drive from the motel to the spot near Hernando, Mississippi, where James Meredith was shot and then walk back toward Memphis for six hours. He will be accompanied by [redacted] and four others. The others were identified as [redacted] of Chester, Pennsylvania, [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] of Chicago, Illinois, and [redacted] of Oakland, California.

After six hours, Gregory will get on a plane and depart for Chicago. Gregory does not believe any march will continue in Mississippi until James Meredith is out of the hospital. Gregory asked if the FBI would be along his route or would the FBI meet him? Gregory was advised that the FBI could not afford him protection and was asked if he had notified local authorities. Gregory stated that he had not, but that he would call the Justice Department.

## ACTION:

The Memphis Office was instructed to immediately advise the Jackson Office so that Jackson could notify local authorities in DeSoto County as well as the Mississippi Highway Patrol of the proposed march by Gregory. Memphis is also notifying the Memphis Police Department and the Shelby County, Tennessee, sheriff's office of Gregory's plans.

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SEE ADDENDUM PAGE 1a.

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SAC Welte of Memphis subsequently advised that Gregory announced his plans to march to the press and advised the press that he had requested FBI protection. SAC Welte stated he had received one press inquiry concerning the matter which he had "no comment<sup>ED</sup>" Welte was referred to the Crime Records Division in relation to answering any further press inquiries in the matter.

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We don't furnish  
protection to anyone.  
We are strictly in-  
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Date: 6/10/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI. (157-4253)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, 5/23/66.

Enclosed for the information of the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM relating to captioned individual.

No copies of this memo are being disseminated locally in view of the extensive publicity given to this matter by local news media.

Chicago will continue to follow and report pertinent activities of DICK GREGORY.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
June 10, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
May 23, 1966.

The "Chicago Tribune", a Chicago daily newspaper, for Friday, June 10, 1966, carried an article captioned "Gregory Fined \$300 For Sit-In." This article in summary states that Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian, was fined \$300 in jury court yesterday by Magistrate James Sullivan on charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic. Gregory was convicted on May 13 on these charges which related to his arrest on June 11, 1965, while participating in a civil rights demonstration.

Gregory's attorney, Mrs. Jean Williams, stated she would appeal the sentence and Magistrate Sullivan set the appeal bond for \$800. Gregory, however, refused to post bond and was taken to jail. Attorney Williams indicated Gregory may spend the weekend in jail and thereafter post the bond. Magistrate Sullivan in sentencing Gregory states "Gregory has shown a propensity for involving himself in arrest situations." Attorney Williams argued that Gregory should not be fined because he was protesting "violations of human dignity." The magistrate answered that he found no fault with an individual protesting for his rights but that a different problem arose when there was an intentional violation of the law.

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The "Chicago Sun-Times", a Chicago daily newspaper, for Friday, June 10, 1966, carried a similar article to that summarized above. In addition it was stated that Gregory was ordered to the House of Correction to work off his \$300 fine at the rate of \$5 a day. Gregory, after being processed at the House of Correction, was later transferred to the City Correction Farm located near Willow Springs, Illinois.

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Date: 7/20/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT : RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTER

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 6/10/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum relating to captioned individual.

No copies of this memo are being disseminated locally and the enclosed are being furnished to the Bureau for information purposes.

The Chicago Division will continue to follow and report pertinent information relating to the matter.

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Chicago, Illinois  
July 20, 1966

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated June 10, 1966.

[redacted] Clerk, Criminal Courts Division, City of Chicago, Chicago Civic Center, on July 20, 1966, advised an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) in Chicago, Illinois, that court records reflect that on June 1, 1966, Jean Williams, Attorney for comedian Dick Gregory, filed a notice of appeal relating to the sentences imposed on Gregory in Chicago growing out of the charges of disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic and also an appeal relating to Gregory's sentencing on charges of battery and resisting arrest.

[redacted] Supervisor of Appeals and Transcripts, Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois, on July 20, 1966, advised an employee of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Chicago that on June 18, 1966, Attorney Jean Williams had appeared at that office and had filed an appeal relating to the charges against Dick Gregory asking that his case be retried in the Illinois Supreme Court. On July 20, 1966, Attorney Williams again contacted the Office of Appeals and Transcripts indicating that at that time her client would pay the fine imposed on him on May 13, 1966, relating to the disorderly conduct and obstructing traffic charges; however, Williams applied for and was granted an extension to file an appeal in the Appellate Court of Illinois relating to the April 22, 1966, conviction of Gregory on the two charges of resisting arrest and battery.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Williams was granted a 45 day extension in the latter matter,  
extension to begin August 1, 1966.

stated that no further pertinent information  
appears in her records.

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Date: 9-15-66

To: Director, FBI

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Attention : \_\_\_\_\_

From: Legal Attache, Ottawa

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Title	Character
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.	RM
(OO:CG)	Reference
	My R/S 3-22-66.

Enclosed are the following communications received from \_\_\_\_\_ Original and two copies of \_\_\_\_\_ letter dated 9-13-66, with enclosure thereto.

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8—THE WINDSOR STAR, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1966

# No chuckles as Gregory talks race

By BILL PRAGER

Comedian Dick Gregory sounded far from funny when he talked here Tuesday about the United States race problem.

He said unless the U.S. resolves the problem in five years, which will require more drastic action than now, the nation will destroy itself.

In the near future he also feels there will be more violent racial explosions.

A short time after he was interviewed, racial violence erupted in Detroit.

If violence keeps up in Chicago that city will have a bloodbath within three weeks, he says.

Mr. Gregory is an active civil rights worker and professional funnyman whose wry humor veils his grim thoughts about the future of U.S. Negro-white relations.

He is appearing this week at the Top Hat Supper Club in downtown Windsor.

The major reason, he says, Detroit has remained relatively cool is the Negro employment in a prosperous auto industry.

Other factors, for instance better leadership, may also be playing a part in Detroit, he says.

Unemployment through strikes, however, or an industry slump could build up the pressures for an explosion, he says.

Riots in the other U.S. cities could lead to such conditions in the auto centre, Mr. Gregory



DICK GREGORY

says, explaining businesses in Negro areas are cutting back their orders to keep their stock at a minimum, for fear of damage.

He says this means a loss of \$1,000,000,000 to American business from now until Oct. 1, the end of the warm season.

Mr. Gregory, who visited the Los Angeles Watts area after the 1965 riots, says earnings of the Negroes there were 45 per cent below the average for whites.

The Negroes were crowded, 27.5 persons an acre, compared to 7.5 persons an acre for the white population of Los Angeles.

"There would have been an explosion there just from people bumping into each other," he explains.

The Negro faces more danger from violence in the North than in the South, Mr. Gregory says. Northern whites have a fear of the Negroes, caused by lack of contact with them.

In the South, whites at least had Negro servants; and even Ku Klux Klan members were acquainted with Negro doctors and teachers.

The North "could not afford the luxury of hiring my grandmother at 25 cents a day."

In the North the trouble has come from white mobs. In the South, he continues, the opposition came from white police, in which case the violence at least was controlled.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4253)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

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RM

DATE: 9/30/66

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report pertinent information relating to the disposition of  
the charges against GREGORY.

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Sept. 30, 1966

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated July 20, 1966, captioned as above.

On September 23, 1966, [redacted] Supervisor of Appeals and Transcripts, Civic Center, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Dick Gregory's attorney filed a "short record" September 1, 1966, with the Appellate Court of Illinois, and obtained a sixty day extension to November 2, 1966, on his pending case. [redacted] explained that a "short record" consists of the substance of the lower court record and is filed with the Appellate Court when for some reason the complete lower court record is unavailable.

[redacted] stated that the defendant Gregory's Appellate brief should be filed sometime prior to the extension date of November 2, 1966, on his conviction of resisting arrest and battery.

[redacted] advised that there was no further information available at this time.

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Via A I R T E L \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*Footnote*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM relating to plans by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY to travel to North Viet Nam during the coming Christmas holidays. Also enclosed are two (2) copies of LHM for Washington Field.

The sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are identified as follows:

*W. A. B. K. E. L. H. O. N.*

CG T-1 is [redacted]

Chicago Police Department (Protect - requested in this instance)

CG T-2 is [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago Police Department (Protect - requested)

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*1cc LHM to Detroit Admin  
Comm on Civil Disob.*  
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Each of the above individuals advised he would be alert for any information relative to the captioned matter and would immediately notify the writer of any information developed relative to such travel.

A copy of the enclosed LHM has been designated for the USA, Chicago; U. S. Secret Service; and the U. S. Army, 113th MI, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago is following this matter closely. Will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Will review the records of the Passport Office to determine whether GREGORY has been issued a current U. S. Passport and furnish any information available to Chicago and the Bureau relative to GREGORY's announced plans to travel to North Viet Nam during the 1966 Christmas holidays.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
November 21, 1966

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIET NAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

On November 14, 1966, the Four Star Final edition of the Chicago Sun-Times, a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, page 12, column 1, contained an article datelined London disclosing that Dick Gregory of Chicago had announced his intention to visit United States war prisoners in North Viet Nam this Christmas. The announcement was made by Gregory in a British television appearance November 13, 1966. Gregory declared he would ask North Vietnamese President Ho Chi Minh for permission to entertain the prisoners during the Christmas holidays.

In response to a question by British newspaper men as to how he would circumvent the United States ban on travel to North Viet Nam, Gregory said, "I don't intend to go with my government's approval. I'll take my chances when I get back."

On November 16 and 17, 1966, CG T-1 and CG T-2, agencies which collect intelligence type data in the Chicago area and who have had some knowledge of Gregory's activities, were contacted relative to Gregory's announced plans to travel to North Viet Nam. Each source declared that he had no information relative to Gregory's plans at this time.

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Re: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIET NAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

A copy of this letterhead memorandum has been designated for the United States Attorney, Chicago; the United States Secret Service, Chicago; and the United States Army, 113th MI, Evanston, Illinois.



CASE NO. 100-440423

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Date: 11/8/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-1465)  
SUBJECT: COORDINATING COUNCIL  
FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS

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Re Chicago tel dated 11/7/66, captioned "PICKET DEMONSTRATION, AUSPICES CCBP, 11/66, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RM; PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JAIL BY OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT (OCCI), 3939 SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 11/8/66, RM; UNSUBS; ALLEGED THREATS AGAINST DICK GREGORY, NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AND [REDACTED] OCCI. EL-EXTORTION:" Chicago tel dated 11/7/66, captioned, [REDACTED] aka [REDACTED] POSSIBLE VIOLATION ELECTION LAWS, 11/8/66, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, EL"; Chicago tel dated 11/8/66, captioned "PROPOSED DEMONSTRATION AT COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JAIL BY OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT, 3939 SOUTH DREXEL, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, 11/8/66, RM"; and Chicago airtel and LHM, 11/7/66, above caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 16 copies of LHM pertaining to the captioned matter. Copies are designated for Atlanta and New York for information.

The source utilized in this enclosed letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED]

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 (1 - 100-440855) (CORE)  
 (1 - 157- ) (OAKLAND COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT)  
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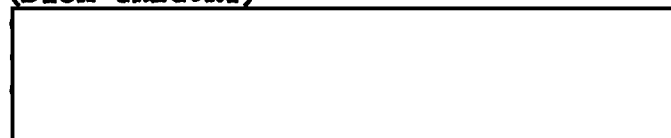
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A copy of this memorandum is being provided to U.S. Secret. Service, the military and the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago.

Chicago is following and activities of this captioned group and its affiliates will be appropriately furnished to the Bureau. The character in the enclosed LHM is being carried as Racial Matters, as in referenced Chicago LHM of 11/7/66.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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CG 157-1465

Chicago, Illinois  
November 8, 1966

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COORDINATING COUNCIL  
FOR BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
IS-MISCELLANEOUS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum, dated November 7, 1966, under the above caption.

On November 7, 1966, at 4:00 p.m., United States Attorney Edward V. Hanrahan, Chicago, Illinois, advised the Chicago Office telephonically as follows:

The Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, on November 7, 1966, had received "two or three" anonymous telephone calls alleging that [redacted] and [redacted] planned to "raise hell on the west side, tomorrow (November 8, 1966), to keep people from voting." The means to be utilized to accomplish this were not explained; however, was interpreted possibly to include the use of violence. Mr. Hanrahan was unable to provide any further clarifying information.

Note that referenced memorandum of November 7, 1966, reflects that groups representative of the CCBP, including the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE, and ACT, are urging a Negro boycott of the polls on election day, November 8, 1966, alleging that no candidates are involved in these elections who adequately represent the interest of the Negroes. Concerning [redacted] a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in November, 1966 that [redacted] is considered [redacted] West Side Chapter, of ACT, described as a militant civil rights organization in Chicago and [redacted] is known as a member of the West Side Chapter of ACT.

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The source advised that [redacted] resides at [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago, and [redacted]  
The source continued that the CCBP itself consists of various organizations, notably SNCC, CORE and ACT, who share an interest in obtaining Black Power for the Negro.

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This confidential source, on November 7, 1966, advised that in contacts with [redacted]  
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This source advised, however, that it is known that individuals affiliated with the CCBP are planning leaflet distributions on Chicago's West Side during the evening of November 7, 1966 and during the day of November 8, 1966, urging a boycott of the polls by Negroes.

At 9:20 p.m., November 7, 1966, Officer [redacted] Office of the Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department, advised that his office was in receipt of a telephone call recently from a male who identified himself as [redacted] and as "The father of [redacted]". This caller had stated that he had learned that representatives of CORE and SNCC would boycott polling places in the 24th, 25th, 28th and 29th Wards, in connection with the general elections to be held November 8, 1966. The caller had furnished no additional information to the Office of the Deputy Superintendent.

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Information was set forth in referenced memorandum of November 7, 1966, to the effect that certain individuals affiliated with ACT, Oakland Committee for Community Improvement (OCCI), and Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights figure, were planning an all-night vigil and demonstration before the Cook County Jail in Chicago. This activity was to be in protest of the incarceration here of the head of the OCCI.

The above confidential source has advised in October and November, 1966, in connection with the OCCI, that representatives of this group have been present at general meetings of the CCBP.

In connection with this demonstration and vigil, [redacted]  
[redacted] 10th District, Chicago Police Department, which District covers the area surrounding the Cook County Jail, 26th and California Avenue, Chicago, advised that a few scattered participants in this all-night vigil had gathered at the jail shortly after midnight. During the course of the vigil the size of the group grew to a maximum of approximately 30, this number inclusive of Gregory, as well as [redacted]  
[redacted] ACT [redacted] Chicago.

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[redacted] advised that the group dwindled away until only six remained at 7:30 a.m., November 8, 1966, at which time the vigil and demonstration was terminated. There were no incidents, arrests or disturbances during its course.

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Pertinent portions of the above information have been provided the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Office of the United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

[redacted]  
Region I  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[redacted]  
Region I  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[redacted]  
U.S. Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

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U.S. Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to each of the above agencies.

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 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
 SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Wick	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Sullivan	
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Director dated 12/1/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM relating to current plans of GREGORY in connection with his announced plan to visit Vietnam during the 1966 Christmas Holidays.

CG T-1, the source utilized within the enclosed LHM, is [redacted] Chicago Police Department, [redacted] protect requested, who furnished such information to SA [redacted] on 12/2/66. [redacted] advised he would be alert for any information relative to captioned matter and would immediately notify the writer of any new developments.

Chicago is following this matter closely and will advise the Bureau of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

A copy of the enclosed LHM has been disseminated for the USA, Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and the U.S. Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 2, 1966

157-347

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CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
December 1, 1966, captioned as above.

The "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published  
at Chicago, Illinois, December 2, 1966 edition, reported on  
Page 10, Column 3, that inquiry by such newspaper at the London  
office of Bertrand Russell, British philosopher - pacifist,  
revealed that a North Vietnamese visa is awaiting Gregory in  
Paris. Russell's office indicated that the issuance of such  
visa is tantamount to North Vietnamese permission for Gregory's  
proposed visit to such country in order to entertain American  
prisoners confined there during the 1966 Christmas Holidays.

On December 2, 1966, CG T-1, an agency which collects  
security type information in the Chicago area which has pro-  
vided reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory  
held a press conference in Chicago on December 1, 1966, relative  
to his proposed Vietnamese trip. At such time, Gregory stated  
he would seek no information about the condition of the American  
prisoners, their numbers, or their location while in North  
Vietnam. Gregory stated that he did not want to know anything  
about the war.

This same source advised that Gregory is scheduled  
to leave Chicago on December 2, 1966, for a nightclub engage-  
ment at the Village Gate in New York City. He will subsequently  
leave New York on Monday, December 5, on the first leg of his  
Vietnamese trip.

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**ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE  
1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

On December 2, 1966, the above information was provided to the following individuals:

United States Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, [REDACTED]; and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, SA [REDACTED]

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A copy of this memorandum has been designated for each of the above agencies and for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois.

FBI

Date: 12/1/66

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM relating to current plans by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY relative to his announced intention to travel to North Viet Nam during the coming Christmas Holidays. Chicago Police Department, Intelligence Section, has been alerted to the information contained therein and has advised any information developed will be immediately furnished to the Chicago Office of the FBI. A copy of the enclosed LHM has been designated for the USA, Chicago, United States Secret Service, and the U. S. Army, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

CG T-1 is [redacted]  
 [redacted] Chicago Police Department (Protect requested).

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Chicago is following this matter closely and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments by subsequent communication.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C. \* Will review the records of the Passport Office to determine whether RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY and [redacted] have current U. S. Passports and furnish any information available to Chicago and the Bureau relative to GREGORY's announced intentions of travelling to North Viet Nam during 1966 Christmas Holidays.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Chicago, Illinois  
December 1, 1966

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
November 21, 1966, captioned as above.

On December 1, 1966, the Chicago Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, Page 6, Column 3, contained an article relating to Gregory's previously announced intentions of travelling to North Viet Nam during the 1966 Christmas holidays. The article quoted Gregory as saying, November 30, 1966, that he had been invited to travel to North Viet Nam by North Vietnamese authorities in order to entertain American war prisoners there. Such invitation had been secured through the Paris Office of British Philosopher - Pacifist Betrand Russell.

Gregory, who is scheduled to perform at the Village Gate Night Club in New York City this coming week end, said he would depart by plane from New York December 5, 1966, enroute to London, England. Subsequently he will fly to Paris, France, to complete final arrangements and then departing Paris enroute Hanoi, North Viet Nam. The Tribune article stated Gregory had a valid passport and quoted him as saying he will make the trip regardless of whether the United States State Department granted permission for the trip.

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ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON .  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIET NAM  
DURING THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Gregory and his wife are presently standing trial in Olympia, Washington on a charge of illegal fishing arising from demonstrations there with the Nisqually Indians in February of 1966. Gregory said that if he and his wife were convicted of the illegal fishing charge in Olympia they will appeal, post bond, and then proceed to Viet Nam.

Chicago T-1, an agency which collects intelligence data in the Chicago area, advised on December 1, 1966, that Dick Gregory held a press conference at 11:00 AM, at 79 West Morrison, Chicago, Illinois, relative to his intended North Viet Nam travel. Gregory confirmed his previous statements as disclosed in the December 1, 1966 issue of the Chicago Tribune (as described above) and declared that he would contact the United States State Department on December 1, 1966, concerning such trip.

The above information was furnished to United States Army, Region I, 113th MI Group, [redacted]; United States Secret Service, Special Agent [redacted]

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A copy of this memorandum has been designated for each of the agencies and for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois.

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**SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY**  
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Date: 12/5/66

*Jag* Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 4/26/66

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

*K* Richard Claxton Gregory  
Dick Gregory  
Dick C. Gregory  
Dick Claxton Gregory  
R. C. Dick Gregory  
Richard Gregory  
Dick Gregory

*Summary*

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing  
in this reference which pertains  
to Richard Claxton Gregory can  
be found in the main file or  
elsewhere in this summary.

ACT.....Associated Community Teams

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

HCUA.....House Committee on Un-American  
Activities

NAACP.....National Association for the Ad-  
vancement of Colored People

NOI.....Nation of Islam

"PW"....."Peoples World" (West Coast  
Communist newspaper published in  
San Francisco, Calif.)

PSI.....Potential Security Informant

SCLC.....Southern Christian Leadership  
Conference

SNCC.....Student Non-Violent Coordinating  
Committee

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[redacted] advised that during the Second Anti-Imperialist  
and Equal Rights Congress which was held at 727 Sixth Ave., NYC, on  
9/4-5/55, an area report was presented by [redacted] who was in-  
troduced as a member of the "West Coast Delegation." His report dealt  
entirely on the recent Negro riots in the Watts area of Los Angeles. *Calif.*

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When the riots started, according to [redacted] the authorities brought in Dick Gregory in the belief that he would stop the trouble. This strategy failed to work as the people quickly realized Gregory was just a stooge.

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(protect identity), advised that a meeting of the Washington Area Committee for the Abolition of the HCUA (WACAHCUA) scheduled for 10/10/63, was to be held at the American University in Washington, DC. As there was only about \$100 in the WACAHCUA Treasury, plans were discussed to contact comedian Dick Gregory to participate in a fund-raising meeting at a later date. It was anticipated that 2000 announcements concerning this meeting would be mailed on 10/3/63.

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100-443566-12 p.3

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This reference is an Autobiography by Dick Gregory with Robert Lipsyte captioned "Nigger," published by E.P. Dutton and Company, Inc., 1964.

Bureau Library, Author of  
"Nigger-An Autobiography"

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As a guest of the "Bob Kennedy Show," over Radio Station WBZ, Boston, Mass., on 3/24/64, Malcolm X, during an interview advised that on 2/14/64 he attended a civil rights conference in Chester, Pa. According to Malcolm X, persons attending this conference were Dick Gregory and civil rights leaders from NYC, Cambridge, Maryland, Chester, Pa., and Chicago, Ill. Malcolm X said this group formed an organization known as ACT. He stated that although the initials meant nothing, the group was designed to act at any time, anywhere, to bring about results in the civil rights efforts. Malcolm X claimed that this group was not committed to positive resistance.

109-12-302-101 encl. p.4

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[redacted] advised he had obtained a brochure for a program presented by the Cincinnati Friends of SNCC on 5/2/64 at the Cincinnati Music Hall. Entertainment for the program was provided by Dick Gregory, the Freedom Singers, Mark Murphy, and the Dee Felice Trio, for the Ohio benefit of SNCC. b7D

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[redacted] advised that at the San Diego, Socialist Workers Party Meeting held on 10/6/64 at 5277 Velma Terrace, San Diego, Calif., [redacted] (100-431139) suggested that leaflets announcing the De Berry meeting on 10/13/64 be distributed at the Russ Auditorium in San Diego on 10/10/64, where Dick Gregory was to appear in a benefit show for the San Diego Chapter of CORE. b6  
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The serial indicated that Clifton De Berry was an SWP candidate for President of the US.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] attended the Dick Gregory show on 10/10/64 at the above auditorium. b6  
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100-431139-14 p.5  
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[redacted] (Former [redacted]) advised that on 12/10/64, the Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (MCPFB) held a meeting (place not given) for the purpose of evaluating the mass rally it had held on 11/29/64, in Chicago. At this meeting it was proposed that the MCPFB contribute \$25 to a civil rights project being supported by Dick Gregory. It was agreed that this contribution would be an appropriate gesture and that it could be instrumental in gaining more support for the MCPFB from the Negro people in Chicago. b7D

100-7046-3442 p.13  
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[redacted] advised on 12/14/64 that [redacted] and Dick Gregory, who were active with the "Christmas for Mississippi" project, recently met with Elijah Muhammad. b6  
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CG 6119-S\* advised on 12/16/64 that Elijah Muhammad, who recently met with Gregory, commented he felt Gregory would probably come in with them soon.

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"Muhammad Speaks" Vol. 4, No.10, dated, 1/29/65, a publication of Mohammad Mosque #2, carried a photograph on page 14 which was identified as being of Gregory and Muhammad. The subcaption revealed the following:

"Honored guest at a recent dinner in the Chicago home of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah, famed comedian Q11 and rights fighter Dick Gregory, puts the world renowned Muslim leader in high spirits....Gregory recently completed a successful campaign to bring food to impoverished people in Mississippi."

It was noted that Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah," was absolute leader of the Nation of Islam (25-330971).

25-330971-7343 p.140,142 .  
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The 4/24/65 issue of "Amsterdam News," a NY weekly Negro newspaper, contained an article captioned "Benefit For Malcolm X Widow, Friday Nite." This article stated that Dick Gregory and other Negro entertainers would appear in a benefit performance for the widow and four children of Malcolm X at the Apollo Theatre at 12 midnight on Friday, April 23. New York

[redacted] -PSI (protect identity) advised that the above described benefit show was held at 12 midnight 4/23/65.

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105-71196-20 encl. p.1,3  
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On 5/1/65 Dick Gregory spoke at a civil rights rally in Bogalusa, La. During the course of his speech he made disparaging statements about law enforcement officers generally, and FBI Agents. No incidents occurred at the rally (No Source).

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SI 157-6-33-2629

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[redacted] James Farmer,  
National Director, CORE.  
(Gregory's itinerary for  
5/1-2/65 set out)

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SI 157-6-33-2653

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[redacted] CORE field  
worker, Bogalusa, La.)

In a letter dated 5/6/65 from [redacted] Bogalusa, La., to the Director, [redacted] furnished his views about recent difficulties in his community. He stated "the disgusting display put on here last weekend by a sick mentality named Dick Gregory impells me to express again my admiration for the Bureau and for you as its Director."

157-0-266  
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Mobile Airtel dated 5/6/65 captioned "Registrars of Voters Dallas County, Alabama Voting Discrimination" enclosed photographs of comedian Dick Gregory depicting the area on his back where he was allegedly injured.

Photographs enclosed  
44-12831-824 and encl.  
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Sgt. [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio PD, advised that Dick Gregory was expected to participate in the picketing of the Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, Pa., by friends of SNNC on 5/11/65 and in event of arrests, bail would be supplied by NAACP.

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157-6-39-662 p.1  
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The 5/12/65 issue of the "Toronto Daily Star" in the column "Private Line" by Lotta Dempsey indicated that Dick Gregory was scheduled to appear at a benefit concert for CORE on 5/24/65 at Massey, Toronto, Canada.

According to an article entitled "Raise almost \$5,000 at civil rights concert" which appeared in the 5/31/65 issue of the "Canadian Tribune", Toronto, Ontario, Gregory donated his talent to the above concert.

Copies of clippings of above newspapers enclosed  
100-441714-34 encl. p.1,2  
(7)

[redacted] advised that on 5/26/65 [redacted] (105-82999) attended a general Youth for Jobs (YFJ) meeting in Oakland, Calif. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss plans for the benefit performance to be given by Dick Gregory in the near future to raise funds for the YFJ.

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105-82999-46 p.3  
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Captain [redacted] Joliet, Ill. PD, advised that following a speech by Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670) at the Stadium in Joliet, Ill. on the evening of 6/4/65, Dick Gregory gave a short speech. No reference was made to the FBI in these talks. King's main theme was "People Facing Challenge of the New Age and Old Order Passing Away." There were no incidents, and the entire proceedings were orderly.

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[redacted] Bogalusa Voters League, advised that he understood that James Farmer, CORE, was ready to come to Bogalusa, La., for the funeral of Deputy O'Neil Moore on 6/9/65, but [redacted] knew of no definite plans of Farmer to attend.

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[redacted] also advised Departmental Attorney [redacted] that Dick Gregory wanted to come to Bogalusa, but nothing definite had been decided as to whether he would or would not come.

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157-6-33-2944 encl. p.7  
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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, Ill. of 7/20/65 carried an article captioned "2 Cops Sue Gregory for \$50,000 Each. This article stated that civil rights leader Dick Gregory had been sued for \$50,000 by each of two policemen with whom he struggled during the 6/11/65 demonstration against School Superintendent Benjamin J. Willis. Gregory had said that he struggled after his arrest because someone took his billfold.

Clipping from "Chicago Daily News"  
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SI 157-6-9-1514 encl. p.1  
(13) [redacted] Chicago Commission  
on Human Relations)

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A press source (not identified) advised on 6/17/65 that an invitation had been extended by the Mississippi Democratic Freedom Party to Dick Gregory to come to Jackson to a protest demonstration.\*

157-6-54-582  
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\*Demonstration protesting the seating of the Mississippi Congressional Delegation and also the special session of the Mississippi State Legislature which had convened to take action on new voting laws for the State, according to serial 581 of this file.

[redacted] (protect identity), who has not furnished sufficient information in the past to establish extent of reliability, advised as follows:

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On 6/20/65, SNCC planned on holding memorial service at Tompkins Park, Brooklyn, NY, in memory of the three civil rights workers killed in Mississippi, in June, 1964. Speakers at this memorial service were to include Dick Gregory.

100-439190-381 encl. p.1  
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Officer [redacted], Human Relations Section, Chicago PD, advised that on 6/22/65 the students at Hyde Park High School, Chicago, participated in a walkout at this school, protesting a change in the musical program at the graduation commencement scheduled for 6/23/65. [redacted] stated that Dick Gregory was observed at the scene of the disturbance and was apparently attempting to aid the Chicago PD in quieting the disturbance. [redacted] further advised that Gregory left this disturbance and attended a rally held at Buckingham Fountain. At that rally Gregory announced that a meeting would be held 6/22/65 in Jackson Park in the vicinity of the above school to discuss the situation regarding the disturbance at the school.

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Officer [redacted] Deputy Superintendent's Office Chicago PD, advised that the above mentioned meeting was held at the Woodlawn Methodist Church. At this meeting Gregory criticized the Chicago PD in the way they broke up the disturbance.

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157-4-9-197 encl. p.1-3  
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SI para. 1  
157-6-9-1449 p.1,2  
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Special Agents on 6/24/65 observed that Dick Gregory spoke to 75 demonstrators gathered at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. Gregory referred to an article in the 6/24/65 issue of the "Chicago American" which stated that there were "Reds" who were observed marching in the demonstrations protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis. Gregory stated that some time ago he had visited the office of Robert Kennedy in Washington, DC. He stated that Kennedy left the office for a short period of time, and he, Gregory, observed papers on Kennedy's desk. Gregory advised these papers indicated to him that the FBI had a great number of informants in the CP. He advised the demonstrators that he wondered whether the "reds" mentioned in the newspaper article were "real reds" or FBI informants, and he intimated that possibly the FBI was using informants in the anti-Willis marches. Gregory further stated he had noticed in the past that one person who had participated in an anti-Willis march, did not know the words to the "Freedom Song", and he commented that this person was possibly an FBI informant.

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157-4-9-195 encl. p.1,2  
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SI 157-6-9-1444  
(13) (no source)

Special Agents on 6/26/65 observed that Dick Gregory spoke to the demonstrators assembled at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago. During this speech Gregory criticized the FBI, the Chicago PD and law enforcement agencies in general. He ridiculed Director Hoover and stated that Hoover made a statement that there were communists in the civil rights movement. Gregory stated "J. Edgar Hoover is the most dangerous, vicious man in America." He further stated that if the FBI, the number one police agency in the world, could not keep the communists from stealing the secrets of the atom bomb, how could we, civil rights workers, keep a communist from paying the \$2 to join the civil rights movement. Gregory then stated the reason that there were so few Negroes in the FBI was because there were very few right wing Negroes.

The demonstrators, who were protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis, were led by Gregory and Robert Lucas, Chicago head of CORE, to City Hall. They paraded around City Hall and then gathered to hear Gregory and Lucas speak.

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157-4-9-202 p.1, encl. p.1,2  
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SI 157-4-9-198 p.1,2  
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[ ] Secretary, Chamber of Commerce, Hammond, Ind., advised he had received a brochure captioned "International-National Black Movement in America" (105-140603) which announced that a gigantic rally would be held at the Bishop Noel Institute fieldhouse, Hammond, on 6/27/65. [ ] stated this brochure indicated entertainers at this affair would include Nipsey Russell and Dick Gregory.

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105-140603-5 encl. p.2  
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The 6/13/65 issue of the "PW" carried an article on page 3 captioned "Dick Gregory to give Benefit for Youth Group." This article stated that Comedian Gregory would give a benefit for Youth For Jobs (YFJ) (100-440328) in July at the organization's clubhouse in the old firehouse 1095 59th St., Oakland.

[ ] advised that on 7/10/65, Gregory staged a benefit performance at YFJ headquarters, Oakland, Calif. Receipts from this benefit were approximately \$700.00.

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[ ] advised that in July, 1965, at a meeting of the National Board of the CP, USA in NYC, "Mickey" Lima gave a report on the question of poverty. He said that YFJ recently held a benefit (locality not given) which was given by Comedian Dick Gregory and raised a little money, but the problems of stability still existed.

The serial indicated that Lima was Social Chairman of YFJ.

100-440328-14 p.10,13,14  
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SI to para. 3  
100-3-69-10482 p.33  
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[ ] Bogalusa Voters League, advised that marches in Bogalusa, La., were planned for 7/7/65 through 7/14/65, excluding Sunday, 7/11/65. Plans also called for appearance in Bogalusa during this period of Dick Gregory and other civil rights leaders. No dates were known for the arrival of these people.

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157-6-33-2982 encl. p.3  
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Detective [redacted] Special Squad, Racine, Wisconsin PD, advised that Dick Gregory spoke at the Racine Memorial Hall on 7/25/65 and his speech was picketed by members of the National Association for the Advancement of White People (NAAWP), Racine, Wisc. His speech was sponsored by the NAACP.

Photos of the NAAWP pickets appeared in the 7/26/65 issue of the Racine "Journal Times." Quotations from Gregory's speech were also carried under a title of "Gregory Gives the US Five Years or Else." He was quoted as saying "Why Complain If We Have Communists in the Movement if we don't keep them out of the country?" "That the FBI can't arrest them, then how can the NAACP get them out?"

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157-6-30-159 p.1, encl. p.1-3  
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SI 157-6-30-157 p.1  
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According to the 7/26/65 issue of the "Racine Journal Times," Racine, Wisconsin, the National Association For The Advancement of White People, Racine, Wisconsin (157-1711) and the newly formed White Dove Society had jointly picketed a speech made in that city by Dick Gregory at Memorial Hall on 7/26/65. Signs carried by the pickets were of a racist, segregationist hate type, and in general slandered leaders of the integration movement and made allegations of communist inspiration.

This reference indicated that the White Dove Society was formed to attract new members to the NAAWP through a soft-sell religious approach and advocacy of segregation based on teachings of Christ and the Bible.

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Detective [redacted] Michigan PD, advised that at 11:30 A.M. on 7/27/65, the Detroit and Chicago Chapters of CORE picketed Cobo Hall at Detroit, Mich., where Vice President Hubert Humphrey was addressing a convention of mayors. Those participating in the picket included Dick Gregory, who left Detroit by air at 2:45 P.M., to return to Chicago. The pickets protested the presence of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, whom they alleged had refused to negotiate with Dr. Martin Luther King concerning the school

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system in Chicago. The picketing terminated at 2:05 P.M. There were no arrests or incidents.

157-6-15-1308 encl. p.1  
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SI 157-6-15-1348 encl. p.4  
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[redacted] of the Sumter County Movement, Americus, Ga., advised that Dick Gregory arrived in Americus shortly before 10 A.M. on 8/6/65. Gregory, accompanied by Willie Boldon and Benjamin Clarke of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Rev. J.R. Campbell of the Sumter County Movement, led a march from the Freedom Center to the County Courthouse. All of these individuals spoke at the demonstration. Gregory was to return to Chicago, the afternoon of 8/6/65.

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157-6-2-1872 p.1  
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SI 157-6-2-1873 encl. p.1  
(12)

[redacted] Job Corps Center, Camp Breckinridge, Ky. (70-41594) stated he felt that underlying causes of riot at above camp on 8/20/65 included a student body too large for facilities available and inadequate vocational training; a visit by Dick Gregory on 8/8/65, and a demonstration by the NAACP at the Camp on 8/13/65. Gregory's visit and NAACP demonstration were concerned with alleged hiring practices at the camp (other underlying causes of riot set out).

70-41594-8 p.2  
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[redacted] Dunbar Elementary School, Morganfield, Ky., advised that the Council of Anti-Poverty Groups had scheduled a meeting in Morganfield for 8/8/65 at which Dick Gregory would be the principal speaker. The purpose of the meeting was to promote additional jobs for people in Western Kentucky.

On 8/8/65 [redacted] Sturgis, Ky., advised that Gregory had changed his plans and would land at the Evansville, Indiana Airport rather than the Airport at Sturgis.

A fisur on 8/8/65 revealed that Gregory did speak at the above described meeting in Morganfield.

The 8/9/65 issue of the "Courier-Journal", Louisville, Ky., contained an article regarding Gregory's charges of discriminatory hiring practices of the Job Corps Center operated by the University of Southern Illinois. Officials of the Job Corps Center denied Gregory's charges. It was also reported that Gregory refused to put on a scheduled free performance for enrollees because he felt not enough showed up.

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157-6-27-414 encl. p.1,3,4  
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SI 157-6-27-409 p.1  
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SI 157-6-27-408 p.1  
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SI par. 3  
105-142057-7 p.3  
(8)

CG 6893-S\* advised that on 8/10/65, one [redacted] (phonetic) who identified himself as being from Cairo, presumably Illinois, was in contact with [redacted] of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (100-439048).. [redacted] stated as follows:

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"They have some stuff coming up in Cairo that they will need some lawyers for. We'll need a lawyer to spend 2-3 weeks down there. They are thinking---if they can get the people to do it---of calling a general strike and strike that city. They are talking to Dick Gregory and he is willing to kick it off if they get it organized. There's a real possibility it would take place in a couple of months." (Not further clarified)

100-439048-563X  
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The following references contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 6/6/65 to 8/10/65 in connection with demonstrations in Chicago, protesting the rehiring of school superintendent Benjamin C. Willis and general "integration" policy of the Chicago schools. Gregory was one of the speakers or leaders of these demonstrations. During a demonstration on 6/8/65, Gregory

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was arrested for disorderly conduct, and on 6/11/65 was arrested for blocking traffic.

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157-4-9-132	(8)
-135	(8)
-139	(8)
-146 encl. p.1	(8)
-150 encl. p.1,2	(8)
-151 encl. p.2-4	(8)
-152 encl. p.1	(8)
-157	(9)
-181 encl. p.1,2	(9)
-184	(9)
-192 encl. p.2	(9)
-201 encl. p.3	(9)
-216 encl. p.1,2	(9)
-220 p.2	(9)
-225 encl. p.1	(10)
-228 encl. p.2	(10)
-235 encl. p.2	(10)
-242 encl. p.1	(10)
-248 encl. p.1	(10)
-250 encl. p.1,2	(10)
-260 encl. p.1,2	(10)
-266 encl. p.2	(10)
-267 encl. p.1	(10)
-277 encl. p.1	(10)
-280 encl. p.1	(10)
-281 encl. p.3	(11)
-294 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-296 encl. p.1	(11)
-298 encl. p.2	(11)
-308 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-317 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-319 encl. p.1	(11)
-322 encl. p.1	(11)
-325 encl. p.1-3	(11)
-340 encl. p.1,2	(11)
-343 encl. p.1	(11)
-344 encl. p.1	(12)
157-6-9-1386	(12)
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-1392	(12)
-1399 encl. p.1	(12)

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157-6-9-1400 encl. p.1-4  
-1415 encl. p.1  
-1416  
-1454\* p.3-6  
-1464 encl. p.1,2  
-1466 encl. p.1,2  
-1469X  
-1475 encl. p.1  
-1494 encl. p.3  
-1518 encl. p.3  
-1522 encl. p.1  
-1537 encl. p.1  
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-1553 encl. p.1

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Riot, 116th St. and Avalon Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, 8/11/65" set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this riot. While in the "Watts" riot area on 8/12/65 Gregory appealed to the people to cease rioting. On 8/13/65 he was shot in the left thigh while urging rioters to disperse.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-3804-57 encl. p.1  
-87 encl. p.6  
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[redacted] advised that [redacted] of the Los Angeles Chapter of CORE, had accompanied Dick Gregory into the riot area of Los Angeles on the morning of 8/13/65 on which occasion Gregory received a bullet wound in his left thigh. Gregory and [redacted] and others with Gregory made an attempt on that occasion to get the crowds to disperse and implored Negroes to return to their homes.

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157-6-26-760 encl. p.1  
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SI 157-6-26-793 encl. p.16  
(16) (Los Angeles "Herald-Examiner")

On 8/24/65, SAS of the FBI observed 70 individuals, including Dick Gregory and [redacted], participate in a memorial service for Jonathan M. Daniels, Civil Rights worker recently killed in Alabama. This service was held at St. James Cathedral in Chicago. The participants in the memorial service gathered for approximately 15 minutes outside the cathedral and then disbanded.

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157-6-9-1654  
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[redacted] advised that a march and rally sponsored by the Milwaukee March Toward Freedom and Independence Committee took place in Milwaukee, 8/28/65. The rally was held in front of the Milwaukee County Courthouse and one of the speakers was Dick Gregory.

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157-6-30-167 encl. p.1  
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On 9/19/65, Dick Gregory was guest speaker at an affair sponsored by CORE at Radio Station WHK Auditorium, 5000 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio. Gregory told a number of jokes about the civil rights struggle and some ridiculing President Johnson, Senator Goldwater and J. Edgar Hoover [redacted].

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100-347539-80 p.10  
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SI 100-266899-35 p.4  
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According to an article in the 9/23/65 issue, City Edition of "The Press," Riverside, California, entertainers scheduled to appear at a "Freedom Festival" on above evening at Swing Auditorium in San Bernardino, California included Dick Gregory.

[redacted] advised that approximately 600 persons attended the above festival on 9/23/65, and that entertainment was provided by Gregory, Sally Jones and San Bernardino local talent.

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157-2466-69 p.3,5  
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[redacted] Oakland PD  
(protect identity), advised that a new civil rights organization known as Action was sponsoring a rally at 1575 35th Ave., Oakland, Calif. on 9/25/65. Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights spokesman, appeared at this rally. The audience then proceeded to the residence of Chief of Police Edward Toothman in Oakland. Picketing of the chief's residence was then conducted with individuals singing "Freedom" type songs and chanting slogans.

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100-443302-12 p.23

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[redacted] Racial Informant [redacted]  
(protect identity) advised that [redacted], a leader in Klavern #7 of the United Klans of America, Miami Florida, spoke at a Klan Rally which was held on the outskirts of Melbourne, Florida on 9/25/65. [redacted] stated that Dick Gregory was a bigoted revolutionary agitator who was trying to cause them to go into guerilla warfare. He related that the law enforcement officers were being accused of police brutality and they should be left alone to do their job.

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Lt. [redacted] PD, Kettering, Ohio, furnished a copy of a letter sent to the City of Kettering on 9/20/65. This letter was signed [redacted] Committee for Human Rights. The personalized letterhead indicated that [redacted] was an attorney in Dayton, Ohio. This letter requested a parade permit in Kettering on 10/16/65, in honor of Kettering which was among the first cities of the nation to issue statements by its officials welcoming integration. This letter stated that Dick Gregory and other national leaders in the civil rights movement had been invited to participate in this parade. Letter set out in its entirety.

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157-6-10-660 encl. p.2

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Detective [redacted] NYC PD, advised that the Fifth Avenue Peace Parade Committee had applied for a permit to conduct a parade on 10/16/65 on Fifth Ave., NYC, as part of the "International Days of Protest" (100-444608), protesting US policy in Vietnam. At the conclusion of the parade a rally was to be held on the Mall,

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Central Park, NYC. The permit revealed that Dick Gregory would speak at the rally.

100-444608-92 p.2,6  
(6)

The following references reveal that on 10/17/65, Dick Gregory spoke, or was scheduled to speak at a "Rally for Peace in Vietnam" sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council, at the Little Theatre, McCormick Place, Chicago. Gregory, in jokes and remarks supported the peace movement.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
100-439048-688 p.D, 34, 35	(4)
100-444394-4 p.2	(6)
100-444608-93 p.2	(6)
-255	(6)
-362	(6)
105-138315-1796 encl. p.42 (scheduled to speak)	(7)

[redacted] advised that the boycott of Milwaukee, Wisc., public schools was discontinued by the Milwaukee United School Integration Committee at noon on 10/21/65, on which date Dick Gregory appeared in Milwaukee at a picket demonstration at Lincoln High School and the Milwaukee Public School Administration Building.

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157-4-30-46 encl. p.1

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SI 157-4-30-45 encl. p.1

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Milwaukee PD, protect identity)

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A fisur on 11/6/65 revealed that 39 demonstrators led by Dick Gregory marched from Grant Park, Chicago, to Soldier Field. The demonstrators marched and chanted at the main gate of the stadium for approximately 3½ hours. Two of the signs they carried read as follows: "We're here to embarrass Snake Daley," "Welcome

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Army-Air Force to Chicago, the most segregated city in the north." The demonstrators returned to Grant Park where they dispersed.

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157-6-9-1857 encl. p.1

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SI 157-6-9-1854 encl. p.1

(14) (Officer [redacted])

Chicago PD)

The "Chicago Tribune" Two Star Extra, Chicago, of 11/16/65, reported under the caption "Gregory Fined \$400.00 as Picket" that Dick Gregory was fined the maximum of \$400.00 on 11/15/65, on two charges of disorderly conduct arising from a demonstration on 8/2/65, near Mayor Daley's home in Chicago. Gregory elected to spend three days in the Bridewell (House of Correction) on what he promised would be a hunger strike rather than post a \$500.00 bond pending appeal to the Illinois Appellate Court. Gregory said he would post the bond after the strike.

The "Chicago Sun Times," Chicago, of 11/17/65, and the "Daily Defender," (no date given) Chicago, covered an account of the hunger strike at the House of Correction, Chicago.

Superintendent Stanley L. Denski of the House of Correction refused to give a press conference to Gregory indicating that he was not encouraging any publicity regarding the demonstration within the institution. Gregory was reportedly saying that he was seeking to "point up" injustices in the state Jury Courts and the treatment of Negroes in Chicago generally, by his hunger strike (details set out).

Add. info. according to Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD.

157-6-9-1888 encl. p.1-4

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157-6-9-1891

(15) (Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD)

A source familiar with racial matters, not further identified, advised that CORE planned a protest demonstration at the Criminal Court Building, Chicago, on 11/15/65, against the sentencing of Dick Gregory. Source not knowledgeable if Gregory was aware of the proposed demonstration.

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157-6-9-1871 p.1

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On 11/16/65 Sgt. [REDACTED], Tenth District, Chicago PD, advised that a twenty-four hour demonstration was planned at the House of Correction, Chicago, while Dick Gregory was incarcerated in that institution.

On 11/16/65 Assistant Superintendent, House of Correction, advised that approximately 50 inmates joined Gregory in a hunger strike. No major disturbance within the institution.

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157-6-9-1875 p.1

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SI 157-6-9-1889 encl. p.1

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On 11/17/65, Sergeant [REDACTED], Chicago PD, advised that Dick Gregory remained incarcerated and continued on a hunger strike at the House of Correction, Chicago.

According to an article in the Chicago "Sun Times," Chicago, 11/18/65 entitled "Promise to Study Complaints of Jail Hunger Strikers," Gregory was permitted a news conference on the evening of 11/17/65. He stated in part that he had ended his proposed three-day hunger strike after one day because other prisoners mistakenly believed that he was protesting conditions at the jail. This article further revealed that House of Correction Superintendent Stanley L. Demski and a prisoner spokesman contended that Gregory's presence played no part in the prisoners' hunger strike. Demski stated that Gregory's presence might have "served as an impetus to go on a hunger strike and make these requests" for better jail conditions.

157-6-9-1894

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The following references reveal that Dick Gregory, who had been incarcerated in the House of Correction, Chicago, was released on 11/18/65. Following his release he held a news conference at the main gate outside, and led a march from the House of Correction to the residence of Chicago's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, 3546 South Lowe St., Chicago, with no incidents or arrests. In view of Gregory's release, the demonstrations had ceased as of 11/19/65.

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157-6-9-1893 encl. p.1

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Sergeant [redacted], Chicago PD, Chicago, advised on 11/19/65, that the recent demonstrations, inspired by Dick Gregory in connection with his conviction for activities of a civil rights nature, were expected to be short lived.

Add. info. according to Sergeant [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] and Officer [redacted] of the Chicago PD, and duplicate informants.

157-6-9-1892 p.2,4-6  
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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, of 11/19/65, contained an article which revealed that Martin Luther King, Jr. was currently in Chicago to address a joint meeting of the Chicago Baptist Ministerial Conference at the Fellowship Church, 45th and Princeton Ave. The article continued that while in Chicago King had praised comedian Dick Gregory, active locally in the civil rights movement, but had refused to state whether or not he would support Gregory in his announced intention of being a candidate for the position of Mayor of Chicago. King stated that he intended to discuss this matter with Gregory. He stated he had the highest respect for Gregory and they had worked together very closely in the past in connection with civil rights activities.

100-438794-921 encl. p.2  
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The 12/6/65 issue of the "Chicago Daily News" contained an article captioned "Protesters Eyeing Shift to Politics." This article stated that Chicagoans prominent in various protest movements had scheduled a conference in Chicago on 1/15/66 of a newly formed group tentatively called Committee for Independent Political Action (100-444877). One of the sponsors listed was Dick Gregory, who had announced his intention to oppose Mayor Richard J. Daley in the 1966 Chicago election. This article also stated the conference would be headed by Attorney Irving Birnbaum who stated the committee had made no commitment to support Gregory's candidacy for mayor.

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100-444877-3 encl. p.2  
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SI 100-444877-2 encl. p.1  
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The following references in the file captioned "Communist Influence in Racial Matters" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory from 5/11/65 to 1966 in Erie, Pa., Milwaukee, and Chicago, in connection with racial matters. He spoke at a rally sponsored by the Milwaukee March Toward Freedom and Independence Committee in commemoration of the second anniversary of the historic civil rights march on Washington, DC. As of December, 1965 Gregory's candidacy for Mayor of Chicago in 1966 against Mayor Daley had been announced. The CP of Illinois reportedly planned to organize support for political candidates who would oppose Daley's Democratic Party candidates in the 1966 elections.

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100-442529-1068 p.2  
-1221 encl. p.1  
-1268 p.7  
-1555 p.5  
-1635 p.15,16,22

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A pamphlet captioned "The Herald of Freedom", Box 3, Zarephath, New Jersey, Vol. III, number 11, dated 12/31/65, with sub-caption "Revolution USA-1966" carried the following statement on page two: "A letter was sent to many leftists and Negro revolutionary leaders dated 12/3/65, by the Committee for Establishment of the Black Liberation Front, PO Box 16022, San Francisco, California. The letter called for the holding of a conference among the leaders of the Negro liberation forces in the US for the purpose of unifying all groups and organizations and sending representatives to the 'Havana Conference.' The 'Havana Conference' is to be held in early 1966, and is to be known as the Anti-Imperialist Congress. Representatives of all national liberation movements from Africa, Asia and Latin America are expected to attend. The Havana meeting is believed to be the result of the request of the CP of the Soviet Union for all socialist and anti-imperialist forces to join together for the final struggle."

[redacted] advised that [redacted] of Philadelphia left for Cuba from Mexico City on 1/6/66. [redacted], according to the source, was going to attend a meeting in Cuba and from Cuba would attempt to travel to Red China.

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On 1/11/66, [redacted] Reservation Desk. Aeronaves de Mexico, 500 5th Ave., NYC, advised that [redacted] departed from John F. Kennedy International Airport, NY, via Aeronaves de Mexico Airlines on 1/6/66, for Mexico City with no

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reservations for a return flight.

According to [redacted] on 1/12/66, the trip made by [redacted] was financed by Dick Gregory. Source further advised that [redacted] was from Detroit.

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It was noted that Black Liberation Front was the subject of this file.

105-138833-35 p.13  
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On 1/12/66, AT 1380-S\* advised that Martin Luther King, Jr., President, SCLC discussed some matters with Andrew J. Young, Executive Director, SCLC, pertaining to future activity on the part of SCLC in Chicago. King told Young he thought he would participate in a benefit program in Chicago (date not given) and that he would ask Dick Gregory to appear with him.

100-438794-1045 encl. p.1  
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The "Chicago Daily News," Chicago, dated 1/14/66, carried an article captioned "Raby Fined For Resisting Cop." This article stated that on Friday, civil rights leader Albert W. Raby had been found guilty by a Criminal Court jury of resisting arrest during a civil rights demonstration last summer, and was fined \$100. At the same time, the jury found Raby and comedian Dick Gregory innocent of disorderly conduct charges stemming from the same demonstration. (details set out)

100-438794-A "Chicago Daily News"  
(4) 1/14/66

On 1/14/66 Jessee H. Cutrer, Mayor, Bogalusa, La., advised he had received information from Negro citizens of Bogalusa, whom he considered reliable, to the effect that James Farmer, National Director of CORE, Dick Gregory and Louis Lomax (not identified) were allegedly coming to Bogalusa in the near future. Cutrer advised the arrival of these individuals in Bogalusa was supposed to be secret and the purpose of their coming to Bogalusa was unknown.

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157-6-33-3890 encl. p.1  
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On 12/28/65 [ ] advised that the Committee for Independent Political Action (CIPA) (100-444877) had distributed a leaflet which stated it was time to get a truly independent and anti-establishment political movement going. The leaflet continued that the undersigned, which included Dick Gregory, felt it was time to make the voice of the independents felt at the ballot box. It added that an all day gathering was scheduled for 1/15/66 in Chicago.

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The 1/13/66 issue of the "Chicago Sun-Times" contained an article captioned "Gregory, Havighurst Head Political Action Parley." This article stated that Dr. Robert Havighurst and Gregory would be co-chairmen of an all day CIPA convention in Chicago on 1/15/66.

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100-444877-6 encl. p.1  
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[ ] advised that on 1/15/66 the Committee for Independent Political Action (100-444877) held an all day meeting at McCormick Place, Chicago. One of the speakers was Dick Gregory.

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"Barrons," a national business and financial weekly, of 1/31/66, carried an article entitled "U.S. 'Peoples Politics,' a Report on the New Liberal-Radical United Front." This article stated that Paul Booth, National Secretary of the Students For A Democratic Society (100-439048), was among the organizers of the Committee for Independent Political Action which held "an all day organizational conference in this new nation-wide group on 1/15/66." (place not shown) Other organizers included Dick Gregory.

According to the above article, the audience of more than 800 delegates applauded Gregory, Co-Chairman, when he remarked "If Watts (Watts riot, Los Angeles, California) was wrong, we'd better go and burn all the American history books."

The article also pointed out that Gregory said he would run as an "independent" candidate for Mayor of Chicago in the 1966 campaign against Mayor Daley's (Democrat, Chicago, Illinois) machine.

100-439048-1004 p.42  
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Alice Widener, publisher of "U.S.A." magazine, NYC and a very good friend of the Bureau, covered the Committee for Independent Political Action (CIPA) (100-444877) conference held 1/15/66 in Chicago. Mrs. Widener furnished advance copies of two syndicated columns written by her concerning the activities of the CIPA conference.

Column captioned "Leftists' New 'Peoples's Politics'" stated that Dick Gregory, who plans to run this year as an "independent" candidate for mayor of Chicago, was a co-chairman of the conference. In his speech Gregory stated "There are spies in this room. FBI spies and police spies and there's another spy I won't identify now, but we'll see about him later." He did not explain the logic of why local and federal police authorities in Chicago would want to plant spies in an open meeting conducted for aboveboard political purposes. To those in the press near the dais, it seemed that either Gregory knew of behind-the-scenes CIPA activities warranting investigation by police authorities, or else he was making flagrantly demagogic and deliberately inflammatory anti-police propaganda.

Column captioned "New 'Peoples's Politics' Working Sessions" stated that one of the speakers, Philip Kron, was introduced falsely as a "speech writer" for candidate John Lindsay in the NYC mayoralty campaign. Kron stated Gregory couldn't possibly win, a statement resented by Negro militant civil leaders present.

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100-444877-5 encl. p.2,4  
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[redacted] of the Washington, D.C. Chapter of ACT (protect identity) advised that on 1/15,16/66, a meeting was held in Syracuse, NY, under the name of "Peoples Convention for Total Participation of the Poor." [redacted] stated that invitations were sent to various individuals inviting them to attend this meeting which was attended by Dick Gregory. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss problems confronting the Negroes in the US.

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157-6-53-772 encl. p.1  
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[redacted] Tulane University, New Orleans, La. (protect identity) advised that a request had been received by the University from [redacted] Tulane Liberals Club, on 1/11/66, for permission to sponsor a large scale "teach in" on Viet Nam at Tulane University on 2/5/66. This request listed the tentative speaker, which included Dick Gregory.

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[redacted] furnished a mimeographed flyer issued by the Seattle Committee to End the War in Vietnam. This flyer announced that the Seattle Youth for Peace in Vietnam would hold an outdoor rally on 2/12/66 at 24th Ave. E and E Union, Seattle, Wash. based on theme of peace and civil rights. Prospective speakers at this rally were to include Dick Gregory.

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[redacted], a representative of CORE, Baltimore, Md., advised that CORE planned to conduct a demonstration at the US Post Office and Courthouse Building, Baltimore, on 2/18/66.

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Five individuals picketed the above building on 2/18/66 and carried signs that demanded the release of Dick Gregory and that the US honor the Medicine Creek Treaty giving Nusquale Indians fishing rights in the State of Washington.

Some of the above activity was observed by FBI Agents.

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157-6-3-1813 encl. p.1  
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SI 157-6-13-1810 p.1  
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The following references pertain to a fund raising rally held by ACT at 815 V. St. in Washington, DC on 2/26/66. At this rally Dick Gregory stressed the need for human dignity rather than education. He stated the "Watts" incident was legal according to the US Constitution.

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100-441968-130 p.2  
-131 p.2  
-134 encl. p.2,3

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157-2466-110 p.2

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The following references in the file captioned "Organization For Black Power" (OFBP), a coalition of militant Negro radicals and civil rights leaders, set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory of Chicago during the period 6/14/64-2/27/66 in

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connection with OFBP. Gregory spoke at a civil rights rally in Dayton, Ohio which was sponsored by the Non-Violent Direct Action Committee. In December, 1965, he was to appear in Los Angeles. He was to be featured at a fund-raising rally in Philadelphia, and on 2/27/66 was to participate in a fund raising rally in the WUST Radio Station, Washington, DC for the benefit of the Deacons For Defense and Justice.

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157-3022-22 p.3  
-156 p.5  
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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 2/11/66, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (100-106670) had attended a meeting at 4859 South Wabash Ave., Chicago, the United Packing House Workers of America Hall, a meeting held primarily for the purpose of advertising and building support for the 3/12/66 SCLC Freedom Festival. King's comments urging all to attend and support the Festival were brief. During his remarks, however, he announced that entertainers at the Festival would include Dick Gregory.

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100-106670-2303 encl. p.3  
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"Muhammad Speaks" dated 3/18/66, carried an article on page 9 entitled "Gregory Blasts Daley; Sees 'Watts-Type' Riots" with photograph of Gregory. This article datelined Granville, Ohio, stated that Dick Gregory, the black comedian who had announced his intention of running for mayor of Chicago against Mayor Richard J. Daley, said that "a great social revolution" was under way to solve the Negro problem. The article stated that Gregory told 1,200 persons at Denison University, Granville, that the riot similar to the one in Los Angeles could occur in Chicago. He characterized Mayor Daley as perhaps the worst thing that had happened to black Americans since the days of slavery; that the only hope for improvements in the city would come with Daley's removal. The article further stated that at the Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY, Gregory predicted rioting across the US that would make "Watts look like a pope's picnic." Chicago and St. Louis, he said, were the major cities that would be

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affected: The article stated that Gregory said he was running for Mayor of Chicago in order to draw "enough Negro votes to break the Mayor Daley machine, if not win the election." (Details set out)

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks" 3/18/66  
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[redacted] of City News Bureau, Chicago, advised that Dick Gregory was planning a press conference on 4/1/66 to discuss racial violence in Chicago.

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Patrolman [redacted] Human Relations Unit, Chicago PD, advised that at the 4/1/66 press conference Gregory announced the formation of a committee designed to avoid the outbreak of violence in Negro neighborhoods in Chicago during the coming months. Gregory explained the program of this committee and also answered questions concerning the committee.

Similar information to the above was furnished by [redacted], Chicago Commission on Human Relations.

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On 4/1/66 the "Chicago Daily News" contained an article reporting the above press conference and stated that evening rallies were expected to be held by Gregory on 4/5,6/66, place not yet named.

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157-6-9-2166 encl. p.1,2  
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The following reference on Dick Gregory located in file maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/1/66

Subject, who is better known in the entertainment world as Dick Gregory, previously informed Agents that he is planning to go to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners of war. He has declared that he will go with or without State Department approval.

Gregory told the Agents that there is no intelligence mission involved in the trip and that he wants to be blindfolded when the North Vietnamese takes him from prison camp to prison camp. He said that if the North Vietnamese do not believe him, they can [REDACTED]

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A United Press International news release 12/1/66 indicated that Gregory has a passport valid until June, 1967. The release quoted Gregory as saying, "I think American prisoners are more important than the passport to me."

The information in attached is a rehash of material previously disseminated, therefore, no dissemination will be made of it. We are following the matter closely.

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321PM URGENT 12/1/66 JLS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), WASHINGTON FIELD AND NEW YORK

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 2P

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ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD PLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH  
VIET NAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

RE: CHICAGO LHM TO DIRECTOR, NOVEMBER TWENTY ONE LAST  
CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM

FOR INFO OF NEW YORK REFERENCED LHM DISCLOSED GREGORY

ANNOUNCEMENT NOVEMBER FOURTEEN LAST OF INTENTION TO VISIT NORTH  
VIET NAM THIS CHRISTMAS, PURPORTEDLY TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN WAR  
PRISONERS THERE.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER, DECEMBER ONE INSTANT, CARRIED  
ARTICLE QUOTING GREGORY AS REVEALING NOVEMBER THIRTY LAST HE HAD  
BEEN INVITED TO NORTH VIET NAM TO ENTERTAIN AMERICAN PRISONERS  
THROUGH PARIS OFFICE OF BRITISH PHILOSOPHER-PACIFIST BERTRAND  
RUSSELL. GREGORY PRESENTLY STANDING TRIAL OLYMPIA WASHINGTON  
ON ILLEGAL FISHING CHARGES ARISING FROM DEMONSTRATIONS THERE WITH  
NISQUALLY INDIANS LAST FEBRUARY. GREGORY, SCHEDULED TO PERFORM

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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*NEW YORK CITY*  
VILLAGE GATE NIGHT CLUB ~~NYC~~ THIS WEEKEND, DECLARED WOULD DEPART  
NEW YORK BY PLANE DECEMBER FIVE NEXT ENROUTE LONDON.  
SUBSEQUENTLY WILL FLY TO PARIS THEN HANOI.

TRIBUNE ARTICLE STATED GREGORY POSSESSED VALID PASSPORT AND  
QUOTED HIM SAYING HE WILL MAKE THE TRIP REGARDLESS OF WHETHER  
STATE DEPARTMENT GRANTS PERMISSION.

REQUEST WASHINGTON FIELD GIVE EXPEDITE ATTENTION TO DETERMINE  
IF GREGORY HOLDS VALID PASSPORT AS SET OUT IN REFERENCED  
COMMUNICATION. WASHINGTON FIELD ADDITIONALLY REQUESTED TO  
DETERMINE WHETHER [REDACTED] HOLDS VALID PASSPORT

SINCE POSSIBILITY EXISTS [REDACTED]

*UNITED STATES ATTORNEY*  
*USA, SECRET SERVICE, MILITARY ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.*  
*LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM*  
LHM FOLLOWS.

*POLICE DEPARTMENT*  
ADDENDUM: CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE THIS DATE AND DISCUSSED HIS INTENTION AND PLANS TO  
VISIT NORTH VIET NAM. GREGORY DISCLOSED WILL CONTACT U.S. STATE  
DEPARTMENT THIS DATE CONCERNING TRIP.

NEW YORK TO BE ADVISED

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FBI WASH DC CC. MR. SULLIVAN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) AND SACS CHICAGO AND  
NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL  
TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY-SIX CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE DECEMBER ONE LAST AND AIRTEL AND  
LHM NOVEMBER TWENTY-ONE LAST.

RECORDS PASSPORT OFFICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
(USDS), REVEAL GREGORY ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER E FIVE ZERO  
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CITY. [ ] WAS ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER [ ]  
[ ] IN NOVEMBER SIXTY-FIVE AT NEW YORK CITY.

THESE PASSPORTS VALID FOR THREE YEARS FROM DATE OF  
ISSUE AND RENEWABLE FOR TWO ADDITIONAL YEARS. HOWEVER,  
RENEWAL APPLICATION NECESSARY FOR RENEWAL. GREGORY'S  
PASSPORT VALID UNTIL JUNE TWELVE SIXTY-SEVEN AND WITHIN

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THAT THREE YEAR PERIOD HE MAY TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRY NOT RESTRICTED ON HIS PASSPORT. HE NEED NOT ADVISE THE PASSPORT OFFICE OF ANY TRAVEL PLANNED OR PERFORMED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE PASSPORT'S VALIDITY. THE PASSPORTS OF BOTH GREGORY AND  CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS MAKING PASSPORT NOT VALID FOR TRAVEL TO ALBANIA, CUBA, AND THOSE PORTIONS OF CHINA, KOREA, AND VIETNAM UNDER COMMUNIST CONTROL.

OFFICIALS OF LEGAL OFFICE OF THE PASSPORT OFFICE, USDS, ADVISED THIS DATE NO REQUEST HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THAT OFFICE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL TO ANY COUNTRY LISTED UNDER THE RESTRICTION ON THE PASSPORT.

WFO WILL MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH USDS AND ADVISE IF SUCH REQUEST IS RECEIVED OR ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING GREGORY'S TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM. P.

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431PM URGENT 12-5-66 JAM

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 CHICAGO 157-347 AND WASHINGTON FIELD 157-1121  
FROM NEW YORK 157-1093 2P

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO  
NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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RE CHICAGO TEL DECEMBER ONE LAST.

DICK GREGORY DEPARTED JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, NEW YORK CITY, AT TEN AM, DECEMBER FIVE INSTANT,  
ABOARD TWA FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO TWO, BOUND FOR LONDON, ENGLAND.  
TWA OFFICIAL ADVISED NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO ANY  
CONNECTING FLIGHTS AT LONDON OR RETURN RESERVATIONS FOR GREGORY.

IN PRESS CONFERENCE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE, GREGORY  
STATED HE WAS BOUND FOR LONDON, PARIS AND HANOI, NORTH VIETNAM;  
THAT HE COULD NOT PREDICT TIME OF ARRIVAL IN HANOI SINCE FLIGHTS  
TO NORTH VIETNAM WERE INFREQUENT; STATED PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS  
ENTERTAINMENT FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR IN HANOI; STATED

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BERTRAND RUSSELL, BRITISH PHILOSOPHER, WAS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THIS ENTERTAINMENT AT LONDON. GREGORY DECLINED TO DISCUSS HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD VIETNAM WAR; STATED HE WAS OPPOSED TO KILLING; THAT HE WOULD NOT ENTERTAIN COMBAT SOLDIERS BUT WOULD ENTERTAIN CAPTURED SOLDIERS. GREGORY STATED HE RECEIVED TELEGRAM FROM STATE DEPARTMENT WHICH REFERRED HIM TO TWO POINTS OF LAW WHICH HE DID NOT ENUNCIATE, WHICH TELEGRAM HE TURNED OVER TO HIS ATTORNEY.

LHM FOLLOWS.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-1465)

SUBJECT: COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR BLACK  
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM captioned as above and dated 11/4/66; Chicago tels 11/4/66-11/7/66, captioned variously Picket Demonstrations, Auspices CCBP, November, 1966, RM, with additional captions of Youth Gang Conflict, Chicago, Illinois, RM; American Nazi Party, RM; Proposed Demonstration at Cook County, Illinois Jail by Oakland Committee for Community Improvement, 3939 South Drexel Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, November 8, 1966, and Unsubs; Alleged Threats Against Dick Gregory, Negro Entertainer, and Civil Rights Activist, and [REDACTED] OCCI, Election Laws - Extortion.

- 10 - Bureau (Enc. 18)
- (1 - 100-439190) (SNCC)
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  - (1 - 100-441968) (ACT)
  - (1 - 157-2466) (DDJ)
  - (1 - 105-70374) (ANP)
  - (1 - 157-4253) (DICK GREGORY)
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  - (1 - 157-979) (OCCI)
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eighteen (18) copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the above group, its activities and those related to it over the period 11/4-7/66.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum are designated as indicated to interested offices for information. The caption of the letterhead memorandum itself is being carried as Racial Matter rather than as Internal Security - Miscellaneous as this is deemed more appropriate to the nature of the activities as set forth.

Chicago is conducting no investigation concerning the threatening phone calls made to DICK GREGORY, from an extortion aspect, as the telephone calls to him and his associates were local in nature. A separate letterhead memorandum is being provided the Bureau under an appropriate caption pertaining to the threat against GREGORY and his associates under the caption Election Laws - Extortion.

The sources utilized in the enclosed are as follows:

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Chicago is continuing to follow the activities of the CCBP and those organizations and individuals active in this connection. The Bureau will be appropriately advised of subsequent developments.



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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of November 4, 1966, under the above caption setting forth in part plans of those groups and individuals composing the CCBP umbrella-type organization to conduct demonstrations in Chicago, Illinois, on November 4, 1966, and November 5, 1966. Those militantly oriented civil rights groups which compose the CCBP include in part ACT, Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), Deacons for Defense and Justice, Inc. (DDJ), Oakland Committee for Community Improvement (OCCI), the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), as well as members of several Negro youth gangs in Chicago; these latter inclusive of such as the Blackstone Rangers and the Vicelords.

Referenced memorandum reflected that representatives of the CCBP had planned a picket demonstration at approximately 1:00 PM on November 4, 1966, at Congress Plaza, Chicago, this demonstration to coincide here with a visit to Chicago of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

In connection with this planned demonstration, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on November 4, 1966, that this particular demonstration was not to be held in view of the cancellation by President Johnson of his plans to visit Chicago. In its place the representatives of the CCBP have scheduled demonstrations for November 4, 1966, commencing at approximately 4:00 PM

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in the vicinity of Lake Street and Hamlin Avenue on Chicago's near northwest side. This demonstration is generally to be in protest of a lack of suitable candidates in the November 8, 1966, elections who are qualified or interested in suitably representing the Negro. These demonstrators are to proceed from their meeting point at Lake and Hamlin on a route taking them through this near northwest side neighborhood, predominantly white. The group has solicited the support of the DDJ to accompany them and to provide any protection necessary from any community attacks against the demonstrators. According to this source, the demonstrators themselves have no plans as such to initiate violence during the demonstration. If this demonstration is successful the group plans to conduct similar demonstrations in other all white or predominantly white Chicago neighborhoods over the forthcoming weekend. These demonstrations are to be held with the hope of encouraging the so-called "white backlash" to further embarrass the Democratic city administration and further contribute to the defeat of local Democratic candidates for public office in the November 8, 1966, elections.

Lieutenant [ ] Communications Section, Chicago Police Department, advised that as of 4:30 PM on November 4, 1966, there were no demonstrators then in the vicinity of Lake and Hamlin Avenues, however, additional police forces have been detailed to this area to insure that no problems arise in the event the demonstrators do appear.

Lieutenant [ ] subsequently advised that the scheduled demonstration and march, above, did not begin until 7:15 PM on November 4, 1966. Only 17 demonstrators, all Negro, subsequently marched from the intersection of Lake and Hamlin through this and nearby neighborhoods, terminating their march at approximately 10:00 PM. These demonstrators were accompanied by approximately 50 Chicago police officers and there were no incidents, arrests or disorders at any time during the course of the affair.

Patrolman [ ], Deputy Superintendent's Office, Chicago Police Department, advised at approximately noon, November 5, 1966, that information had been received by the

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Chicago Police Department that the West Side Chapter of ACT has laid plans for a march on this date to commence at approximately 4:00 PM. Those involved will originate their demonstration from ACT Headquarters, 413 East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, to the headquarters of the 13th Ward, Regular Democratic Party Organization, 6509 South Kedzie, Chicago. The stated reason for this march is to encourage a Negro boycott at the polls on the occasion of the elections to be held November 8, 1966. ACT is to be joined in this march by individuals representative of those other groups which comprise the CCBP, notably SNCC and CORE.

It will be recalled that referenced memorandum of November 4, 1966, also contained information to the effect that a march was to be held by CCBP forces on November 5, 1966, through the First Congressional District on Chicago's south side.

In connection with this demonstration, Commander [redacted], 3rd District, Chicago Police Department, covering the First Congressional District, advised that some 22 demonstrators led by Robert Lucas, Chicago CORE Chairman, marched for a short while early Saturday afternoon, November 5, 1966, from the area of 63rd and South Park Avenues, to the vicinity of 47th and South Park where the demonstration ended at approximately 3:00 PM. [redacted] advised that the marchers carried signs calling for the defeat of incumbent Congressman William L. Dawson, Chicago's First Congressional District, in protest of his past record in the civil rights area. [redacted] advised that the marchers did not reach Congressman Dawson's office as had been planned, apparently because of their fatigue. There were no incidents, arrests or disorders in connection with this march.

Lieutenant [redacted], Watch Commander, 8th District, Chicago Police Department, advised at 5:00 PM on November 5, 1966, that the demonstration planned for this afternoon at 4:00 PM by the West Side Chapter of ACT had been canceled. [redacted] advised that [redacted] ACT [redacted] had advised that the demonstration instead would be held at 4:00 PM on November 6, 1966, with a march to begin from 413

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East Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, ACT Headquarters, to the 13th Ward Democratic Headquarters at 6509 South Kedzie Avenue. The marchers additionally will proceed to the vicinity of 3900 West 63rd Street in this general area, this address the headquarters of the 13th Ward Republican Organization.

[ ] stated that to the best of his information, this demonstration on November 5, 1966, had been canceled because most of the participants were to have been those who had taken part in a earlier march on this date on Chicago's south side and these individuals had apparently not physically been able to engage in another march on this date.

Lieutenant [ ] above, advised on November 6, 1966, that the planned demonstration by ACT and associates of this organization before both the Democratic and Republican Party headquarters on Chicago's west side had not materialized. [ ] had no information concerning the reason for the cancellation of this march other than the fact that insufficient support had been mobilized by those organizations who were interested in it to render it other than embarrassing.

[ ] advised, however, that the Chicago Branch of the American Nazi Party had apparently learned of the contemplated demonstrations to be held in this area on Chicago's south side and had scheduled a counter demonstration to take place in Marquette Park. The area where the ACT demonstrations were to have taken place is generally in the Gage Park and Chicago Lawn areas on Chicago's southwest side, the scene of serious disorders during the summer of 1966 on the occasion of civil rights marches through these all white residential neighborhoods.

Concerning the ANP activity in Marquette Park on this date, [ ] advised that at approximately 4:30 PM, five individuals, all Caucasian, had been arrested in Marquette Park for distributing Nazi Party literature. These individuals were identified as follows:



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[redacted]  
Highland Park, Illinois

[redacted]  
Chicago Branch ANP

[redacted]  
[redacted], Chicago

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago

[redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago

Concerning these individuals, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] are all known in the past to have been active in the Chicago Branch, ANP.

Records of the Chicago Office reflect no information identifiable with either [redacted]

At 6:00 PM, November 6, 1966, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he had learned that Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer and civil rights activist, now in Chicago, was present at ACT Headquarters with some eight other persons attempting to organize a march to or demonstration in the Cage Park area later that evening. As of 6:45 PM, November 6, 1966, Officer [redacted] Office of the Deputy Superintendent, Chicago Police Department, advised that Gregory and this group were still at ACT Headquarters continuing to attempt to organize such a demonstration, however, there was no indication at that time when such activity would take place.

[redacted] Commander, 2nd District, Chicago Police Department, advised the Chicago Office that Gregory and Lawrence Landry together with some 14 other individuals departed the ACT Headquarters at approximately 7:20 PM, en-route to 13th Ward Republican Headquarters, 3900 West 63rd Street. Upon arrival here this group demonstrated peacefully for approximately an hour, then proceeded to 13th Ward Democratic Headquarters, 6509 South Kedzie. Here the demonstrators became disorderly, noisy and rowdy, repeatedly shouting

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"Black Power", and the Chicago Police Department forces present on the scene arrested ten male and three female demonstrators on disorderly conduct charges. Among those arrested was [redacted] of the West Side Chapter of ACT. Gregory and Landry were not arrested as a result of this activity.

Officer [redacted] above, advised that information subsequently received by the Chicago Police Department reflected that Gregory, subsequent to the demonstration on Chicago's southwest side, had stated that he might engage in an all-night vigil at Cook County Jail, Chicago, to protest the incarceration there of [redacted] of the OCCI. [redacted] a close associate of Gregory, is currently in jail for defiance of a local circuit court injunction restricting civil rights marches in Chicago, this injunction obtained in August, 1966, by Chicago city authorities. As of 10:00 PM, November 6, 1966, Captain [redacted] 10th District, Chicago Police Department, covering the area surrounding the Cook County Jail, advised that there were no demonstrators in the vicinity of the jail at the present time. He advised that his information was now to the effect that the OCCI would conduct an all-night vigil at Cook County Jail, 26th and California, Chicago, to protest the incarceration of [redacted] beginning at midnight, Monday, November 7, 1966, and concluding at 6:00 AM, November 8, 1966. [redacted] stated that according to the [redacted] of the OCCI, [redacted] the size of the group participating in this all-night vigil will be within the limits of the law pertaining to such activity.

At 3:25 AM, November 7, 1966, Officer [redacted] [redacted], Office of the Deputy Superintendent, advised that a telephone call had been received at the Deputy Superintendent's Office at 2:35 AM from [redacted] above, affiliated with the OCCI. At that time [redacted] reported a threatening telephone call received by him at 2:10 AM, November 7, 1966. The telephone call was from an unidentified male who stated to [redacted] "If you demonstrate before election day I'll kill you." [redacted] further advised that the Deputy Superintendent's Office was notified at 3:10 AM by Chicago Police officers calling from the residence of Dick Gregory, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, that Gregory had previously reported to the district police precinct that he had also received a threatening telephone call, this call

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received at 2:00 AM, November 7, 1966. Gregory's caller had reportedly stated, "Stay in your house until after the election."

At 2:55 AM, November 7, 1966, the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received a telephone call from Dick Gregory who at that point stated that he and some of his associates were receiving threatening telephone calls as a result of his proposed demonstrations. At this point Gregory stated that representatives of the Chicago Police Department had just arrived at his residence and he would recontact the Chicago Office with further details as soon as possible.

Gregory subsequently recontacted the Chicago Office at 5:18 AM, November 7, 1966, and advised that although the matter of the threatening telephone calls received by him and his associates had been referred to the Chicago Police Department and the Cook County Sheriff's Office, his attorneys had advised him that he should again contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation to furnish full information concerning these calls. Gregory stated that to the best of his recollection, his caller had stated, "Don't go to the jail and demonstrate tomorrow or you'll be hurt. Stay in your house until after election. This goes for [redacted]"

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Gregory stated that he then cursed at the caller, was cursed in return at which point Gregory hung up. Gregory advised he was not concerned about this call until he learned shortly thereafter that [redacted]

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[redacted] (all referred to above) had received similar telephone calls this AM. Gregory stated that the call to [redacted] in effect was "If you come out in the street you will be dusted off." Gregory advised that it was his belief that these threatening calls resulted from his announcing a planned rally and demonstration at the Cook County Jail commencing midnight, November 7, 1966. Both Gregory and Chicago Police Department sources familiar with these calls advised that they consider them local in nature.

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Pertinent portions of the above information were provided during the period November 4-7, 1966, to the following:



113th MI Group, Region I,  
Evanston, Illinois



United States Secret Service,  
Chicago, Illinois



United States Attorney's Office,  
Chicago, Illinois

The DDJ and the ANP, national and local, will be characterized on the attached appendix pages. The sources utilized in the ANP characterizations have furnished reliable information in the past.

Copies of this memorandum are being provided to: United States Secret Service, Chicago, Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

DEACONS OF DEFENSE AND JUSTICE, INC.,  
aka Deacons for Defense and Justice,  
Inc.

The Articles of Incorporation of the Deacons of Defense and Justice (DDJ) as on file with the Secretary of State, for the State of Louisiana, reflects that the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is a Louisiana corporation domiciled at Jonesboro, Louisiana. The location and business office address of its registered office shall be Amos Service Station (rear), Beach Spring Road, Drawer B. Jonesboro, Louisiana.

"This corporation is organized for the following purposes and to carry on the following purposes:

"To instruct, train, 'teach and educate Citizens of the United States and especially minority groups in the fundamental principles of the republican form of government and our democratic way of life; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the provisions of the constitution and laws of the United States and the State of Louisiana, as well as the constitution and laws of any other state wherein this corporation may operate; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the use, value, and purpose of the ballot and the right to vote; to instruct, teach, train and educate said persons as to the duties and responsibilities of good citizenship relative to the obligation and duties of the community to the citizen: to further instruct, teach, train and educate said persons in the value of economic security and in the effective use of their spending power; to inspire in said persons a sense of responsibility and to develop leadership. This corporation has for its further purpose, and is dedicated to, the defense of the civil rights, property rights and personal rights of said people and will defend said rights by any and all honorable and legal means to the end that justice may be obtained. This corporation may establish chapters and conduct its business at any place in this State and elsewhere as permitted by law."

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY OF THE WORLD  
UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL  
SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World," copyrighted in 1961, GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader," a Richmond, Virginia, daily newspaper, reported that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that ROCKWELL's Party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP - WUFENS was organized by GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by ADOLF HITLER. He added that ROCKWELL is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold, namely, first "to make ourselves known to the masses"; second, "the dissemination of our program and truth about the Party"; third, "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth, "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses."

On August 19, 1966, the source advised that GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL presently believes that he has completed the first two phases in his struggle for power and is well into the third stage, to wit, "the organizing of the people who have been converted to our propaganda." The source added that ROCKWELL had previously believed that he would be elected Governor of Virginia in November, 1965, and when defeated, he made the statement that he was not ready for stage four.

AMERICAN NAZI PARTY  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1962, [ ] self-identified as lieutenant, ANP, Chicago, advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP National Headquarters.

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A second source advised on August 17, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the ANP is currently located at 1314 West Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Sullivan

DATE: 12/2/66

FROM : J. F. Bland

1 - Mr. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. Wick  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. Bland  
1 - Mr. Enlow

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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Gandy ☒

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights agitator has publicly announced that with [redacted] he plans to travel to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners of war. State Department has asked for a name check on Gregory.

Gregory is the unscrupulous publicity hound who has made disparaging and contemptuous remarks concerning the Director and the Bureau. His sanity can be questioned as he told our Seattle Office that the North Vietnamese could [redacted] if they suspected any duplicity on his part.

Our files show he reportedly is a friend of a Seattle Socialist Workers Party leader and met with him last February in New York City. His activities pertain to racial and civil rights agitation and demonstrations.

Gregory has a valid passport until June, 1967, and may travel to any country not restricted on his passport. Among the countries restricted on Gregory's and [redacted] passports is that portion of Vietnam under communist control. Gregory told an informant of ours that [redacted]

## OBSERVATIONS:

All pertinent information has been furnished to the State Department and the granting of a visa is the State Department's responsibility.

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For information.

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Court House. SA [ ] was at the Thurston County Sheriff's Office conversing with Undersheriff [ ] when GREGORY approached, introduced himself to SA [ ] noting he was already acquainted with Undersheriff [ ] GREGORY thereafter conversationally conveyed the information set out in the letterhead memo.

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A copy of the letterhead memo has been furnished locally by FD-342 to the U.S. Secret Service, the United States Attorney, INTC, ONI, and OSI.

The Bureau will be kept informed regarding developments in this matter.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington  
November 28, 1966

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 28, 1966, comedian DICK GREGORY, of Chicago, Illinois, appeared at the Thurston County Court House, Olympia, Washington, incidental to his being charged with illegal fishing on an Indian Reservation. The trial had not yet begun, though it is scheduled for November 28, 1966. Mr. GREGORY had occasion to volunteer the following to an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

He had just returned from Europe and for the purpose of appearing at the aforementioned trial. In Europe he approached BERTRAND RUSSELL, well known English philosopher, with his idea to appear as an entertainer in North Vietnam prison camps for the purpose of a non-political Christmas holiday entertainment in their behalf. This would be contingent upon a Christmas truce.

Two North Vietnamese officials flew from Hanoi to London and GREGORY met them there, asking to meet and talk with HO Chi-minh. The North Vietnamese appeared quite receptive to GREGORY's plan, but said they could not speak for the North Vietnamese people until the people's wishes were established, since four million pounds of bombs are dropped daily on North Vietnam by American pilots and the idea now of entertaining these pilots would possibly be repugnant to the people.

GREGORY said the North Vietnamese advised him they would pursue the matter and he would be contacted and advised of the feasibility of hearing out his plan.

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GREGORY said he would have to learn the "ground rules" of HO Chi-minh and in turn, his own ground rules would have to be explained. He then said he would not agree to entertaining American prisoners in North Vietnam if there was segregation involved in any form, including the elimination of pilots from any audience, as he felt this would be tantamount to being a party to condemnation of the pilots' actions. He also said he would want to be blindfolded when traveling between prisoner camps, as he did not want to learn anything that could be construed to be military or intelligence information.

GREGORY said he intended to receive the North Vietnamese reply and then if favorable, he would go to the United States State Department for their approval, asking that his luggage be completely searched before his departure and asking further that he be permitted to take [redacted] with him as a gesture to support the non-political purpose of his visit. Further, if the North Vietnamese suspected any duplicity on his part, they would be welcome to, as he put it, [redacted]

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GREGORY said he believes the American prisoners of the North Vietnamese are entitled to be entertained as much as anyone else and he also hoped to ask the North Vietnamese to release any wounded who obviously would never be able to return to combat. He said this entire effort was part of his conviction that people to people efforts can succeed in overcoming man's inhumanity to man through warfare and he will have no part in any propaganda effort that might attach itself to his proposed program. He then commented on the "cocktail sipping Government officials in Washington, D.C." who make decisions affecting the lives of men on the front lines and he believed the men on the front lines should make their own decisions. He added that if he were an American soldier, he would be the best and would die twice for his country; but if captured, he felt that as a prisoner, he should give more than his name, rank and serial number and should tell all he knew. He did not expound upon this further due to an interruption.

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## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are 11 copies for the Bureau and 2 copies for Chicago of a LHM supplementing information in Seattle LHM under this caption dated November 28, 1966.

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(Enc. 11) (REG) ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA  
2 - Chicago (157-347) ☐ LHM being submitted  
(Enc. 2) (REG) ☐ Report being submitted  
2 - Seattle  
KCH/ejb ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

December 5, 1966

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Attached is a copy of an article which appeared in the December 1, 1966 issue of the "Daily Olympian", a newspaper of general circulation published at Olympia, Washington, and a copy of one which appeared in the November 30, 1966 issue of that newspaper.

The content of the attachments supplements information in the memorandum under this caption dated November 28, 1966.

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'A FAIR TRIAL ALL THE WAY ...

# Gregorys To Appeal Fish-In Convictions

By BOB McDANIEL

Daily Olympian Staff Writer

The Courthouse show is over—at least for the time being.

Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, Wednesday evening were convicted on a total of five charges of illegal fishing. But the Negro comedian and his wife have another Thurston County Superior Court date next January 12, when they are scheduled to appear once more before Judge Hewitt A. Henry.

To be argued then will be a motion for a new trial, and if that is not successful, sentencing for the couple. Maximum penalty for Gregory could be three years in jail and a \$3,000 fine, and for his wife, two years and \$2,000.

The motion for a new trial was filed by Jack Tanner, Tacoma attorney for the Gregorys.

The whole thing started last Winter with Gregory and his wife fishing in the Nisqually River in support of Indian claims they're usual and accustomed fishing spots—guaranteed by the century-old Medicine Creek Treaty—were being violated.

Neither of the defendants was

on hand for the verdict, which required three and a half hours of deliberation by a jury of seven women and five men. The Gregorys left Wednesday afternoon for Chicago and preparation for a trip, the announced candidate for mayor of Chicago will make to Manoi next week. Gregory said Wednesday that he will try to make arrangements for a Christmas show for Ameri-

can prisoners of war held in North Viet Nam.

Gregory, who said he has not approached the State Department with his plans for a trip abroad, drew a comment from Secretary of State Dean Rusk, who said if Gregory went without permission it would "pose some problems for us and for him."

Back in Thurston County, it was a nearly empty Courtroom by the time the verdict was announced. The Gregorys were absent, as were such visiting Indian notables as Mad Bear, a longshoreman from New York; Semu, a Chumash medicine man from San Diego, and Messenger Boy, who said he would rather be called Craig Carpenter.

Before his followers departed, Gregory treated them and a handful of Courthouse on-lookers to a half-hour of his specialty—an impromptu comedy routine. The third floor hallway outside of Judge Henry's courtroom served as a stage.

He joked about civil rights mostly, taking verbal pot shots at law enforcement, Dixie style. Then, in a more serious vein, Gregory showered praise on the eight state game protectors who testified at his trial. But the comic urge got the best of him, and in the end the comedian reverted to form and quipped:

"They told the truth, and man I'm not used to honest cops. It's been a fair trial all the way and I'm not complaining."

The man who says he "NEVER" takes the easy way out and forfeits bail when he gets into a legal hassle assured everyone that he and his wife will be on hand for the court action set for next month.

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NORTH VIET NAM

# Gregory Announces He'll Hop To Hanoi

Negro comedian Dick Gregory said Wednesday morning that he will leave next Monday for Hanoi and a conference with the North Vietnamese government officials concerning a series of Christmas shows he wants to stage for captured American troops held there.

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Confirmation of his bid for the trip came early Wednesday morning from British Philosopher Bertrand Russell's Paris office, Gregory said during a press conference prior to the third day of his trial in Thurston County Superior Court on illegal fishing charges.

In making the announcement, Gregory reiterated comments made earlier in the week that he "is going as a human being, not as an American or a patriot."

He again said that the U.S. State Department has not entered the picture, "because they couldn't get me into Hanoi if they wanted to."

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If the initial conference in Hanoi is successful, Gregory said, he will try to take a trio of musicians, his wife, and two of his five daughters for the holiday junket next month.

"I'll leave my wife and kids there as a gesture of good faith," he said. "I don't know if the North Vietnamese will go for the idea of hostages, but if they want me to, I'll leave my wife, Lillian, and daughters, Michele, 7, and Lynn, 5, in Hanoi for a month."

The comedian said that he will not entertain in nightclubs for a maximum of two years if he makes the trip to North Vietnam. This is, he said, "because I wouldn't want to make money" due to the trip. He said he will continue with his writing and lecture appearances regardless of the trip.

Gregory said he planned to pay for the trip himself by financing it with a series of appearances in Chicago before he leaves next month.

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/2/66

Subject, also known as Dick Gregory. Information previously received concerning proposed travel to Hanoi has been disseminated to State, Central Intelligence Agency(CIA), and Department of Justice.

Proposed travel receiving wide publicity.

Information in incoming teletype being disseminated to State, CIA and Department of Justice.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD

CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED

FROM [NEW YORK 1P]

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH  
VIET NAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTYSIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.  
INFO CONCERNING

CLASS. & EXT. BY 2842/12/86  
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BUFILE 100-440423 CHICAGO 157-347 AND NEW YORK AND  
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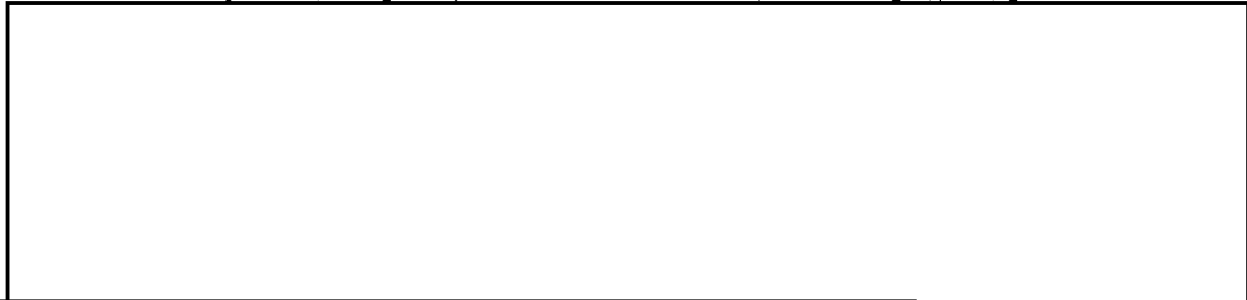
December 2, 1966

RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY  
aka, Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. [redacted]  
1 - Mr. Sullivan  
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No investigation has been conducted concerning the captioned individual.

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on December 2, 1966, that



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The informant was unable to furnish information concerning the purpose of this travel.

This confirms information orally furnished to [redacted] Night Duty Officer, State Department, 12/2/66. (On State Department Copy only).

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD

CHICAGO AND WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON - ENCODED  
FROM NEW YORK 2P

BUFILE 100-440423, CHICAGO 157-347 NEW YORK, 157-1093

ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL  
TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING THE NINETEEN SIXTY SIX CHRISTMAS  
HOLIDAYS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

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December 5, 1966

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
aka, Dick Gregory  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on December 4, 1966, that



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This confirms information orally furnished to  
[redacted] State Department, December 4, 1966.  
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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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[REDACTED] GREGORY IS COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS AGITATOR WHO HAS MADE DISPARAGING REMARKS CONCERNING BUREAU. ALERT YOUR SOURCES FOR RECEIPT OF ANY INFORMATION COMING TO THEIR ATTENTION REGARDING GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES IN ENGLAND. GREGORY HOLDS PASSPORT NUMBER E FIVE ZERO ZERO EIGHT EIGHT NINE, ISSUED JUNE TWELVE ONE NINE SIX FOUR IN NEW YORK CITY.

NOTE: Source is [REDACTED] See NYtels 12/2/66 and 12/4/66 captioned "Announced Plans by Richard Claxton Gregory to Travel to North Vietnam During the 1966 Christmas Holidays, Information Concerning." The above and all other pertinent information has been furnished to the State Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS BY RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY, TO TRAVEL  
TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING  
THE 1966 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS;  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

ReNYteletype to Bureau, 12/5/66.

Enclosed for Bureau and offices listed are copies of LHM covering DICK GREGORY's departure from New York on 12/5/66. Special Agents who personally observed GREGORY's departure were Special Agents HENRY RASK and VINCENT J. ASCHERL.

Special Agents ASCHERL and RASK overheard comments made by GREGORY at the press conference prior to his departure on 12/5/66.

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to 108th INTC Group of Secret Service.

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New York 157-1093

New York, New York  
December 7, 1966

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Announced Plans by Richard  
Claxton Gregory to Travel to  
North Vietnam during the 1966  
Christmas Holidays  
Information Concerning

Special Agent personnel Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Richard Claxton Gregory depart from John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, on December 5, 1966, at 10:00 a.m. aboard Trans World Airlines Flight 702 bound for London, England. At a press conference given by Dick Gregory prior to his departure he made the following statements:

He was bound for London, Paris and Hanoi, North Vietnam. He could not predict the date of his arrival in Hanoi since flights to North Vietnam were infrequent. The purpose of his trip was to negotiate for Christmas entertainment of American prisoners of war in North Vietnam. He was going at the invitation of the Hanoi Government and Bertrand Russell, British philosopher and pacifist was instrumental in arranging the trip.

Dick Gregory declined to discuss his attitude toward the Vietnam War. He was not against war, but he was against killings. He was making the trip as a "human being." He would not give shows to combat soldiers but would give shows to captured soldiers.

Dick Gregory was asked if he had heard from the State Department relative to this trip. He replied that he had received a telegram from the State Department which referred him to two points of law. Dick Gregory did not enunciate the two points of law involved but he turned the telegram over to his attorney.

Gregory stated that the telegram from the Department of State has not changed his plans.

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Announced Plans by Richard  
Claxton Gregory to Travel to  
North Vietnam during the 1966  
Christmas Holidays

The "New York Times" December 4, 1966, page 9, contained an article entitled "Dick Gregory Going to Hanoi to Arrange Shows for G.I. Captives." This article related that at a previous press interview Dick Gregory stated that the above trip to Hanoi commencing December 5, 1966, "would be made only to work out details for the second visit" at Christmas time. If he was successful in arranging for the Christmas trip he would concentrate then on entertaining the prisoners.

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12/7/66

Date \_\_\_\_\_

[redacted] Public Relations Man, Trans World Airlines, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York, furnished the following information:

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RICHARD GREGORY was ticketed by Trans World Airlines on their Flight 702 departing John F. Kennedy International Airport at 10:00 a.m. December 5, 1966, bound for London, England. DICK GREGORY departed on this flight at the time scheduled. He held a one-way ticket with no return reservations, and there were no reservations for connecting flights at London.

12/5/66 John F. Kennedy International Airport, Queens, New York NY 157-1093

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FROM NEW YORK (157-1093) 1P

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ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM  
DURING NINETEEN SIXTY SIX CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE NY TT TO BUREAU TWELVE FIVE SIXTY SIX.

[REDACTED] PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, TRANS WORLD AIRLINES,  
NYC, ADVISED DECEMBER NINTH THAT DICK GREGORY ARRIVED JOHN F.  
KENNEDY AIRPORT, QUEENS, NY, DECEMBER NINTH ABOARD TWO FLIGHT SEVEN  
ZERO ONE, WHICH ARRIVED AT FIVE FORTY PM, FROM LONDON ENGLAND.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) RUC.

SUBJECT: ANNOUNCED PLANS OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO TRAVEL TO NORTH VIETNAM DURING 1966  
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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DATE OF REVIEW 12/12/86

ReNYteletype to Bureau 12/10/66, reporting return  
of DICK GREGORY to NY from London on 12/19/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed are  
copies of an LHM covering DICK GREGORY's return to NY on  
12/9/66.

                     TWA, furnished information to SA  
VINCENT J. ASCHERL.

Confidential source referred to in attached LHM  
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Attached LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" since  
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Announced Plans of Richard Claxton Gregory  
To Travel To North Vietnam During 1966  
Christmas Holidays  
Information Concerning

[redacted] Public Relations Department, Trans  
World Airlines (TWA), John F. Kennedy International Airport,  
Queens, New York, advised on December 9, 1966, that Dick  
Gregory returned to New York aboard TWA Flight 701 which  
arrived at this airport at 5:40 p.m., December 9, 1966, from  
London, England.

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on December 10, 1966, that  
at a press conference held at the Village Gate, an entertainment  
spot in Greenwich Village, New York City, at 11:00 a.m.,  
December 10, 1966, Dick Gregory made the following statement:

Dick Gregory was notified by Bertrand Russell,  
English philosopher and pacifist, that his (Gregory's)  
projected trip to Hanoi, North Vietnam, to entertain United  
States prisoners of war had been turned down by the North  
Vietnamese. The reason given was the extensive bombing of  
North Vietnam by United States forces. Dick Gregory stated  
he sent a telegram to the Hanoi Government advising that he  
was not interested in political affairs, but was primarily  
concerned with entertaining United States prisoners of war  
in North Vietnam. Dick Gregory stated he sent a telegram  
to the President of the United States protesting travel  
restrictions on his United States passport. He also indicated  
he planned legal action against the United States Government  
to enjoin the Government from restricting his travelling  
privileges. Dick Gregory stated he is not a Communist and  
would never become one. (S) (U)

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Announced Plans of Richard Claxton Gregory  
To Travel To North Vietnam During 1966  
Christmas Holidays

The "New York Times" issue of December 11, 1966, on Page 8, carried an article entitled "Gregory Says Trip Awaits New Hanoi Authorization." According to the article, Dick Gregory said he would cancel his proposed Christmas trip to Hanoi unless renewed approval was received from Hanoi within a week. The article said that Gregory returned to New York Friday, December 9, 1966, from London and that his proposed trip to Hanoi had been postponed by the North Vietnamese since American bombings in the Hanoi area posed a threat to his safety.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 452

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, INFORMATION CONCERNING.

REBUCAB DECEMBER 5 LAST.

GREGORY LEFT TODAY ON TWA FLIGHT 701 AT 3 PM FOR NEW YORK.

Eng. [REDACTED] AND A [REDACTED] Eng. BORN [REDACTED]  
 [REDACTED] CLEVELAND, U.S. CITIZEN, AT AIRPORT AND [REDACTED] OVERHEARD

SAYING TO GREGORY "SEE YOU NEXT WEEK ON YOUR ONWARD JOURNEY."

THIS IMPLIES GREGORY MAY RETURN LONDON ON WAY TO NORTH VIETNAM.

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CC-Mr Enlow  
 3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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Referenced cable indicated that when subject left London Airport two individuals were at the airport to see him off, one well known to the Bureau, [redacted] and the other, [redacted] according to [redacted] ENC-

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRIP TO NORTH  
VIETNAM BY DICK GREGORY,  
EASTER, 1967  
RACIAL MATTERS

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are copies  
of LHM on above case. Confidential source referred to is

The LHM is classified "~~confidential~~" since  
unauthorized disclosure of information attributed to above  
source might impair his future effectiveness and such impairment  
could have an adverse effect on the national defense.

Dissemination is being made locally to Secret  
Service, 108th INTC Group, OSI, DIO and USA, SDNY.

Attempts will be made through informant coverage  
to obtain the specific information concerning travel plans of  
DICK GREGORY. When such information is received it will be  
furnished promptly to the Bureau for dissemination purposes.

- 3-Bureau (Encls 11) (RM)  
2-Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2)  
1-New York (100-154780) (VIDEM)  
1-New York

JA: pml  
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LHM Copy to State, AAG, New York  
by routing slip for OSI, OSI-2  
☒ info ☐ action  
date 1-12-67  
by [signature]

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DATE OF REVIEW 1-10-87

Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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New York, New York

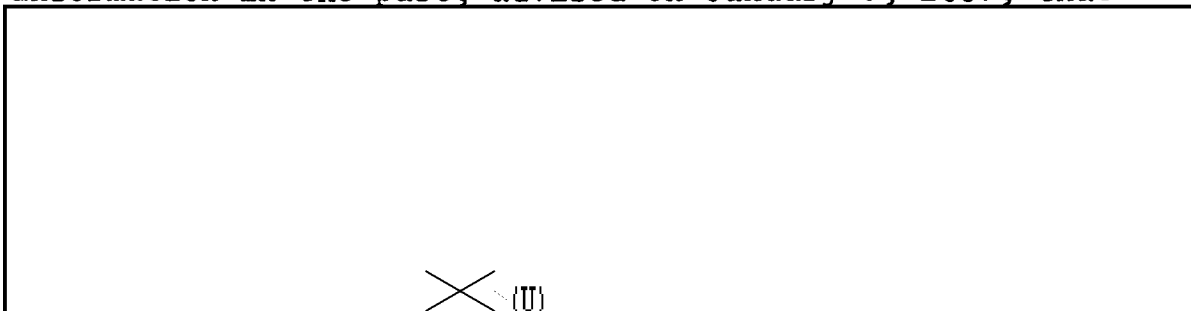
January 10, 1967

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Proposed Trip To North  
Vietnam By Dick Gregory,  
Easter, 1967  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised on January 3, 1967, that



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The above confidential source had no further  
information to furnish at this time concerning Dick Gregory's  
proposed travel to North Vietnam. (U)

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Chicago is following the situation closely and will furnished the Bureau with all pertinent details by subsequent communication.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Chicago, Illinois  
JAN. 16, 1967

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[REDACTED]  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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The Chicago "Tribune" January 13, 1967, edition carried an article on page three, column four, datelined Olympia, Washington, revealing that Dick Gregory, the Chicago comedian and nationally known civil rights demonstrator had been sentenced to six months in jail with three months suspended sentence by the Washington State Courts. Such sentencing resulted from an indictment filed against Gregory charging him with violation of the State Fish Conservation laws when he participated in "fishing" demonstrations last year staged by Washington State Indians in support of their tribal fishing rights. 1 C L

Gregory was convicted with his wife, [REDACTED] GREGORY last month after a three-day jury trial in the Thurston County Superior Court. Gregory, who is currently free on \$1,000 bond, declared that he will appeal his conviction to the State Superior Court.

On January 13, 1967, Chicago T-1, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to be the main speaker at a political rally supporting independent Negro candidates for aldermen January 18, 1967, at the Senate Theater, 3158 West Madison, Chicago, Illinois. It is also noted that Gregory has previously announced his intention to oppose incumbent Mayor Richard J. Daley in the upcoming Chicago mayoralty elections in April, 1967. (C) (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Chicago T-2, a source who has provided reliable information in the past, advised on January 13, 1967, that he had no information relating to Gregory's previously announced plans to travel to North Vietnam. Source noted Gregory has sought no assistance from local Negro organizations relative to such proposed trip and that the trip, in source's estimation, has not been enthusiastically received by civil rights leaders in the Chicago area. (S) (U)

On January 13, 1967, the above information was provided to the following individuals:

[REDACTED]  
113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

[REDACTED]  
United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

A copy of this memorandum is being designated for the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago.

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Date: January 18, 1967

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(Priority)

To: Director, FBI  
 From: *SA* Seattle (157-511) (RUC)  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 OO: CG

ATTENTION:  
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☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed are eleven copies for the Bureau and two copies for Chicago of a LHM supplementing information in Seattle LHM under this caption dated December 5, 1966.

Copy of enclosure being made available locally by FD342 to United States Secret Service, United States Attorney, INTC, NISO, and OSI.

- (1) - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REG)  
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 2 - Seattle

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Agency G-2, ONI, OSI, CRD

Date Forw. JAN 23 1967 EX-113

How Forw. CS ICC RACIAL UNIT JAN 20 1967

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Seattle  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Seattle, Washington  
January 18, 1967

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Attached is a duplication of an article which appeared in the January 12, 1967 issue of the "Daily Olympian," a newspaper of general circulation published in Olympia, Washington.

The content of the attachment supplements information furnished in memoranda under this captioned dated January 5, 1966 and November 28, 1966.

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# Dick Gregory — Gets 6 Months

## Wife Lillian Draws 30 Days, All Suspended

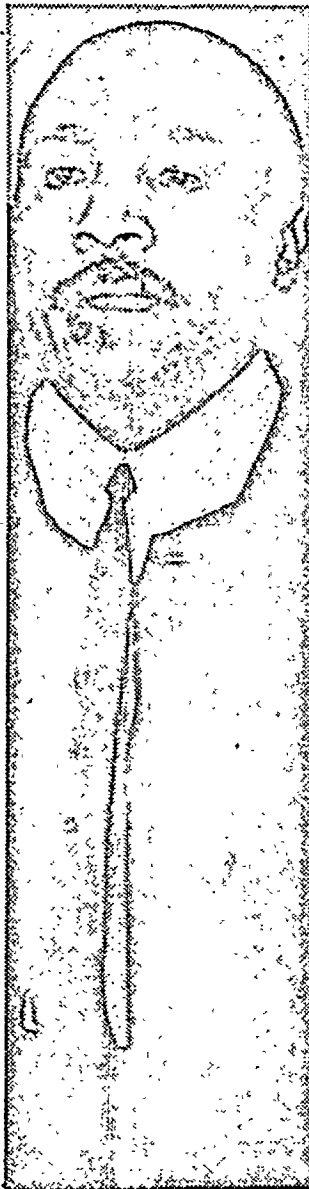
Negro entertainer Dick Gregory and his wife, Lillian, were sentenced Thursday morning in Thurston County Superior Court to jail terms for their participation in illegal fish-ins on the Nisqually River last February. Judge Hewitt Henry prescribed six months in jail for Gregory, and 30-days for Mrs. Gregory. He assessed court costs of \$19.20.

Judge Henry suspended all of Mrs. Gregory's jail term, and suspended 90 days of Gregory's term.

No sooner had Judge Henry read the sentence than Jack Tanner, the Gregorys' lawyer, announced that he would appeal the case to the State Supreme Court. The Gregorys will remain free on bond.

The Gregorys had been free on a total of \$5,000 bond since their Superior Court conviction last November 30 on charges of illegal gillnet fishing. Following the conviction, Gregory drew national attention when he announced his intention of going to North Vietnam to entertain American prisoners held there. The trip later was cancelled.

Currently, Gregory is heading his own campaign for mayor of Chicago. He said Thursday forenoon he would fly back directly to Chicago and, by Saturday, expects to be in New York to tape a television show under the direction of another entertainer, Harry Belafonte.



**DICK GREGORY**  
Back In Court

(Daily Olympian Photo)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

PAGE 1

DAILY OLYMPIAN

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WASHINGTON

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1-12-67

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Re: Dick Gregory

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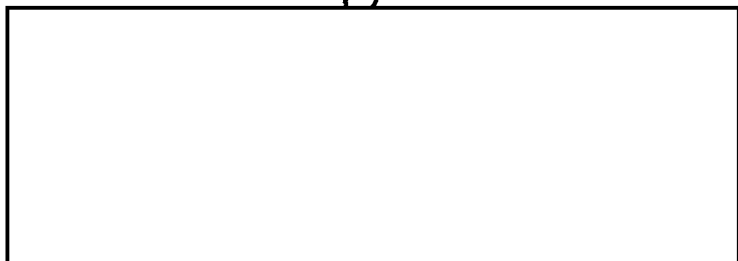
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Washington, D.C.



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The office of the President  
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of whether we agree with  
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being said in a most  
disrespectful way.

Sincerely



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Jan. 25, 1967



Dear Sir:

Please run the tape  
of the Mike Douglas show  
that was shown at 4:30 P. M.  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> on WCKT-TV (ABC)

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Jan. 25, 1967

Dear Sirs:

Please run the tape of the Mike Douglas show that was shown at 4:30 P. M Jan. 20th on WCKT - TV (NBC) Miami.

Dick Gregory spoke of taking a bomb to the White House and also to Alabama.

The office of the President should be respected at all times -- regardless of whether we agree with its policy. Too much is being said in a most disrespectful way.

Sincerely

[Redacted Signature Box]

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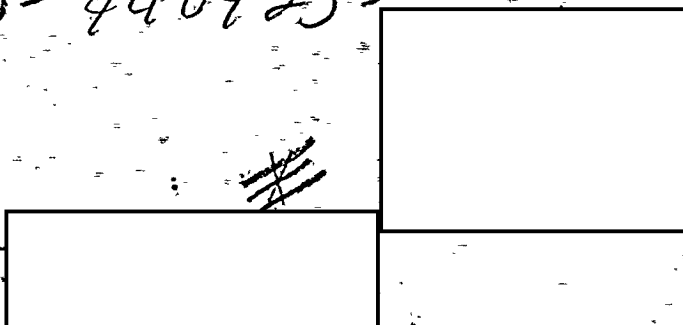
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February 6, 1967



Delray Beach, Florida 33444

Dear [redacted]

Your communication of January 25th to the Department of Justice was referred to this Bureau and was received on February 2nd. I want to thank you for furnishing this information and assure you the interest which prompted you to write is appreciated.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles disclose no record identifiable with [redacted] Dick Gregory is the well-known Negro comedian who has been active in civil rights matters. A copy of the incoming forwarded to U. S. Secret Service by form referral of same date.

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DATE 1-31-80

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-35356)

SUBJECT: MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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for Atlanta two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM)  
which sets forth information concerning the above  
captioned individual.Source utilized in the preparation of the LHM  
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reasonably result in the identification of this  
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(RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)

1 - 100-438794

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

March 14, 1967

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Source advised on March 10, 1967, that at a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois which was held in Chicago, Illinois, on March 8, 1967, a discussion was held concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. Source stated that during this discussion it was indicated that at the present time there was a move underway to set up a National Peace Ticket for the 1968 Presidential election on which Martin Luther King would run for President of the United States. Source added that it was further indicated at the aforementioned meeting that to formulate plans for this National Peace Ticket, top leaders in the Negro movement from various areas of the United States are reportedly gathering in one of the southern states to discuss King's possible candidacy on the National Peace Ticket. However, according to source no additional details were mentioned with respect to the aforementioned matter. ku

Source further advised that it was further indicated at this CP of Illinois Political Action Committee meeting that elements of the right wing of the civil rights movement, not further described, are endeavoring at the present time to force Martin Luther King out of Chicago, Illinois, this summer. It was stated that it was believed that the Daley machine (Mayor Richard Daley) is behind this move inasmuch as Mayor Daley, supposedly,

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has been approached by several leaders of the Democratic National Convention Committee to locate a site for the 1968 Democratic National Convention and that these people, in effect, have given Mayor Daley some kind of message that if Chicago is to be another Watts (Los Angeles, California, 1965 Watts riot) they would not consider holding the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Therefore, according to source, pressure is being exerted on Mayor Daley to see that this will not be the case. *Xu*

According to source, it was also indicated at this meeting that it was believed that President Lyndon Johnson is making his influence felt in pressuring Martin Luther King to stay out of Chicago because of King's connection with the National Peace Ticket. Source added that it was opined by several of those present at this meeting that exponents of the move to expel King from Chicago are offering King a five state "bread-basket campaign" as an enticement to leave Chicago. However, according to source, it was stated that King is not expected to accept this offer. *Xu*

Source also stated that it was commented at this Political Action Committee meeting that the civil rights movement, particularly the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations (CCCCO) and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are becoming convinced that the only way to effectively influence the political climate of Chicago is to organize along ward lines. It was added that King has been heard to state that he will tend to seek support in the future from the left element rather than, as in the past, be guided or influenced in policy making decisions from the right element. *Xu*

Source stated that in addition to the discussion surrounding Martin Luther King, a discussion was also held at this Political Action Committee meeting concerning the forthcoming Mayoral election in Chicago. In this respect a discussion was held concerning the CP, giving full support to Dick Gregory's independent write-in campaign for the office of Mayor in Chicago. According to source there was some question as to how the Party could effect this support, however, it was agreed by those present that the Party should issue a statement in support of Gregory's campaign. Source added that a subcommittee

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was set up consisting of four members to draw up a statement which would reflect CP support for Gregory's Mayoral campaign. *XU*

The source added that it was also considered at this meeting that the Party should try to inform Gregory to come up with some real issues in this campaign and that he, Gregory, should propose a definite program which would be attractive to the voters of Chicago. *XU*

The source has furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO (157-0) (157-347)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. RM.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. (BUFILE: 100-440423)

CHICAGO SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED TODAY AS FOLLOWS:

POLITICAL RALLY FOR RICHARD GREGORY, WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR CHICAGO MAYOR, HELD CHICAGO MARCH FIFTEEN LAST, ATTENDANCE APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED INDIVIDUALS.

GREGORY SPOKE AT RALLY SAYING HE IS TO JOIN POWELL MARCH SIXTEEN INSTANT AND ACCOMPANY POWELL TO NEW YORK WEEKEND MARCH EIGHTEEN-NINETEEN NEXT. GREGORY SAID IF POWELL ARRESTED AND CONFINED, GREGORY, WILL LEAD DEMONSTRATION NEW YORK AND "TURN TOWN OUT" TO SECURE POWELL'S RELEASE FROM JAIL.

GREGORY ADVISED POWELL TO ACCOMPANY GREGORY TO CHICAGO WEEK-END MARCH TWENTY FIVE - TWENTY SIX NEXT TO PARTICIPATE IN SERIES OF STREET RALLIES IN SUPPORT GREGORY'S CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

USA, MILITARY, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED. NEW YORK ADVISE LOCAL AGENCIES. LHM FOLLOWS.

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Selected Racial Developments

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Mr. Casper	
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March 23, 1967

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, offered \$25,000 reward in 1964 for information leading to the location of the bodies of the three civil rights workers murdered near Philadelphia, Mississippi. On 7-14-64, Gregory furnished the FBI a letter from [redacted] a former mental patient, b6 and a tape recording of an interview with [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised FBI he obtained his information from the press. [redacted] information was identical to that previously furnished to the FBI and of no value.

Information furnished by Gregory was of no value and did not lead to the location of the bodies.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Enclosed for the Bureau are two (2) copies of a sheet captioned, "Qualifications - Dick Gregory."

It is noted that GREGORY is write-in candidate for mayor of Chicago.

On 3/17/67 [redacted] (PROB) furnished this literature which was obtained at GREGORY's campaign headquarters, 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago. (C) (U)

In item 1 of this literature, GREGORY again makes claims of having furnished information to the FBI relative to locating the bodies of the three civil rights workers who were killed in Mississippi in the summer of 1964.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 1-28-88

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cc. Sullivan  
cc. Wilks

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# Qualifications - Dick Gregory

Some people have raised the question of DICK GREGORY'S QUALIFICATIONS for Mayor of Chicago. To answer these questions, the Citizens Committee for the Election of Dick Gregory for Mayor have compiled the following list of accomplishments and qualifications of Mr. Gregory.

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1. Mr. Gregory has assembled a world-wide team of researchers. You may recall that Dick Gregory was the person who gave the F.B.I. the information as to where they could locate the bodies of the three Civil Rights workers who were killed in Mississippi in the summer of 1964.
2. Both President Johnson and the late President John Kennedy thought so much of Mr. Gregory's knowledge of social problems that they invited him to the White House.
3. Mr. Gregory's paper on Police Community Relations has been rated by the University of California at Kerkeley Department of Criminology as one of the most profound ever written in the history of criminology. As of 6 months ago over sixteen cities were using the paper as the basis for their police-community workshop.
4. Dick Gregory has been listed in Who's Who in the Midwest every year since 1960.
5. Dick Gregory has recently sold a book for \$20,000 to the religious department of Doubleday. Doubleday is the largest publisher of books in this country.
6. Bretrand Russell, the greatest living philosopher, has acclaimed Dick Gregory as one of the top philosophers of our time.
7. In Two weeks time, Dick Gregory raised \$150,000 for Christmas for Mississippi in 1964. Mr. Gregory gave over 20,000 turkeys to the poor people in Mississippi that Christmas.
8. Without any organization of his own - or anyone sending him money -- or without having a public relations firm of his own:  
  
Dick Gregory has received honorable mention. ( In The Top Twenty. )  
in the Gallup Poll's Ten Most Admired Men.  
  
The question asked by the Gallup Poll is "Who alive on the face of the earth do you admire the most?"  
  
If Dick Gregory was not a resident of Chicago and the State of Illinois, no person from Chicago, or the State of Illinois would have been on the list.
9. Many authorities and scholars have considered Gregory's mind as one of the finest in the world, when it comes to awareness and solutions to the social problems of our time.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

RM

Bufile 157-6340

Chicago 157-1465

Re Chicago telephone call 3/16/67, to Louisville.  
Chicago tel, 3/16/67, to Bureau, Louisville, and Atlanta,  
captioned "Louisville Open Housing Ordinance, March, 1967 -  
RM" and "Cominfil - SCLC". Chicago tel, 3/16/67, to Bureau

- 7 - Bureau (Enc. 15) (RM)  
1 - 100-106670 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.) EX-103  
1 - 100-447080 (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)  
4 - Atlanta (Enc. 4) (RM) REC-24 100-440423-123  
1 - 100-5718 (COMINFIL - SCLC)  
1 - 100-5586 (MARTIN LUTHER KING, Jr.)  
1 - 157-895 (HOSEA WILLIAMS)  
1 - 100-6812 (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)  
5 - Louisville (Enc. 5) (RM)  
1 - 157-40 (Open Housing Ordinance, Louisville, Kentucky)  
1 - 100- (COMINFIL - SCLC)  
1 - 157- (HOSEA WILLIAMS)  
4 - New York (RM) (Encl. 4)  
1 - 100- (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, Jr.)  
1 - 157- (DICK GREGORY)

See Page 2 for additional copies.

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and New York captioned RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY - RM.  
Chicago airtel and LHM, 3/15/67 under CCBP caption.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of LHM  
pertaining to captioned matters.. Copies are designated  
for interested offices as indicated below.

Copies locally of this memorandum are being  
designated to the USA and Secret Service, Chicago, had  
to Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The sources utilized in the enclosed are  
[redacted] (PROB),  
in the order of their use. *(u)*

Chicago is following and any additional pertinent  
data developed will be appropriately provided the Bureau and  
any interested office.

The character for the SCLC in the enclosed is  
being set forth as RM, rather than IS-C, as it is  
deemed more suitable to the nature of the contents.

Undesignated copies are being provided New York and  
Louisville for any additional local channelization desired.

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- 1 - Springfield (Enc. 1) (RM) 157-534 (CCBP) (Info)
  - 9 - Chicago
    - 1 - 157-413
    - 1 - 100-35356 (MARTIN LUTHER KING)
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    - 1 - A) [redacted]
    - 1 - 157-572 (DDJ)
    - 1 - 100-1297 (STOKELY CARMICHAEL)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347  
105-16238  
157-1465

March 17, 1967

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER;

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC)  
RACIAL MATTER;

COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
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RACIAL MATTER

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum of March 10, 1967, under the caption, "Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Racial Matter," and "Demonstrations, Chicago Freedom Movement (CFM) - Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), Chicago, Illinois, Racial Matter."

Reference additionally is made to Chicago memorandum of March 15, 1967, under the caption "Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP), Racial Matter."

On March 16, 1967, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided the following information: (u)

A political rally was held by Dick Gregory at his campaign headquarters, 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on the evening of March 15, 1967. Note that Gregory is a well-known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who is a write-in candidate as an independent for the position of Mayor in Chicago in the April, 1967, mayoral elections. (u)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;  
COMINGIL - SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN  
LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE (SCLC);  
COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR  
BLACK POWER (CCBP)

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There were approximately 200 persons present at this meeting and most prominent among those present, aside from Gregory, was Hosea Williams, the Director of Voter Registrations and Political Education for the SCLC. Additionally, among those present were elements of the "black power" grouping in Chicago, commonly referred to as the CCBP. This grouping includes members of local militant civil rights type organizations such as Act, the Congress of Racial Equality, the Deacons of Defense and Justice, and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. One of those present, acting in the capacity of a bodyguard for Gregory, represented himself as a member of the Deacons. (u)

The main portion of the meeting was devoted to urging those present to support Gregory in his write-in campaign for Mayor, explaining the mechanics of this procedure and urging those present to attempt to solicit the support of all of their friends and acquaintances for Gregory's campaign. (u)

During remarks made by Gregory, he advised he was going to join Congressman Adam Clayton Powell on March 16, 1967. Over the weekend of March 18 and 19, 1967, he would accompany Powell to New York City and Gregory stated in this connection that if New York City authorities arrest Powell while in New York, he Gregory, would lead demonstrations there and "turn the town out" to secure Powell's release from confinement. He further stated that Congressman Powell is to accompany him to Chicago, Illinois, to participate in a series of political street-corner type rallies over the following weekend, March 25-26, 1967. (u)

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CCBP

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Subsequent to Gregory's remarks, the evening's featured speaker was Hosea Williams, referred to previously. Williams stated that he had just arrived in Chicago from Louisville, Kentucky, where he has been participating in regular street demonstrations there. Williams stated that during one of the most recent demonstrations, some of the demonstrators, including himself, had been attacked and their clothing literally ripped off. (u)

Williams used this illustration to indicate how people in the movement must stop "sitting around" and must do whatever they can to get their freedom. He stated that it was all right for his mother to be a housemaid for a white woman, but he did not think the same was true for his daughter. Only when white women are serving as housemaids for Negroes in the future will it be all right for Negroes to do the same. He added that the thing that must be done in order to improve the lot of the Negro in this country is to topple the power structure. He proceeded in an emotional and fiery manner to remark that with the group present on this occasion he could go out and "tear up Chicago." (u)

Williams continued that during the course of Gregory's efforts to unseat Chicago's Mayor, Richard J. Daley, he could be killed at any time for so fighting the power structure. He advised that there was nothing the Negro could do as a practical matter to prevent this and it must be realized that the power structure, as presently constituted, is not simply going to give up and step aside. He urged that all Negroes should get insurance policies to provide for their families because if someone like Gregory gets killed, they had better be ready to start fighting so that everyone would know the Negro would not take such action lying down. (u)

He concluded his remarks by noting that he was flying back to Louisville on March 16, 1967, and would again participate in the demonstrations in progress there. He stated that he recognized he also could be killed at any time in connection with his civil rights activities, however, he knows that if this happens, someone else will step in and take his place in the movement. (u)

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During the course of the meeting, a representative of the "black power" group present advised the others in attendance that earlier on March 15, 1967, a delegation from Chicago, representing some fifteen different civil rights organizations, had gone to Springfield, Illinois, for the purpose of protesting to the Governor and the Legislature over the consideration currently being given there to the passage of a "stop and frisk bill." This individual stated that the delegation had not been successful in seeing the Governor, but had arranged a meeting with him on March 24, 1967, at the Governor's offices in Chicago at the Illinois State Building, 160 North La Salle. At this time the representative of the CCBP, as well as other allied civil rights groups locally, would present their protests concerning the dangers inherent in the stop and frisk law. It was also stated that petitions against the stop and frisk bill were being prepared by this group and would be available for public distribution by March 17, 1967. Gregory agreed to assist in getting signatures on these petitions. ~~(u)~~

Pertinent portions of the above information, as provided by the first confidential source, were substantiated on March 16, 1967, by a second confidential source, who has also furnished reliable information in the past. ~~(u)~~

Additionally, on March 17, 1967, this second confidential source advised that he had learned that it is hoped that when Congressman Adam Clayton Powell comes to Chicago over the weekend of March 25-26, 1967, he can be persuaded to remain for a political rally which is to be held by Gregory on the evening of March 27, 1967, at the Senate Theatre, 3128 West Madison Street, Chicago. This source advised that in addition to Powell, it is planned that Stokely Carmichael of SNCC will be present and will speak on behalf of Gregory's candidacy for Mayor at that time. ~~(u)~~

Referenced memorandum of March 10, 1967, reflected information to the effect that an organizational type meeting was to be held March 14, 1967, at 3101 West Warren Avenue, Chicago, local headquarters of the SCLC. At this meeting Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was to be present and the course of future civil rights activities in Chicago was to have been discussed. ~~(u)~~

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SCLC

CCBP

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In this connection, a third confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 15, 1967, that the meeting of March 14, 1967, did not take place as planned, and Dr. King was not known to have been in Chicago on that date. It is anticipated that such a meeting will be forthcoming shortly, possibly on the next occasion when Dr. King is in Chicago, at which time also the future organization and composition of the local SCLC staff will be made known. It is known that Dr. King is to be in Chicago over the following weekend, March 25-26, 1967, in connection with an anti-Vietnam rally, and march which is to be held here on March 25, 1967. (u)

Pertinent portions of the above information, emanating from the Gregory rally on March 15, 1967, have been provided to the following: (u)

[redacted]  
Human Relations Unit, Chicago Police Department

[redacted]  
United States Secret Service, Chicago

[redacted]  
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

A copy of this memorandum is being disseminated to Secret Service and the Office of the United States Attorney, both Chicago, Illinois, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Descriptive data concerning the Deacons of Defense and Justice, Inc., is being attached to this memorandum.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ADAM CLAYTON POWELL  
RM  
Chicago File 157-0-1743

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
Chicago File 157-347  
Bureau File 100-440423

Re Chicago teletype to Director and New York  
dated 3/21/67 captioned as above.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and New York are two copies each of three clippings from Chicago area daily newspapers of March 22, 1967, relating to the cancellation of a previously scheduled campaign visit to Chicago by ADAM CLAYTON POWELL on behalf of DICK GREGORY, March 26, 1967. GREGORY, a Negro comedian and civil rights advocate, is an announced write-in candidate for mayor of Chicago.

Since no information has been developed indicating that such cancellation will precipitate demonstrations or violence in the Chicago area, no disseminations are being made at Chicago, nor are LHM's being submitted at this time.

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(1 - 100-22864) (ADAM CLAYTON POWELL)  
2 - Chicago

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# Powell Cancels Chicago Trip

Dick Gregory said Tuesday that Adam Clayton Powell has decided not to come to Chicago Sunday.

The former Harlem congressman had announced earlier this month that he would make an Easter visit here to campaign in support of Gregory's write-in candidacy for mayor.

Gregory, who returned from a flying trip to Powell's hideaway at Bimini in the Bahamas Monday night, said the controversial New York Democrat had changed his plans for political and legal reasons.

A Chicago visit at this time might not be good for Powell politically, Gregory declared, because Powell had canceled morning and afternoon campaign tours of Harlem last Sunday.

"Many Negroes were upset that he didn't come to New York and a trip here would look like he was turning his back on them," Gregory told a press conference, held at 1251 W. 63d.

Gregory said Powell's attorneys have advised him that he should stay out of the country until they solved his legal problems. Powell is un-

der citation in the New York courts for criminal contempt arising out of a 1963 slander suit for calling a Negro woman, Mrs. Esther James, a "bagwoman" — collector of graft—for the New York Police Department.

Gregory played for reporters a tape-recorded message which Powell made in Bimini, restating his endorsement of the Negro entertainer's candidacy.

Gregory said Powell will address a political rally here Sunday by long-distance telephone hookup. He said details of the rally were being ironed out.

Earlier in the day, Gregory

visited the City Hall offices of Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, to submit 11 requests centering around his write-in campaign.

He said he hoped to clear up any doubts about what rights a write-in candidate has in a municipal election.

Holzman said any that were already covered by existing statutes would be granted.

Gregory later addressed some 150 persons at a rally held in Bethel Lutheran Church, 130 N. Keeler. He urged that swimming pools and skating rinks be constructed next to police stations to improve police community relations.

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

3-22-67

Date:   
Edition: FOUR STAR FINAL  
Author:   
Editor: EMMETT DEDMON  
Title: DICK GREGORY

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At City Hall Tuesday, Sidney T. Holzman explains the rights of a write-in candidate to Dick Gregory and Ruby Burrows, campaign manager for Gregory's write-in entry into the mayoral race. (Sun-Times Photo by Bob Langer)

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... Adam  
 Clayton Powell didn't make it to Harlem on Palm Sunday and he won't make it to Chicago on Easter Sunday, much to Dick Gregory's disappointment. But he promised to talk to a Gregory rally via a long-distance amplified telephone call from his sanctuary in the sun, Bimini. Powell is dispatching his aide, former Chicagoan Chuck Stone, here to help Gregory.

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CHICAGO SUN TIMES  
 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

3-22-67

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 Edition: FOUR STAR FINAL  
 Author: IRV KUPCINET  
 Editor: EMMETT DEDMON  
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DICK GREGORY

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# POWELL WON'T CAMPAIGN FOR DICK GREGORY

Comedian Dick Gregory, a write-in candidate for mayor, said yesterday that ousted Congressman Adam Clayton Powell has changed his mind about coming to Chicago to campaign for him.

Gregory said Powell decided that since he had canceled a campaign trip to New York where he is a candidate for his old seat in the house of representatives, he should not campaign in Chicago because it may hurt his political support in New York.

Earlier in the day, Gregory met with Sidney T. Holzman, chairman of the board of election commissioners, and submitted 11 requests to "help facilitate" his campaign. The board granted nine of them because they are already covered by statute, but it denied the other two because Gregory is not entitled to them as a write-in candidate. The two denied were for a list of judges of elections in 19 wards and for poll watcher credentials for his workers.

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK

FROM CHICAGO /157-0/ /157-347/

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL. RM.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND NEW YORK MARCH SIXTEEN LAST.  
GREGORY HELD PRESS CONFERENCE THIS DATE AT ONE TWO FIVE ONE WEST  
SIXTYTHIRD STREET, CHICAGO, AND ANNOUNCED ADAM CLAYTON POWELL HAS  
DECIDED NOT TO COME TO CHICAGO MARCH TWENTYSIX NEXT TO CAMPAIGN IN  
SUPPORT OF GREGORY'S WRITE IN CANDIDACY FOR MAYOR OF CHICAGO. GREGORY  
STATED CHANGE IN PLANS DUE TO POLITICAL AND LEGAL REASONS. GREGORY  
CLAIMED MANY NEGROES WERE UPSET THAT POWELL DID NOT GO TO NEW YORK  
MARCH NINETEEN LAST AND TRIP TO CHICAGO WOULD LOOK LIKE POWELL WAS  
TURNING HIS BACK ON THEM. GREGORY PLAYED TAPE RECORDED MESSAGE FOR  
REPORTERS WHICH POWELL MADE IN BIMINI ENDORSING GREGORY'S CANDIDACY.

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Mr. Casper

Mr. Galt  
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Mr. Sullivan  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-New)

SUBJECT: ALLEGATION OF POLITICAL SPONSORSHIP  
OF INDIVIDUALS AGITATING WITHIN  
THE NEGRO GHETTO  
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[redacted]  
City of Chicago [redacted], has furnished  
information on a confidential basis to the Chicago Office in  
the past relative to racial and security matters coming to his  
attention.

[redacted] is [redacted] of Chicago and,  
as such, has as his main concern matters having a reflection  
on the Democratic Administration.

[redacted] confidentially advised as follows on  
3/28/67:

During the recent past, his office has been  
concerned with the activities of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,

- ④ - Bureau (RM)  
    ① - 100-440423 (RICHARD GREGORY)  
3 - New York (RM)  
    (1 - 157- ) (ALFRED DUCKETT)  
5 - Chicago  
    (1 - [redacted])  
    (1 - 157-347) (RICHARD GREGORY)  
    (1 - 157-350) (POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)

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who has throughout his stage career, which dates from the late 1950's, been an agitator against the administration locally and nationally concerning Negro matters. More recently, GREGORY has been campaigning as a write-in candidate for Mayor of Chicago.

GREGORY started his show business career as an entertainer at the Playboy Club, Chicago, in the late 1950's.

It is supposedly common knowledge in show business circles that GREGORY's salary and tab at the Playboy Club were picked up by [redacted] and [redacted] of the United American Insurance Company, described as a hedonist whose idea for success would be to have his name mentioned in a local celebrity column.

These funds were supposedly routed to [redacted] from the Republican Party through a public relations firm in New York City by the "Rockefeller interests".

At the present time, [redacted] has a source in the campaign office of GREGORY in Chicago.

GREGORY is known to make frequent trips to New York City, and on 3/24/67, a check was received by GREGORY in the amount of \$5,500.00, drawn on the Chase-Manhattan Bank in New York, maker unknown.

GREGORY was reportedly questioned by a friend relative to his destroying his stage career through involvement in civil rights and political activity and was overheard to comment that his future is taken care of in that he is eventually to handle political patronage in Chicago once the Republicans come into power.

GREGORY's campaign literature, such as signs, buttons and leaflets, is known to come to GREGORY from New York.

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? Over the March 25, 1967, weekend, [ ] had a source, [ ] visit New York in an attempt to determine the source of GREGORY's backing from that area.

[ ] has been associated with Negro press in Chicago and is currently [ ] [ ] has previously been contacted by the Chicago Office concerning racial matters.)

[ ] visited [ ] office on 3/28/67, and reported relative to his New York trip.

[ ] did not determine the source of GREGORY's New York support, noting that contacts were difficult due to it being the Easter weekend.

[ ] did contact ALFRED DUCKETT, recently named Executive Director of the Uptown Chamber of Commerce, 125th Street and about 7th Avenue. DUCKETT has long been affiliated with the Associated Negro Press, has served as a Public Relations Consultant to ROCKEFELLER on Negro matters and is well informed concerning the Negro community.

[ ] did not question DUCKETT directly concerning GREGORY's New York backing; however, in general terms concerning racial tensions, DUCKETT indicated there was considerable concern over the possibility of racial violence erupting in Harlem had ADAM CLAYTON POWELL visited Harlem on March 18-19, 1967, as announced.

[ ] did determine that when in New York, GREGORY is known to frequent Frank's Restaurant, 315 West 125th Street, and Big Wilt's Small Paradise, 2249 - 7th Avenue.

[ ] plans to visit New York in the future and expand his contact with DUCKETT and others, using as a basis for being there his association with the Negro press.

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? [ ] substantiated prior remarks by [ ]  
that GREGORY's initial show career at the Playboy Club was  
commonly acknowledged to have been paid for by eastern interests  
through [ ] b6  
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[ ] additionally advised as follows: b7D

Within the past two weeks, [ ]  
who was [ ] for Republican Senator  
CHARLES PERCY, was observed in his chauffeur-driven limousine  
picking up [ ] b6  
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The [ ] family has controlling interests in  
the Victor Comptometer Company, which interest is valued  
in excess of 250 million dollars. [ ] is considered  
part of the "brain trust" of the PERCY political organization  
and would be a likely candidate for a high cabinet position  
in the event PERCY were elected President of the United States. b6  
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[ ] has been the National and Local  
Chairman of the Militant Negro civil rights group ACT since  
its inception. b6  
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? (Chicago sources have advised that in recent weeks  
[ ] has devoted himself entirely to the support of in-  
dependent candidates for the position of Chicago City Alderman  
and the former ACT office in Chicago is being closed. ACT  
in Chicago is now operating out of the Garfield Organization  
Office at 9 North Keeler, which is [ ] by [ ]  
Attorney, former [ ] b6  
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[ ] Also operating from this office, are the Deacons  
of Defense and Justice.)

[ ] advised that GREGORY is known to have  
made at least one contribution to [ ] in the amount of  
\$3,000.00. b6  
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[ ] also advised that PERCY's Washington Office is in periodic contact with GREGORY's campaign headquarters in Chicago.

[ ] suggests that the "poor boy" campaign being run by GREGORY in Chicago is just a cover for the money interests promoting him, noting that GREGORY recently received wide press coverage when the Illinois Bell Telephone Company disconnected one of his personal phones for non-payment of his bill amounting to some \$3,000.00.

[ ] notes that five states have been the key to recent national elections; namely, New York, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Illinois and California. The key votes in these area have been from cities such as Chicago, where the Republican Party has no effective organization and must look forward to the destruction of the Democratic Party organization before they can become effective.

In furnishing the above information, [ ] noted that the Democratic Administration obviously has a great personal interest in maintaining its position; however, there appear to be increasing indications that militant Negro agitators are being used by the high ranks of the Republican Party to, at the very least, sow the seeds of discontent which grow into out-and-out violence in the Negro Ghetto. Further, that there is a strong suggestion that GREGORY has been used as a pawn in a long range program toward this end from the inception of his career.

In this same vein, [ ] notes that MARTIN LUTHER KING has again stated he has as his intentions leading marches into racially tense white communities, such as Cicero, Illinois, so that feelings which have been controlled or suppressed in these communities can be surfaced and dealt with no matter what the consequences.

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[ ] suggests that if agitators can create a violent situation within the Negro Ghetto and KING can create a violent situation within the neighboring white communities, utter chaos can result.

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No dissemination is being made of the above information and no investigation will be instituted without the specific instruction of the Bureau, and no sources will be directed specifically in this area.

No pertinent information appears in Chicago files relative to this matter concerning [ ] of [ ]

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Chicago report of FRANK F. STAAB, dated 11/19/42, captioned [ ] IS-G, CUSTODIAL DETENTION (Chicago file 100-5408) pertains to an investigation of the father of the [ ] mentioned above relative to his association with the German-American Bund and retarding production in national defense contracts.

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Chicago will continue liaison with [ ] and during contact with all other sources in connection with racial matters, will be alert to information concerning individuals or organizations reportedly contributing funds or giving direction to individuals such as GREGORY.

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It is suggested that New York consider interview of [ ] as a source in racial matters in view of his position as [ ] and his knowledge of the Negro community.

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In the event [ ] is interviewed, no reference should be made to his contact by [ ] or the above information; however, it should be noted that in view of [ ] affiliation with the [ ] he would have knowledge of racial situations throughout the United States and could logically be questioned concerning the situation in Chicago and other areas of the country.

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The Bureau will be advised of any additional information received by the Chicago Office concerning this situation.

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

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DATE: (U) 4/26/67

FROM: Legat, London (157-99) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
Dick Gregory (U)  
RM  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Re Lonlet 12/19/66.

[redacted] by letter dated 4/20/67 classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, (U)  
advised that subject arrived at London Airport from  
Chicago on 4/13/67 with the intention of remaining until  
4/30/67. The purpose was to engage in cabaret and tele-  
vision appearances. (U)

No security information has thus far come to the  
attention of [redacted] concerning subject. (U)

Since any information coming to the attention of  
[redacted] will be furnished this office this case is placed in  
RUC status. (U)

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1 - Liaison  
1 - London  
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# Memorandum

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/31/67

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12/21/79 BY 2842

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

The captioned individual, a well known Negro comedian and civil rights advocate, is currently the subject of captioned case. GREGORY's recent activities have included his recent candidacy in the mayoral election, Chicago, Illinois, and participation in the civil rights activities which occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, relating to open housing legislation.

In view of information from Chicago sources not indicating any subversive activities by GREGORY and since all outstanding investigation in this case has been completed, this case is marked closed.

Chicago will continue to remain alert for any information relating to GREGORY's activities which would indicate any subversive affiliations and will promptly advise the Bureau of all pertinent details developed by subsequent communications.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TELETYPE

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FBI CHICAGO

1127 AM URGENT 6-6-67 PMG  
TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO.  
*RACIAL MATTER*

*POLICE DEPT.*  
CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT CAPTIONED INDIVIDUAL, NEGRO COMEDIAN, CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE, AND DEFEATED WRITE - IN CANDIDATE FOR CHICAGO MAYOR ARRESTED TWO FIFTY SEVEN AM INSTANT WITH [REDACTED], FEMALE, NEGRO, AGE [REDACTED] [REDACTED] FOR VIOLATION OF PARK CURFEW AT WASHINGTON PARK, CHICAGO. NO OTHERS PRESENT AT TIME OF ARRESTS. BOTH RELEASED ON BOND. APPEARANCE SCHEDULED JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT IN BRANCH FORTY, MUNICIPAL COURT. GREGORY ADDITIONALLY CHARGED WITH LURID SPEECH.

CHICAGO INDICES REVEAL [REDACTED] NEGRO FEMALE, AGE [REDACTED] IDENTIFIED MARCH, NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BY [REDACTED] FROM "CHICAGO AMERICAN" NEWSPAPER ARTICLE AS [REDACTED] WASHINGTON, D.C. RECENTLY NAMED [REDACTED]

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

Mr. Tolson	/
Mr. DeLoach	/
Mr. Mohr	/
Mr. Wick	/
Mr. Casper	/
Mr. Callahan	/
Mr. Conrad	/
Mr. Felt	/
Mr. Gale	/
Mr. Rosen	/
Mr. Sullivan	/
Mr. Tavel	/
Mr. Trotter	/
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Miss Gandy	/

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CAMPAIGN FOR MAYOR. [REDACTED] FURTHER DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR SENATOR EDWARD M. KENNEDY ( D-MASS) AND FORMER  
[REDACTED] OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY  
(OEO). [REDACTED] RESIGNED OEO POSITION TO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] FOR GREGORY.

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ABOVE SUBMITTED FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU. NO  
DISSEMINATION MADE AT CHICAGO AND NO <sup>LETTERHEAD MEMO</sup> LHM BEING SUBMITTED.  
CHICAGO ALERT TO POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATIONS AS RESULT OF ARRESTS.  
BUT NO INFO AVAILABLE TO INDICATE SAME AT THIS TIME.  
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CC. MR. SULLIVAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 6/28/67

Re Chicago teletype to Director captioned as above  
6/6/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two copies of the official Chicago Police Department report relating to the arrest of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY on June 6, 1967, for violation of the Chicago Park District park curfew.

GREGORY, as previously reported in the referenced teletype, was arrested on June 6, 1967, at 2:57 AM in the company of [redacted] when he refused to leave Washington Park after being twice warned by police that his presence was a violation of the park curfew.

In addition to the charge relating to violation of the curfew, GREGORY was also charged with using lewd language during an argument with police at the time of his arrest.

The enclosures hereinto attached are marked "obscene" and appropriately sealed since the police report contains a verbatim recital of the language used by GREGORY at the time of his arrest which resulted in the charge of lewd language.

[redacted], Chicago Police Department, Human Relations Section, advised on June 16, 1967, that comedian DICK GREGORY was fined \$100 on June 16, 1967, after pleading guilty to violating an 11:00 PM curfew in Washington Park and using abusive language to a policeman. Judge JOHN OUSKA directed the fine after GREGORY's attorney, [redacted] said GREGORY went to the park deliberately to violate the curfew feeling that it was unfair because no signs informed area residents about such restrictions.

The charges against [redacted] who was also arrested in Washington Park in the company of GREGORY, were dismissed by Judge JOHN OUSKA who said she was in the park acting

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as [REDACTED] instead of as a private citizen.

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Chicago will advise the Bureau of any additional pertinent developments relating to the matter by subsequent communication.

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2 nd District

6 June 1967

To: District Commander 2nd District

From: Officers [REDACTED]

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Subject Arrest of one: Dick Gregory and [REDACTED]

1. The reporting officers on stated date while on patrol found an unoccupied 1967 Plymouth parked in Washington Park in the parking lot off Payne Drive. Reporting officers found the occupants of the vehicle, after a search of the Park grounds sitting in the baseball bleachers in that area. The reporting officers notified the individuals that the Park was closed and asked these people to leave the Park. The male, now known as Dick Gregory stated "is that so." The Reporting officers again stated the fact and the couple arose, at approximately 0245 hrs.

2. The reporting officers continued ~~in~~ patrol returned to the same location to find that Mr. Gregory and [REDACTED] had walked further into the Park area contrary to our statements. We again approached the couple and restated our previous words whereupon Mr. Gregory stated that he wouldn't leave the Park and told us that we were a "couple of silly Son of a Bitch's." We then informed the couple that because of auto thefts in the area and auto strippings that if they refused to leave we would have to tow the auto. Mr. Gregory responded, "You stupid Basturds can do anything you like." We returned to the auto as did the defend~~en~~ts whereupon Mr. Gregory continued to call us "Silly Cocksuckers" and thereupon was placed under arrest for 192-7 Lowd Language and 17-27 Violation of Park Curfew. [REDACTED] was arrested later.

3. The arrest was overseen by Cpt.  Arrest

reports and complaints were given and the defendants were processed and housed at the 2nd District Station.



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Records Branch

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## Type of References Requested:

☐ Regular Request (Analytical Search)☐ All References (Subversive & Nonsubversive)☐ Subversive References Only☐ Nonsubversive References Only☐ Main \_\_\_\_\_ References Only

## Type of Search Requested:

☐ Restricted to Locality of \_\_\_\_\_☒ Exact Name Only (On the Nose)☐ Buildup ☐ Variationsrefs dated July & August onlySubject Nick Gregory

Birthdate &amp; Place \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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R# \_\_\_\_\_ Date 8-14 Searcher Initials etj

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Subj: Dick Gregory  
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~~RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY~~

Captioned individual, who is also known as Dick Gregory, is the well-known comedian and civil rights leader. He was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri. It is understood he dropped out of college in 1956 because of low grades. He subsequently worked for the United States Post Office in Chicago, Illinois, but was fired for impersonating colleagues and purposely misdirecting mail.

According to FBI files, Gregory has been described as a sympathizer of the black nationalist organization, Nation of Islam, and appeared with the late Malcolm X and attended the latter's funeral after his assassination. Gregory reportedly was one of the founders of the militant civil rights organization known as "ACT." He has been most active in many civil rights protest movements and claims to have been in jail 20 to 30 times in connection with those activities.

During the past several years Gregory has viciously attacked the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has made distorted statements concerning communists and the civil rights movement. He has claimed he furnished the FBI information leading to the solution of the case involving three murdered civil rights workers in Mississippi when actually his information was of no value. He also reportedly has made fantastic claims that the FBI Director and Texas oil man H. L. Hunt masterminded the assassination of former President Kennedy."

The FBI has conducted several investigations of alleged civil rights violations in which Gregory was the victim, claiming police brutality and discrimination. Reports of all our inquiries have been furnished the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice.

NOTE: Per request of Mrs. Mildred Stegall, White House Staff.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Several individuals, including prominent Negroes in the civil rights movement, have made statements questioning the mental stability of Gregory. In April, 1966, in connection with racial demonstrations in Gary, Indiana, he is reported to have stated that if churches did not cooperate in making space available for Freedom Day classes, racial demonstrators should "kick down the doors of the church." (100-440423-41)

In December, 1966, it is understood that Gregory unsuccessfully attempted to travel to North Vietnam with [redacted] [redacted] to allegedly entertain American prisoners of war. He is reported to have stated that the North Vietnamese could [redacted] if they suspected duplicity on his part in connection with his intended travel.

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In the past two to three years Gregory reportedly has participated in several public demonstrations which were critical of American participation in the Vietnam conflict(100-440423)

Attached is a copy of FBI Identification Record Number 796 519 E which may be identical with captioned individual.

Enclosure

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August 18, 1967

BY LIAISON

Mrs. Mildred Stegall  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Stegall:

Reference is made to your name check request  
regarding [redacted] and twelve other individuals.

Attached are separate memoranda regarding each  
of the following individuals:

[redacted]  
Dr. Carlton Goodlett  
Richard Claxton Gregory  
Fannie Lou Hamer  
Archie Hargraves  
Dr. John Holloman

[redacted]  
Floyd B. McKissick

Dr. George A. Wiley

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This letter of transmittal can be detached when it  
is detached from the enclosures bearing a classification.

A copy of this communication has not been sent to the  
Attorney General.

Sincerely yours,

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) - Encs.  
1 - Mr. Gale (sent direct) - Encs.  
1 - Mr. Rosen (sent direct) - Encs.

Enclosures (19)

NOTE: This letter is classified "Secret" as it contains enclosure  
bearing this classification. ~~SECRET~~

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Delivered to Mildred Stegall  
on 8/18/67

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2153)

SUBJECT: RABBLE ROUSER INDEX  
(SUBVERSIVE CONTROL)

DATE: 8/18/67

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*OK for RRI [unclear] JPB*

Re SAC letter 67-47, Section B, dated 8/4/67.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five (5) copies each (total 25) of separate write-ups on each of the following five individuals who are recommended for inclusion in captioned index:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JAMES LUTHER BEVEL

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DATE 1/15/80 BY BTB/lcb/mly

Chicago will await Bureau action on individuals recommended for inclusion in the RRI and thereafter handle in accordance with instructions in referenced communication.

- File in*
- 7 - Bureau (Encl. 25) (RM)
    - 1 - 100-440423 (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
    - 1 - 100-445914 (JAMES LUTHER BEVEL)
    - 1 - 100-3731
    - 1 - 157-1188
    - 1 - [redacted]
  - 6 - Chicago
    - 1 - 157-347 (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
    - 1 - 157-830 (JAMES LUTHER BEVEL)
    - 1 - 100-522
    - 1 - 105-13900
    - 1 - 100-41899

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SUIT AC 211

SUBJECT Public Power-Felipe

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RABBLE ROUSER INDEX

NAME RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

SEX Male

RACE Negro

NATIONALITY

American

ALIASES DICK GREGORY

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH

October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri

ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION GREGORY is a "Maverick", not belonging to any specific civil rights group. He has, however, actively supported nearly all nationally known civil rights organizations.

POSITION IN ORGANIZATION

DESCRIPTION

<u>HEIGHT</u>	<u>WEIGHT</u>	<u>HAIR</u>	<u>EYES</u>	<u>DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS</u>
5'10"	173 pounds	Black	Brown	Wears mustache

FBI # 796519E

OTHER IDENT #

Chicago PD - IR 104815

RESIDENCE

BUSINESS ADDRESS

1451 East 55th Street, Apt. 929  
Chicago, Illinois  
Telephone Number 312-324-6583 (unlisted)

SUCCINCT RESUME OF ACTIVITIES: GREGORY, an Entertainer-Comedian, has been arrested on numerous occasions in the past several years during the course of civil rights demonstrations, sit-ins and related incidents in which he has been a central figure. More recently GREGORY has become a violent critic of the United States' Vietnam policies. In a recent speech in Atlanta, GREGORY urged his audience to "Paralyze the economy of this country" in order to stop the Vietnam fighting.

BU FILE # 100-440423-05  
FIELD OFFICE FILE # 157-347  
SUBMITTING OFFICE CHICAGO

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Date: *October 3, 1967*Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

The following itinerary for RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, setting forth GREGORY's travel plans for period covering 10/2/67 through 10/13/67, was obtained from [redacted] (protect identity), [redacted] American Airlines, O'Hare Field, Chicago. On 10/2/67 [redacted] advised that this itinerary was obtained from the American Airlines Sabere Computer:

1. Delta Flight 579  
10/2/67  
Chicago - St. Louis  
Depart 7:10 a.m.  
Arrive 8:05 a.m.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Buffalo (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Butte (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Denver (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Detroit (Info) (RM)
- 1 - El Paso (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Kansas City (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Newark (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New York (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (Info) (RM)
- 1 - Seattle (Info) (RM)
- 1 - St. Louis (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis (Info) (AMSD) (RM)
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Special Agent in Charge

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2. Ozark Airlines Flight 102  
10/2/67  
St. Louis - Columbia, Missouri  
Depart 8:45 a.m.  
Arrive 9:35 a.m.
3. Ozark Airlines Flight 304  
10/2/67  
Columbia, Missouri - Kansas City, Missouri  
Depart 5:30 p.m.  
Arrive 6:20 p.m.
4. Arrival Unknown
5. Central Airlines Flight 96  
10/3/67  
Wichita - Topeka  
Depart 7:37 a.m.  
Arrive 8:32 a.m.
6. Central Airlines Flight 96  
Topeka to Kansas City  
10/3/67  
Depart 8:39 a.m.  
Arrive 9:06 a.m.
7. Braniff Flight 146  
10/4/67  
Kansas City - Minneapolis  
Depart 11:40 a.m.  
Arrive 1:38 p.m.
8. Northwest Airlines Flight 109  
10/4/67  
Minneapolis - Mazoola, Montana  
Depart 3:45 p.m.  
Arrive 8:29 p.m.
9. Northwest Airlines Flight 103  
10/5/67  
Mazoola - Spokane  
Depart 10:55 a.m.  
Arrive 10:37 a.m.

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10. Northwest Airlines Flight 28  
10/5/67  
Spokane - Detroit  
Depart 12:15 p.m.  
Arrive 7:55 p.m.
11. United Air Lines Flight 600  
10/6/67  
Detroit to LaGuardia  
Depart 8:15 a.m.  
Arrive 9:35 a.m.
12. American Airlines Flight 433  
10/9/67  
LaGuardia to Rochester  
Depart 3:30 p.m.  
Arrive 4:30 p.m.
13. Mohawk Airlines Flight 378  
10/10/67  
Rochester to Buffalo  
Depart 9:20 a.m.  
Arrive 9:45 a.m.
14. Mohawk Airlines Flight 14  
10/10/67  
Buffalo to Elmira, New York  
Depart 10:20 a.m.  
Arrive 10:50 a.m.
15. Mohawk Airlines Flight 348.  
10/10/67  
Elmira to Philadelphia  
Depart 8:05 p.m.  
Arrive 9:04 p.m.
16. Allegany Airlines Flight 917  
10/11/67  
Philadelphia to Newark  
Depart 4:04 p.m.  
Arrive 4:33 p.m.
17. United Air Lines Flight 321  
10/12/67  
LaGuardia to Denver  
Depart 12:00 p.m.  
Arrive 4:14 p.m.

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18. Continental Airlines Flight 125  
10/13/67  
Denver to El Paso  
Depart 11:00 a.m.  
Arrive 1:00 p.m.

The above information is being furnished to the appropriate offices for information purposes. It is noted that GREGORY is a Negro comedian and a civil rights activist who has engaged in civil rights demonstrations in many areas throughout the United States. In recent weeks he has been active in leading open housing demonstrations in Milwaukee. GREGORY has been placed on the Rabble Rouser Index in the Chicago Office.

All offices should remain alert to militant type civil rights activities by GREGORY and report any information of this nature developed to the Chicago Division.

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Chicago, IllinoisReferring to your telegram of December 2, 1966,  
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I would like to call your attention to section 51.74 of  
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SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65 and 12/5/66,  
filed as 100-440423-16,51,103, respectively)

Main File No: 100-440423

Date: 10/12/67

See also: 44-22002  
44-24630  
44-29468  
56-3912  
173-694  
173-2601

Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 3/21/67

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched  
and identical references were found as:

Richard Claxton Gregory/  
Dick Gregory/  
Dick C. Gregory/  
Dick Claxton Gregory/

R. C. Gregory/  
R. C. Dick Gregory/  
Richard Gregory/  
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Summary

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of  
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names  
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names  
containing data identical with the subject have been included except  
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES  
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF  
GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO  
FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND  
IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN  
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ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

CORE.....Congress of Racial Equality

ECLC.....Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

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[redacted] advised that on 3/14/64, a meeting of what was then called the Coordinating Council of Civil Rights Organizations in Chester, received wide publicity as a result of Malcolm X's appearance. Dick Gregory was among those who attended the meeting.

Malcolm X was described in this serial as the militant Muslim leader.

Police Commissioner Howard R. Leary, Philadelphia, Pa., PD, advised that on 8/27/64, six or eight Muslims, (not identified) held a meeting at the Jamaica Motel, Atlantic City, N.J., regarding plans to

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create trouble in Philadelphia. [redacted] and Dick Gregory were [redacted]

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Capt. [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., PD, furnished their records concerning the racial disturbances in Philadelphia, 8/28-31/64. On 8/28, Officer [redacted] investigated a traffic tie-up at 22nd St., and Columbia Ave. and arrested a woman who was blocking traffic. This incident lead to the riot. On the second day of the rioting Gregory came to Philadelphia and moved throughout the riot area and attempted to quiet the people. Both [redacted] and Gregory praised the action of the police in the early stages of the disturbance.

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[redacted] advised that on 6/28/65, [redacted] of the Youth for Jobs, attended a meeting which was held for the purpose of planning and making arrangements for the Dick Gregory benefit show. On 7/10/65, Gregory staged a benefit show at the Youth for Jobs Clubhouse, Oakland, Cal. [redacted] attended this show, which was held to raise money for paying the rent of the club house.

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The 10/8/65 edition of the "Chicago Maroon", University of <sup>Illinois</sup> Chicago student news publication, carried an article entitled "Teach-In to Protest War" which set out an up to date version of protest activities. Included was a rally for peace in Viet Nam to be held on 10/17/65 in the Little Theater of McCormick Place, Chicago. The rally, sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council, was to feature Dick Gregory.

On 10/17/65, a Special Agent attended the above described rally. Among the speakers was Dick Gregory, who in his speech attempted to tie in the peace movement protesting the war in Vietnam with the civil rights movement.

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[redacted] advised that a meeting of Unit #1 of the Anti-Communist Christian Association was held 12/6/65, at Bogalusa, La. At the meeting, [redacted] discussed the possibility that Dick Gregory

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was coming to Bogalusa with 300 CORE workers.

[redacted] was described as Klan leader in [redacted].

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[redacted] Trans World Airlines, O'Hara International Airport, Chicago, advised that on 12/31/65 at Chicago, Dick Gregory purchased a ticket for transportation from NYC to Mexico City, Mexico, for [redacted] a newspaper reporter of The "Philadelphia Tribune, "Philadelphia, Pa.

This serial revealed that [redacted] accompanied by [redacted] [redacted] also a newspaper reporter, planned to continue from Mexico City to Cuba to cover a Communist Conference, and then possibly on to Red China.

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[redacted] advised that by [redacted]

[redacted] Richard Sterling Fraser [redacted] urged that they prepare the entire SWP for all out support of Dick Gregory, who was campaigning for mayor of Chicago. Fraser stated that since the Watts riot in Los Angeles, Gregory had become increasingly radical and uncompromising and that the campaign could provide a likely foundation for the realization of Trotsky's prediction that the militant Negroes would become the vanguard of the working class.

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The Washington Capital News Service dated 4/6/66 reported that on that date, at a news conference held at O'Hara International Airport, Chicago, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stated that Dick Gregory was his friend and that he had worked with him many times. However, Dr. King fell short of endorsing Gregory in his campaign for Mayor, of Chicago, against Mayor Richard J. Daley.

100-438794-A Washington Capital News  
(4) Service 4/6/66

Sims advised that the Deacons for Defense and Justice, was organized in Bogalusa to protect black citizens from night riders and other Ku Klux Klan terrorists and that other cities in the South had established independent chapters.

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The "Chicago American" dated 5/9/66, contained an article captioned "Need US Law On Slums Here, Says King Aid". This article stated that Reverend Andrew Young, Executive Director of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and top aid of Reverend Martin Luther King (100-106670), on a television panel show stated that his group would not endorse Dick Gregory in his planned race for mayor of Chicago.

Young explained that the SCLC does not endorse political candidates, and does not advocate a straight Negro ticket. He called Gregory "sincere" but expressed the belief "that sometimes he isn't sure of the avenues in which he wishes to express his sincerity."

100-106670-A "Chicago American"  
(3) 5/9/66

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 5/12/66 Dick Gregory appeared before the student sit-in demonstrators at a "teach-in" held in the Administration Building of the University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois. Gregory was well received and he urged all demonstrators to continue the demonstration as he considered their cause a just one.

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The serial indicated that the demonstration was sponsored by the Students For a Democratic Society in protest to the University's policy of cooperating with the Selective Service System by furnishing scholastic class ranking of male students who were eligible for the draft.



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On 5/5/66 Dick Gregory attended a meeting of the Veterans For Peace in Viet Nam held at Roosevelt University, Chicago. At the meeting Gregory gave a short speech on civil rights and related how he was against the war in Viet Nam. Also at this meeting arrangements for a 5/17/66 demonstration when President Lyndon B. Johnson would visit Chicago were discussed. [redacted]

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On 5/10/66 at a meeting of the Ad Hoc Arrangement Committee of the Chicago Peace Council held at Roosevelt University, Chicago, announcements were made in connection with a rally and demonstration

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planned for 5/17/66 on the Viet Nam issue when President Johnson was to be in Chicago. Representatives from various CP and peace groups were to assemble at Buckingham Fountain in Chicago where Dick Gregory and Rev. James Beval of the SCLC would address the group. [redacted]

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This serial set out information pertaining to the 5/17/66 demonstration and rally described above as observed by SAs, however no mention was made of Gregory.

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On [redacted] (protect identity) advised that [redacted] were contemplating, but had no concrete plans as to the time and date.

[redacted] to support their position. This organization had submitted a letter to the School Board requesting changes be made in the school system in order to integrate the school. The Board had refused the plea.

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On 5/24/66, [redacted] advised that he had arrived in Mexico City, Mexico via Braniff Airlines from Chicago on 4/7/66.

[redacted] Negro comedian Dick Gregory, [redacted] (not further described), held [redacted] stated that he [redacted] stated that he and Gregory [redacted] in the civil rights movement.

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The following references pertain to the New York Committee To Coordinate The Black March Against The White House Conference On Civil Rights, June 1-2, 1966, Washington, DC (NYCBM). These references set out information regarding the activities of Dick Gregory in connection

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with this organization. On 4/9/66, Gregory attended a meeting in Newark, NJ at which the Black March Against the White House Conference to Fulfill These Rights was organized. The group, which adopted the name NYCBM, discussed plans to stage a march and picketing demonstration on 6/1-2/66, at Washington, DC, to show opposition to the "White House Conference" because of lack of representation of the "Negro Ghettos" in large cities. On 6/1/66, Gregory was one of the speakers at a rally held at 10th and U Streets, N.W., Washington, DC. The demonstration set for 6/2/66 was cancelled.

Gregory was in contact with Jesse Gray, co-ordinator of the NYCBM, in connection with the aforementioned conference.

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[redacted] advised that comedian Dick Gregory was expected to appear in Los Angeles on 6/4/66 and give a free program at the Embassy Auditorium, 9th and Grand Ave., to help the campaigns of Carlton Goodlett for Governor of California and of Michael Hannon, Los Angeles PD officer, who was running for Congress.

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During a radio broadcast over WTOP, Channel 9, on 6/5/66, Drew Pearson (94-8-350) predicted comedian Dick Gregory would campaign for Governor Rockefeller in New York. In return Rockefeller would give Gregory \$30,000 and support him in his campaign for mayor of Chicago.

94-8-350-1382 p.1

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On 6/7/66 Chicago radio station WNUS broadcasted that on that date Dick Gregory was scheduled to depart for Memphis to visit James Meredith [redacted], who had been wounded. Subsequently Gregory would probably resume the march commenced by Meredith from Memphis to Jackson, Mississippi.

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[redacted] officer, Chicago PD, advised that on 6/7/66, Dick Gregory departed Chicago via Delta Air Lines, en route to Memphis, Tennessee.

The 6/7/66 Four Star Final Edition of the "Chicago Sun Times," carried an article which stated Gregory flew to Mississippi Tuesday "to take up James Meredith's march where he left off." The "Sun Times" quoted Gregory as stating, "I've never been more scared in my life, but somebody's got to do it and I guess I'm the guy"

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Correlator's Note: Meredith was shot on 6/6/66 while he was conducting a march from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of encouraging Negroes in Mississippi to vote.

[redacted] Inspector, Memphis PD, advised that Dick Gregory arrived at the hospital in Memphis, Tennessee on 6/7/66 and wanted to see James Howard Meredith, [redacted] but he was not permitted to enter Meredith's room. Gregory also wanted to hold a press conference at the hospital, but the hospital authorities would not allow a conference to be held in the hospital.

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The 6/10/66 issue of "Herald Examiner," Los Angeles, in Section A-8, described the National Conference For New Politics, as an organization whose plan appeared to be to raise campaign funds for "New Left" candidates and would involve enlisting the support of splintered and over-lapping movements against the war in Viet Nam and "civil rights in practical politics." The group would support the radical politicians running for office in the November, 1966, elections. The article further stated that Dick Gregory was a sponsor of the above organization.

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SI 62-110985-A "New York Times,"  
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The 6/13/66 issue of the "Gary Post Tribune," Gary, Ind., contained an article which stated that the Gary Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) scheduled a protest rally for 6/13/66, at St. John's Baptist Church, Gary, to protest the shooting of James Meredith and to commemorate the death of civil rights leader Medgar Evers, who was slain in Mississippi in 1963. The NAACP announced that Dick Gregory, comedian-civil rights leader, would attend and participate in the rally.

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Capt. [redacted] Gary, Indiana PD, advised that the above mentioned rally was held on 6/13/66 but Gregory failed to appear at the meeting. b6 b7C

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On 6/23/66, the NYC PD advised that it was rumored in the Harlem Section, NYC, an attempt would be made by the "Deacons" that week to shoot either Dick Gregory, Martin Luther King, Jr., or James H. Meredith. No further details.

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This reference is a Bureau memo dated 6/24/66 captioned "Memorial Motorcades For The Three Deceased Civil Rights Workers, Meridian and Philadelphia, Mississippi, June 19 through 21, 1966" (44-33292), which indicated that the march had ended in Philadelphia on that date. The Jackson office advised that Dick Gregory, [redacted] and four other individuals were enroute to Canton, Miss., where they were expected to arrive on the afternoon of 6/24/66. b6 b7C

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters", set out information regarding the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with demonstrations near Hernando, Miss., on 6/6/66, protesting the shooting of James Meredith, a law student as of June, 1966 at Columbia University, NYC. Meredith was marching from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson, Miss., for the purpose of encouraging Negroes residing in Mississippi to exercise their right to register to vote. On 6/7/66, Gregory, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and others visited Meredith in the hospital at Memphis. After meeting with Meredith, Gregory, accompanied by seven Negroes (not further identified), proceeded to the scene where Meredith was shot. From that point they marched to Hernando. On 6/24/66, Meredith, Gregory and others left Memphis in a three car convoy headed for Canton, Miss., to continue the original "Meredith March." On 6/25/66, the marchers were entertained by Gregory and others, on the campus of Tougaloo College, Tougaloo, Mississippi.

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On 6/29/66, a reliable source (not further identified) and Lt.  St. Louis, Mo., PD, advised that CORE applied for a parade permit that date in St. Louis. They expected to demonstrate against alleged job discrimination. They would be met by members of Action Committee to Improve Opportunities for Negroes, (ACTION) and demonstrate in protest of the jailing of Percy Green, leader of ACTION. b6  
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Informants stated that Dick Gregory, the entertainer, was expected to arrive in St. Louis that date. An attempt would be made to have him take part in the parade and demonstration.

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The 5/25/66 issue of the Cincinnati "Enquirer," Cincinnati, Ohio, page 34, contained an article captioned "Only One Parade - Ohio Welfare March Gets Watered Down". The article stated that irate welfare recipients had watered down original plans for a state-wide protest march on Ohio's capital city, Columbus, on 6/30/66. Entertainers Harry Belafonte and Dick Gregory had indicated that they would attempt to be on hand for the rally.

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On 7/4/66 former  made available an undated letter on the letterhead of the 49 Ward, Committee For Independent Political Action (CIPA). The letter stated that the 49th Ward, CIPA, was going to undertake a poll of the residents of the ward which would ask the question "Chicago ain't ready for reform! Well then how about a revolution?" The letter identified Dick Gregory as being active in the 49th Ward and one of the co-chairmen of the Convening Conference, CIPA. b7D  
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The serial indicated that the 49th Ward, CIPA, appeared to be a subcommittee of the Committee For Independent Political Action (100-444877). The Convening Conference was held on 1/5/66 at McCormick Place, Chicago.



On 7/17/66, a group known as Youth Organizations United For Home Rule (YOU) held a rally at the Sylvan Theatre, Washington, DC. After [redacted] of the District of Columbia Young Democratic Club and Chairman of YOU, read telegrams in support of home rule in the District of Columbia, a delegation from Southwest Washington, DC, led by Dick Gregory, arrived and were greeted from the platform. Gregory also made a speech, which finalized the demonstration. (Source not clear [redacted] Washington, DC).

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[redacted] (PROB) (protect identity) advised that on 7/28/66 Dick Gregory spoke at a meeting sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, held at the United Bookhouse Workers Hall, Chicago. Stokely Carmichael, [redacted] the main speaker, spoke on the term "black power," and why Negroes needed black power. Gregory, during his speech, read a writing which indicated injustices befalling Negroes today would be reversed and befall the white man one day soon.

[redacted] advised that Dick Gregory of Chicago was [redacted]

On 9/18/66, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (100-384660) sponsored an open discussion on the topic of Problems of the Selective Service, at the Society for Ethical Culture, 2 West 64th Street NYC. The moderator of the program was Dick Gregory. The panelists were Eric Weinberger, Chairman of Liberation Committee for Africa;

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[redacted] Ralph DiGia of the War Resisters League; and Leonard Boudin, General Counsel of ECLC.

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Gregory concluded the program by stating that although they had not settled anything, they had talked about a number of problems, which was a beginning. He said the FBI agents with their "tapes" would be disappointed when they presented them "tomorrow" to J. Edgar Hoover.

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The 9/27/66, issue of the "Contra Costa Times," published in Walnut Creek, Cal., in an article on the demonstrations at Naval Weapons Station, Concord, Cal., stated that Dick Gregory dropped in at 170 Wellington, Clyde, Calif., on Sunday afternoon to lend support to the demonstrators. Gregory brought several bags of groceries. It was stated that the food was prepared at the house and taken to the marchers at the facility.

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In connection with racial disturbances at Bayview-Hunters Point and Fillmore areas, San Francisco, California, 9/27-10/2/66, the "San Francisco Chronicle" for 10/1/66, stated that Dick Gregory, comedian, Civil Rights leader, candidate for Mayor of Chicago, had nothing but praise for the way San Francisco handled its "model riot." The article noted that Gregory, during the disturbance, was appearing in a local night club.

The article stated that Gregory was particularly pleased by an appeal on 9/29/66, by the San Francisco Mayor which attacked discrimination in Labor Unions and everywhere else. Gregory singled out for special praise "the press as a whole, with its objective, calming reporting."

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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 10/11/66 the Berkeley Campus Chapter, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), aka SDS University of California (UCB) Chapter, Berkeley, Calif.,

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distributed on the Berkeley Campus a copy of a letter sent by them to UCB [redacted] requesting the use of Sproul Hall steps, including sound amplification, for 10/29/66, to hold a mass, outdoor meeting entitled "Black Power and Its Challenges." The letter stated that the conference would include speeches, debates, small discussion groups, workshops, and distribution of educational materials. Invitations had been sent, and Dick Gregory was among those who agreed to attend. b6 b7C b7D b7E

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"Muhammad Speaks," dated 11/25/66, in an article on page 17, captioned "Gregory: Why I'm Running For Mayor Of Chicago," set out statistics and reasons quoted by Dick Gregory, an independent candidate for mayor of Chicago, as to why he was convinced he could control the balance of power in the mayoral election next year.

The article reported that Gregory and his wife Lillian had recently departed for London, England. Gregory was also quoted as saying he had been invited by his long time personal friend, Bertrand Russell (not further identified), to serve on the international tribunal which would try President Lyndon Johnson for war crimes in Viet Nam, but declined because of prior commitments.

25-330971-A "Muhammad Speaks"  
(2) 11/25/66 pgs. 1,2

Information was received on 12/1/66 that student demonstrators planned a Free Speech Anniversary with a gigantic rally on 12/2/66 in the Sproul Hall Plaza, University of California, Berkeley, California. Scheduled for the rally were nationally known entertainers Dick Gregory, Mort Sahl, and Jean Baez.

The demonstrators were protesting the presence of Navy and Marine recruiters in the Student Union Building of the University, according to an informative note attached to the serial. (No source)

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At the Annual Bill of Rights Dinner sponsored by the ECLC, held in the Americana Hotel, NYC, on 12/16/66, [redacted] a CP member and [redacted] of the ECLC, said that Dick Gregory would be legally represented by ECLC in his case against the State Department. (Not further identified) [redacted] also made an appeal for funds and outlined the objectives of the ECLC. [redacted]

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Sergeant [redacted], Inspectional Services Baltimore, Maryland PD, advised that on 1/16/67 Stokely Carmichael [redacted] spoke at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Baltimore, at an affair sponsored by the Union for Jobs for Income Now (U-JOIN). Following Carmichael's speech, [redacted] of U-JOIN, introduced Dick Gregory. In his remarks, Gregory denounced President Johnson, and was critical of the way Adam Clayton Powell had been treated. He alleged that Powell was having difficulty in Congress because he was the only black Congressman that would stand up for the black people.

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The serial indicated that U-JOIN was the Baltimore community action group of Students for a Democratic Society.

[redacted] advised that on 1/12/67, Stokely Carmichael of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, (SNCC) (100-439190) spoke at the University of Chicago under auspices of the Student Government Association of the University. Following the meeting, Carmichael, along with [redacted] of SNCC, [redacted] local and National [redacted] of ACT, a civil rights organization, Dick Gregory, and a number of the Coordinating Council for Black Power (CCBP) participants, gathered at a Chicago west side lounge for an informal party, which lasted until about 2:A.M., 1/13/67. Gregory agreed to be the featured speaker at a CCBP rally to be held in Chicago on 1/18/67 at the Senate Theater as Carmichael stated he would be unable to attend this rally.

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On 1/24/67, Detective Lt. [redacted] Special Investigations Bureau, PD, Detroit, Mich., advised that in connection with the proposed nation-wide Negro strike on 2/13/67, in support of Representative Adam Clayton Powell, the United Strike Committee was the sponsoring group of the strike in Detroit. This Committee had indicated that Dick Gregory would appear in Detroit that date at 7625 Linwood Ave., at which location a general meeting would be held to organize the strike. b6 b7C

[redacted] advised that Gregory was the principal speaker at the above mentioned meeting. During his speech he stated that he would be in Detroit the following day to help organize the strike activities set for 2/13/67. He urged that the people of Detroit boycott all schools, stores, newspapers and employment on 2/13/67. Informant advised that Gregory stated contacts had been made in Chicago, New York and Cleveland so that boycott activities would also take place in those cities on the same date. b7D b7E

[redacted] corroborated the information.

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American entertainer Dick Gregory's trip to North Vietnam was arranged in London, England by Ralph Schoenman, Director of the Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation; however, Gregory was wary of Schoenman and the International War Crimes Tribunal. [redacted] American [redacted] stated

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Schoenman's more friendly attitude toward [redacted] was due to the latter's relationship with SNCC and especially Gregory, whom Schoenman desperately wanted involved in the Tribunal. Schoenman would like to have Gregory support the Tribunal in the US and elsewhere.

It had been reported that Gregory was advised by Bertrand Russell that the North Vietnamese Government was willing to allow Gregory to come to Hanoi.

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On the afternoon of 2/13/67 a conference was held at the Central United Church of Christ, Detroit, by the USC, and in the evening they sponsored a mass rally at the Ford Auditorium, Detroit. Entertainment was provided at the rally by Gregory and other local Negro entertainers. Gregory also spoke and urged those in attendance to

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participate in a nationwide economic boycott scheduled for 3/23/67.

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[redacted] advised that all militant Civil Rights organizations, were planning to publicize and promote independent Negro aldermanic candidates in a number of West Side Negro wards. Informant stated that such political activity would culminate in a political rally scheduled for 2/27/67, at the Senate Theater, 3128 West Madison, Chicago, where final effort would be made to support such independent candidates in the 2/28/67 primary elections in Chicago.

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Informant advised that various nationally known Civil Rights leaders would be present at the rally on 2/27/67, including Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Civil Rights advocate.

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The following reference on Dick Gregory located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was reviewed and found to be identical with the subject of this summary; however, the information contained therein has not been included:

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, KANSAS CITY (RUC) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
(157-649)Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67.

Summary of Complaint:

Attached are 11 copies of self-explanatory LHM for the Bureau and 7 copies for Chicago.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted that subject is on the Rabble-Rouser index of the Chicago Office.

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: HKJ:ksw Special Agent in Charge  
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 Commission on Civil Disorders  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

October 9, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory;  
RACIAL MATTERS

Following local Kansas City, Missouri, news publicity that Gregory would speak to students of the University of Missouri at Columbia, Missouri, on October 2, 1967, Detective [redacted] of the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, personally covered Gregory's appearance in Columbia, Missouri, on October 2, 1967, and reported that coverage on October 4, 1967. Summary of [redacted] report follows:

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Gregory arrived 11:30 a.m., October 2, 1967, at the Columbia, Missouri, City Airport from St. Louis, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by about 35 persons composed of representatives of the local Columbia C.O.R.E., some members of the Students for a Democratic Society of the University of Missouri and a few Peace Torch Marathon marchers. The Peace Torch Marathon marchers handed a torch of peace to Gregory which Gregory carried to a university vehicle awaiting Gregory to transport Gregory to the university campus. Gregory told the Peace Torch marchers that he was against U. S. participation in the Vietnam war. Gregory said he endorsed the peace march and wished them well on their journey as Gregory got into the waiting vehicle. Gregory then traveled to the University Student Union where he lunched with several members of the Students for a Democratic Society. Following the luncheon, Gregory was escorted to Jesse Hall Auditorium on the university campus where he spoke to approximately 2000 students and faculty members. He was joined at the auditorium by [redacted] local C.O.R.E. [redacted] Columbia, Missouri. Gregory's opening remarks were humorous. He said all persons in the U. S. are racists, both black and white, and the U. S. was described by him as "the most racist country in the world". He said he was against the Vietnam war on moral grounds and did not believe in America's use of armed forces to dictate the way of life in a foreign country when Negroes must be protected and were not free in the U. S. He said he did not believe in either black or white men fighting an American war in Vietnam.

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OF RACIAL  
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Gregory said his pet peeve is civil rights legislation, open housing and things of that nature and that special legislation should not be necessary as the nation's constitution guarantees freedom for all persons. He upheld Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown as they are doing no more than the average young Negro feels like doing, except they are out in front expressing their feelings "loud and clear" about social injustice. He said non-violence is a privilege, not an obligation, and it is up to an individual, if struck or abused, to decide whether to use the privilege of retaliating or not retaliating. He said riots are a necessary evil so that people can hear the cries of an oppressed people against a despotic government. He said both black and white people in the U. S. are "sick", and the U. S. must do something to cure this sickness or the nation would be knocked to its knees. He said American youth can overcome social ills if they work at it, learning how to live, rather than being too busy with school learning to make a living. At the end of Gregory's remarks, he was greeted with a standing ovation.

An article in the Columbia Missourian, daily newspaper, Columbia, Missouri, in addition to the comments about Gregory's speech made by Detective [redacted] noted that Gregory defined Black Power as the opposite of White Power and an ability to change with force.

An article in the Kansas City Times, daily Kansas City, Missouri, newspaper, dated October 3, 1967, quoted from Gregory's speech at the University of Missouri, the "liberals got to understand that in today's civil rights movement, they are as worthless as the Pony Express", though "that's not saying we didn't need the Pony Express"; that the civil rights movement of today should tell the liberals to get out of the way as the movement is grown up. Gregory said anti-riot legislation is racist and open housing laws are ridiculous. Gregory said that if he had voted in the 1964 presidential election, he would have voted for Barry Goldwater since the only thing wrong with Goldwater was that he was honest.

Attached is a copy of an editorial in the Kansas City Times, October 4, 1967, concerning Gregory's speech at Columbia, Missouri.

Also attached is a copy of an article from the Kansas City Times, October 4, 1967, covering Gregory's appearance before about 2,500 students in Hoch Auditorium, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on the night of October 3, 1967.

An article in The University Daily Kansan, University of Kansas newspaper, Lawrence, Kansas, dated October 4, 1967, reflects that following Gregory's appearance at the Hoch Auditorium he returned to Kansas City to enplane on an air flight to some other state, apparently for an appearance in connection with civil rights, possibly in Wisconsin or Minnesota.

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## INSIDE, DICK GREGORY KNOWS BETTER

**L**ITTLE good is served, we suspect, by attempting to engage in a battle of words with every racial extremist—Negro or white—who takes it upon himself to spew bile at a time when understanding, above all, is needed. When Rap Brown threatens shrilly to "get myself the bomb," it is a threat, however incendiary, that is recognizable as utter nonsense.

But the comment made on the University of Missouri campus this week by Dick Gregory, comedian and civil rights figure, needs challenging. "America," he told a crowd of more than 2,000 students and faculty members, "is the No. 1 racist country in the world." The charge is plainly, simply untrue. Gregory is an intelligent man and he knows it is not true.

Some of the other things he said, while not especially new or original, do have a measure of validity: That there is irony in Negro soldiers fighting in Asia to protect freedoms that they cannot fully enjoy at home; that the fabric of national life will be seriously damaged if racial intolerance is permitted to survive; that, to a degree, the civil rights movement has outgrown the help and control of white liberals who figured importantly in its beginning.

In each of these observations there is a seed—or more—of truth. But when Gregory declares the United States the most racist country on earth, he forfeits credibility. We almost hesitate to summon up the example of the Republic of South Africa, because in specifics the two situations are only remotely parallel. But the fact remains that in South Africa, the governing minority of whites is committed through official policy to ensuring the perpetual subjugation of an overwhelming majority of black people.

In the United States, a nation predominantly white in population is committed through official policy to securing and guaranteeing the rights of minorities, and specifically the rights of Negro Americans. That the national conscience was late in awakening, that the push for equality has laid open ugly veins of resistance, that progress has come falteringly and, to the victims of bigotry, with cruel slowness—all this can be fairly charged. And we doubt that, among the thousands who crowded Jesse Hall auditorium Monday to hear Gregory, more than a handful would have disagreed.

But when Gregory says that the U. S. is the No. 1 racist country he is off-base. It is the kind of rhetoric that closes ears and turns off minds, thus depriving his other comments of the fair hearing they need and deserve. And for this reason it cannot be dismissed as a bit of harmless exaggeration.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

16B Kansas City Times

Kansas City, Mo.

Date: 10/4/67  
Edition: Morning  
Author:  
Editor: Richard B. Fowler  
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Character:

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# GREGORY CALLS FOR RACE KEY

Comedian Says U. S. Will  
Die if Problem Is  
Not Solved

## BULLETIN

Lawrence, Kas.—Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, announced last night at a press conference at the University of Kansas that he will be a candidate for President of the United States on an independent ticket. His platform will be centered around civil rights.

(By The Star's Own Service)

Lawrence, Kas.—If the United States does not solve the racial crisis within the next three years, the country will cease to exist, Dick Gregory, Negro comedian warned K. U. students last night.

"Moral pollution is now greater than air pollution in the U. S. and most definitely will mean her death," he said.

Gregory admits that he offers only criticism and no solutions to racism.

"Most of you do not realize the passionate dislike much of the world has for this country," Gregory charged. He noted that Jim Ryun, K. U. world champion, was among the best American diplomats he has seen.

He said that Negroes have been so busy telling Americans what they want to hear that Negroes have not told them what they need to hear.

"We inherited our racist views but the sick, sick thing is that in 1967 we won't admit that a racial problem exists. If the problem were in any other country we would have no trouble solving it."

Negroes object to the Northern white liberal who participates in Southern demonstrations in an effort to help Southern Negroes when they "wouldn't take a nigger home with them in Kansas City, New York, Chicago or St. Louis," he said.

He said activities of well-meaning demonstrators actually encouraged violence from Negroes because the liberals were too slow in giving Negroes their rights.

"Nonviolence is not an obligation. It is a favor. Whenever a man is irritated it is his discretion to take that favor back."

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20A Kansas City Times

Kansas City, Mo.

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Via AIRTEL REGISTERED MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: *JPR* SAC, EL PASO (157-176) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 10/3/67.

Enclosed herewith for AQ, who has not received the communication, is a xerox copy of the referenced communication.

The referenced communication on page 4 notes that the captioned subject is to arrive at El Paso, Texas, from Denver, Colorado, by Continental Airlines Flight #125, on 10/13/67, at 1 PM.

It is the recollection of the El Paso Office that the captioned subject, also known as DICK GREGORY, is to be the featured speaker at a lyceum to be held on the campus of New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico. There is no information indicating that he is scheduled to make any addresses in the El Paso Division.

It is to be noted that El Paso International Airport is located 34 miles from Las Cruces, N.M., and is the logical airport for GREGORY to utilize in his travels.

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- 2-Albuquerque (RM) (Encl. 1)
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- 1-El Paso

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Will advise whether El Paso's recollection in this matter is correct.

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Will furnish the Bureau, the office of origin, and appropriate offices any information developed regarding the captioned subject.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: *LEC* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) P

SUBJECT: *ms* RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: Chicago

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Re El Paso airtel to Director, 10/10/67.

Subject scheduled to appear at Williams Gymnasium,  
New Mexico State University Campus, Las Cruces, New Mexico,  
at 8:00 PM, October 13, 1967, as a lecturer in the Lyceum  
Concert Series scheduled by the New Mexico State University  
primarily for New Mexico State University students.

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This lecture will be afforded appropriate coverage,  
and the Bureau will be kept informed of any developments.

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FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (RUC)  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Albuquerque airtel to Director, 10/12/67.

Subject appeared at Williams Gymnasium, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, on October 13, 1967, as scheduled, without incident.

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2-Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
1-Albuquerque  
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 FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-396)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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 (OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67.

On 10/23/67, DONALD HARE (NA), Chief of Police, Brockport, N. Y. PD, advised that GREGORY is scheduled to appear at a social function at the State University College at Brockport, on 10/28/67. HARE stated GREGORY's appearance will be to entertain rather than to make an address. He could furnish no further information.

LEADBUFFALOAT BROCKPORT, NEW YORK

Will remain alert to any militant type civil rights activities of GREGORY, and report any such matters.

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 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Info.)  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/27/67

FROM : SAC, DENVER (100-9440) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Aka.

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel 10/3/67.

There are enclosed herewith for the Bureau 11 copies and for Chicago 4 copies of letterhead memorandum regarding the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-9440

Denver, Colorado.  
October 27, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

There are attached hereto Xerox copies of clippings from the "Rocky Mountain News" issue of October 13, 1967, and the "DU Clarion" of October 17, 1967, regarding Gregory's appearance at the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, on October 12, 1967.

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ENCLOSURE

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# Comedian lectures on Negro violence

"Negroes have been the most violent people in this country for a long time. But now we're just aiming our violence at the System."

Comedian Dick Gregory delivered a lecture Thursday night at the Student Union concerning what he called "moral pollution."

PRESENTED BY the Speakers' Committee of the Student Senate, Gregory began by lampooning subjects from cigarette smoking to Lyndon Johnson, before reaching the heart of his speech on the Civil Rights movement.

Gregory referred to himself as "a vegetarian, a pacifist, and completely a follower of the non-violent doctrine."

"In my own stupid wisdom," he said, "I believe an animal is as important to Nature as me or you . . . I would never hit you. I would never kill you. Because you're Nature. That's my commitment to non-violence."

HOWEVER, the speech centered mostly on violence in the Civil Rights movement and the reasons for that violence.

Gregory, who has announced his intention to run for president on a peace and civil rights ticket, told his integrated, high-

ly receptive audience, that the key to the racial problem is honesty.

He feels that such leaders as President Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr., have been dishonest and unrealistic in their approach to the problem.

"AMERICA IS the number one most racist country on the face of the earth. Negroes are racist, too," Gregory said. "Any time a Negro tells you he's not a racist, that's a racist statement. If he was born and raised in a country that has always been racist, a Negro can't NOT be a part of it."

Gregory described Stokeley Carmichael and Rap Brown as they were five years ago, committed to non-violence. He said that they were forced into violent action by "a country that permits these filthy things to go on and gives you the luxury of not knowing about it."

As an example of how non-violent demonstrators are forced to change, Gregory described an incident in a recent demonstration in which his cell-mate, drenched in blood from a head wound, began writing "Black Power" on the wall of a jail cell in his own blood.

"UNDERSTAND WHAT'S go-

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 THE DU CLARION  
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 10-17-67  
Edition: Vol. 72 # 9  
Author:  
Editor: Jerome Ryden

## Gregory challenges students to "undo what man has done"

*Continued from Page 1*

ing on," Gregory said. "We're going to solve this problem or there ain't gonna be nothin' left to solve. And that's not a threat. That's a promise."

Gregory passionately opposes the war in Vietnam. "If a democracy is as beautiful as these nuts tell us it is," he said, "why are we running all over the world trying to force it on everyone?"

Gregory's advice to his lis-

teners was to read the Declaration of Independence. "You are the most morally committed group of youngsters in the world," he said. "The day you make this republic work the way the Founding Fathers meant it to work, we can put down our guns."

The lecture ended with Gregory's statement that "It is a tremendous challenge and a simple task — to undo what man has done. Be honest with yourself. Understand better than we did."

# Gregory diagnoses nation's maladies

(Editors Note: Richard Nathan spent part of the afternoon with Dick Gregory after his arrival in Stapleton International Airport.)

by Richard Nathan

A human being who is seriously ill finds no stalemate in his predicament. Either he will recover or he will die. A nation that has become seriously ill faces the same dilemma. And as with the man, the cure may prove far more painful than the disease. But without the cure, the nation, too, will most certainly perish. A man dedicated to curing a nation arrived in Denver, Thursday, and found that his problem lies not in the cure, but in convincing the nation that it is ill.

Dick Gregory received none of the pomp normally accorded a Presidential aspirant when he arrived here on a late afternoon flight from Chicago. I noticed that the contingent of the interested at Stapleton consisted of five reporters, two photographers, two of his local black disciples, the official United Air Lines welcoming team, and an unofficial official threesome from DU. An extremely dignified and slightly graying representative of United boarded the plane and escorted Gregory out to his public. The first person to reach him was a young black man who moved quickly to Gregory's side, whispered briefly in his ear, and then vanished never to be seen again by this eye. I stepped forward, shared a quick handshake, and we started down the concourse to a press conference.

ALTHOUGH BOTHERED by reporters the entire distance to the site of the conference, he managed to get a quick topical

aside, "Hey, how did the Cards look today? All I heard was the score on the plane." To our mutual disappointment, I was not given the opportunity to answer.

He took part in a press conference in a room that his inquisitors managed to fill with an air of scorn and disapproval. But he handled the situation quite well and was particularly vocal on a few key issues.

He feels that the nomination of Stokes for mayor in Cleveland was essential to the Democratic party. "They had to have one black man in office in a major city to look good in '68. But it's good for America anyway."

He admitted to definite Communist infiltration and leadership in the civil rights movement and said, "Sure they're there. We don't want them, but it's whitey's problem to get them out."

Gregory deplored the mention of special civil rights legislation. "They wrote a Constitution in this country and if it's good enough for whitey then it's good enough for a nigger. We don't want anything special, just what whitey's got. And if we can't have it we'll see to it that he can't either."

Injecting a bit of comic relief, he replied to a standard interracial marriage question by commenting, "Now take that guy who got Rusk's daughter, why that's just mellow!"

It was mutual good-bye and good riddance for Gregory and the local press corps.

We drove over to his hotel and, in the time available before dinner, were able to spend a few minutes alone in his room. Ironically, we watched and

listened to David Brinkley's The conversation drifted to notation of Dick Gregory's absence in the Milwaukee march Wednesday night. I watched him thought of the decision to hold closely as he stared intently at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next summer? He said, "You know that Father Groppi taking the lead. Mayor Daley kind of thinks he owns Chicago. Anything he says goes. He's telling everyone that there was no trouble there this summer. I can prove that at least 16 cops were killed on the South and West sides. And as for next summer, well what do you think is going to happen? It's just going to be one hell of a mess. But they asked for it."

I expressed a fear that the Father's days were numbered, but Gregory said, "If whitey gets Groppi, there will be fifty more to take his place." The statement sounded almost like a prayer, and I can't help but feel that it was a prayer.

Gregory attempts to negate the value of any particular individual in the civil rights struggle.

He turned to look out of the window and said, "You see that black brother come up to me at the airport? He said to me, 'Man we're sure sorry that we couldn't do anything for you here last summer. But we'll take care of it next year.' They better wake up around here because the brothers are going to make Deaver another Watts."

Being a half hour late for his dinner engagement, we had to cut the conversation short but Gregory made two significant comments before we reached the car. First, he discussed his CIA watchdogs that are present every time he appears in public. He then mentioned the fact that the Government had prohibited the major wire services from carrying any dispatches regarding his activities and speeches.

Dick Gregory gives this Nation a maximum of three years existence in its present form. He hopes to abolish color lines and make this an issue of right versus wrong. If Dick Gregory left behind nothing else in Denver, he left the truth. Whether one chooses to believe him or not is up to the individual. "Man if they hear it and know it's true and still don't want it, why they just don't have to. But I hope they remember what I told them here."



(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Dick Gregory Tells DU Audience U.S. Is 'Sick'

By RICHARD TUCKER  
Rocky Mountain News Writer

Dick Gregory blended biting sarcasm with anger and pathos Thursday night to carry the message of black power to a University of Denver audience.

The Negro comedian pleaded with the young people "to address yourselves to the moral pollution" the present generation has left them, but warned that they may not get a chance.

Gregory called America "a sick, immoral, mad, insane" nation and said it is the "No. 1 most racist country on the face of this Earth."

"If we are going to solve the problems that will bring this country to its knees in three years, we first have to be honest," he said.

"Racism extends to Negroes as well as whites, Gregory said.

## It Was Here

"Any time a Negro tells you he's not a racist, that's a racist statement," Gregory said. "None of us should feel guilty about this because it was here when we got here."

A veteran of Mississippi and Alabama freedom marches, Gregory said Stokeley Carmichael and H. Rap Brown were spawned in those days of non-violent civil rights demonstrations.

He said Carmichael and Brown were preaching non-violence to civil rights workers in those days and had to stand by while young Negro school children were man-handled.

Using his entertainment back-

ground to the fullest, Gregory built a high degree of emotionalism as he described the frustrations of people like Brown and Carmichael.

"Now you've got a monster on your hands because you live in a country where this vicious stuff goes on and permits you to know nothing about it," he declared.

A pacifist, Gregory laid much of the blame for riots of today on the war in Vietnam.

"Hell, I don't think white boys ought to go to Vietnam," said Gregory as he answered if he thinks Negroes should fight in the Southeast Asian war.

## Force It

"A nation this sick will never survive," he said. "If our system is so damn good, why are we trying to force it down Vietnamese throats with guns?"

He pleaded with his young audience "to make democracy work the way it should work" and said all the Negroes want are the guarantees of the U.S. Constitution.

Declaring the government should fully enforce the guarantees by sending violators to jail, Gregory said "I'd rather have full jails than burned-out towns, but it's going to be one or the other."

Gregory, who has said he would be a candidate for President next year, blasted President Johnson as "the evil of evils" and had more unkind words for Gov. Nelson Rockefeller and Sen. Robert Kennedy of New York.

"The only thing wrong with Barry Goldwater was that he dared to be more honest than LBJ," said Gregory, who said he couldn't vote for either man in 1964.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

50 ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS  
DENVER, COLORADO

Date: 10-13-67  
Edition: Home Final  
Author: Richard Tucker  
Editor: Jack Foster

11/3/67

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To: SAC, Dallas (157-946) REC 39

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) — 137

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS EX 104

Reurairtel dated 10/27/67.

Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian from Chicago, Illinois. He has been very active in civil rights demonstrations around the country having been involved in such demonstrations as the promotion of rent strikes, economic boycotts, "sit-in" demonstrations, picket lines, marches, and other forms of protests. He has openly boasted that he has been frequently jailed as a result of his civil rights activities. He has appeared at numerous fund-raising events for such civil rights organizations as the Congress of Racial Equality, the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the Associated Community Teams of which he reportedly was one of the founders. Most recently Gregory has been active in the open-housing demonstrations in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Last December Gregory announced his intention to visit United States war prisoners in North Vietnam during the Christmas holidays; however, these plans were later canceled. He has been an outspoken critic of this country's participation in the Vietnam war. He recently participated in the mass demonstrations held in Washington, D. C., which were sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam.

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Airtel to SAC, Dallas  
RE: DICK GREGORY

Gregory is a known agitator and a troublemaker. In the past he has made disparaging and contemptuous remarks concerning the Director and the FBI. He has been included in the Rabble Rouser Index.

NOTE:

The Dallas Office requested a run-down on Gregory inasmuch as he reportedly is scheduled to speak at Austin College in Sherman, Texas, on 12/8/67

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Date: 10/27/67

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RM

OO: DALLAS

[redacted] Sherman, Texas, advised GREGORY scheduled to speak at Austin College on the night of 12/8/67, under sponsorship of the Austin College Student Entertainment Committee at the Student Union Building. Speech is open only to students and faculty.

[redacted] Local authorities are cognizant scheduled appearance and are apprehensive for both GREGORY and community.

Dallas files negative as to GREGORY.

Bureau requested to furnish Dallas background summary on GREGORY. Dallas will forward LHM with dissemination to pertinent agencies and follow and advise per GREGORY's speech at Sherman, Texas.

Chicago furnished copy this communication in view of possible future investigation.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO - Chicago

ReBuairtel dated 11/3/67, and Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 10/27/67.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM. One copy of the LHM is enclosed to Boston for information purposes.

Two copies of this LHM being sent to MIG, Dallas; two copies to U. S. Secret Service, Dallas; and one each to OSI, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, NISO, New Orleans, USA, Fort Worth and USA, Tyler, Texas.

Information in this case was received from DL T-1 by SA [REDACTED]

JOHNNY BURLESON, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, and GEORGE W. BLANTON, Grayson County SO, Sherman, both advised on 10/19/67, their respective offices are cognizant of the contemplated visit of GREGORY to speak at Austin College, Sherman, on the evening of 12/8/67, and liaison has been maintained with both departments, and both have been notified of the information as it develops by SA [REDACTED].

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] He requested confidential treatment stating it was his desire as well as that of [REDACTED] that their concern in this matter and the furnishing of information by him should not be a matter of public knowledge.

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BOSTON - INFORMATION

Copies of this airtel and LHM furnished for information purposes in view of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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AT SHERMAN, TEXAS. Will follow and advise results.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dallas, Texas  
November 15, 1967

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**DICK GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

The October 4, 1967, issue of the Sherman Democrat, Sherman, Texas, carried an item captioned "Gregory engaged to speak here" which is as follows:

"Negro comedian Dick Gregory will speak at Austin College the night of December 8 under sponsorship of the Student Entertainment Series.

"Gregory will speak at the student union building. The address will be open only to students, faculty and staff members who buy tickets.

"The Student Entertainment Series has also arranged a concert on the campus by Chad and Jeremy, a pop music duet."

DL T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 19, 1967, that Dick Gregory is scheduled to speak at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on the evening of December 8, 1967, at the Student Union Building, under sponsorship of the Student Entertainment Committee. This speech is open only to students and faculty of Austin College.

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DL T-1 at that time advised that [REDACTED]

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On October 26, 1967, Johnny Burleson, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, advised that he had been contacted by [REDACTED] requested his identity not be revealed. [REDACTED] desired to know if the Sherman Police Department would send a plain clothesman [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Burleson stated at this time he had not ascertained whether or not the City Manager of Sherman would approve of this plan. Burleson related that he is alerting the Dallas, Texas, Police Department when more specific details are known and also Major Guy Smith of the Texas Highway Patrol, Dallas, Texas. He is also maintaining liaison in this matter with Sheriff George W. Blanton, Grayson County and Chief of Police Paul Borem, Denison, Texas.

On November 2, 1967, information was received from DL T-1 that [REDACTED]

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To: Director, FBI(100-440423)ATTENTION:

From: SAC, KANSAS CITY  
(157-649) RUC

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 10/9/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for  
Chicago 7 copies of a self-explanatory letterhead  
memorandum.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM  
by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination  
should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted subject is on the Rabble-Rouser  
index of the Chicago Office.

## ENCLOSURE

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- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

November 13, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to prior memorandum dated  
October 9, 1967.

Attached is a copy of a news article, dated  
November 9, 1967, from the evening edition of the Hays  
Daily News, a daily newspaper at Hays, Kansas, concerning  
the appearance of Dick Gregory as a speaker to approxi-  
mately 800 persons in the Sheridan Coliseum at Fort Hays  
State College on the night of November 8, 1967.

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# Gregory Sees Downfall Of U.S. Unless Race Issue Is Settled

Civil rights leader Dick Gregory repeated his warning Wednesday night in Hays that the United States will be destroyed by Negro revolution unless the race issue is settled within the next three years.

The 35-year-old comedian-turned-crusader made it clear at the outset of his two-hour speech in Sheridan Coliseum that he would offer no solutions, only observations.

A declared write-in candidate for President in 1968, he also made it clear he wasn't going to mince words. "After I leave here tonight I don't give a damn what you think of me."

"I just don't want to say we don't hate white folks, as a rule. We aren't even angry with white people. We're angry with the system—and, if the system don't change, we're going to bring it down," Gregory declared to an audience of about 800.

"If we don't solve these problems within the next three years, this country is going to be destroyed from within," he said.

At a press conference before the All-Student Council sponsored program, Gregory said, "We're not putting up with any more insults, period."

"You insult me and you keep on insulting me, and we're going to burn your house down to the ground."

In his speech, Gregory cast himself in the seemingly ambiguous role of pacifist-militant. Race riots and city burnings to him are justifiable means for accomplishing the goal of racial equality, but he doesn't want anyone hurt or killed in the process.

"You come up and spit on me, I won't hit you, but I'll take your clothes off and burn them," he said. "I have no respects for



**CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER** Dick Gregory answers reporters' questions at a news conference before he spoke at Fort Hays State College Wednesday night. (Hays News Photo)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

1 Hays Daily News

— Hays, Kansas

Date: 11/9/67  
Edition: Evening

Author:  
Editor: Ed Mc Farlin  
Title:

Character: RACIAL MATTERS

## GREGORY

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man-made objects at all."

Discussing welfare payments to Negroes, Gregory said, "You talk to me about relief! The minute you start feeling ashamed about foreign aid, that's the minute we start feeling ashamed about welfare."

"That damn white farmer is the biggest welfare recipient in this country," according to Gregory. He said the farmer "sits on his white butt" while the government pays him not to plant crops.

Concerning Vietnam, Gregory advocates an immediate withdrawal of American forces.

"People ask me if I think black kids should go to Vietnam; hell, I don't think white people should go."

"It don't make any difference if you're hawk or dove, someday we're going to have to wake up and get out of there," he said.

He said Negroes are being forced to give their lives in an attempt to guarantee freedom of choice to the Vietnamese people when the Negroes do not have this freedom in their own country.

Gregory announced that he will fast from Thanksgiving to Christmas to express his opposition to the war. He said that during that period he would eat no food and drink only water.

He spent considerable time defending the actions of civil rights workers Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown.

Brown and Carmichael, ac-

cording to Gregory, were soured on the nonviolent approach and led to militancy while working with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee in the south for six years.

"You question their attitude—you go through what they went through those six years and you'd have the same attitude they have," Gregory said.

He told of lynchings and beatings of SNCC workers in the south.

Gregory wondered at the white American's fear of Carmichael and Brown. "A 23-year-old kid, Rap Brown, has got this country scared to death and he don't even have one bomb, one airplane or one vessel."

He said he doesn't know where Carmichael is presently, but understands he is to return to the United States shortly.

He also marveled at the whites' fear of two words—"black power." This fear, he said, was based on the white knowledge of "white power."

"This is the only country in the world that drops a bomb on millions of people (the A-bomb on Japan), and all at once we're afraid of a few town burnings."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO Chicago)

DATE: 11/16/67

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/3/67 and Buffalo  
airtel to Bureau, 10/23/67 u

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for  
Chicago two copies of a letterhead memorandum outlining  
activities of subject in Rochester, Elmira and Jamestown  
area of Western New York. It is noted his itinerary as outlined  
in referenced Chicago airtel was interrupted due to his pub-  
licized arrest during open housing demonstrations in  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin in the early part of October, 1967. It  
is noted that due to this interruption, subject made no  
appearances at Elmira, N.Y., but information reported in  
Elmira newspapers concerned his appearance at Mansfield  
State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania. u

It is further noted that subject's activities and  
itinerary were followed closely by the Buffalo Office during  
the time he was in Buffalo Division territory and his  
departure for Philadelphia on 10/11/67 was telephonically  
communicated to Philadelphia, which was his next destination  
after his Rochester, N.Y. appearance. u

Subject's appearance at Jamestown, N.Y. Community  
College, on 10/18/67, occurred when he substituted for  
PIERRE SALINGER, who had to cancel an appearance at the

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Jamestown Community College due to illness. U

With regard to subject's appearance at the State University College At Brockport, N.Y. as indicated in referenced Buffalo airtel, Chief of Police DONALD HARE (NA), reported no Civil Rights activity and indicated subject's appearance at Brockport was strictly that of an entertainer. For this reason, subject's appearance at Brockport, N.Y. is not noted in the enclosed letterhead memorandum. U

With regard to the initials "SNCC" which appear in body of enclosed letterhead memorandum, it appears these initials no doubt refer to the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. However, the initials only are quoted in the news articles described and are therefore included in this letterhead memorandum without further description of them. U



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Buffalo, New York  
November 16, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
Dick Gregory

Set forth below is a resume of remarks captioned individual made before the assemblages indicated, as reported through the news media shown. *u*

The "Campus Times," the University of Rochester student newspaper at Rochester, New York, reported in its October 13, 1967 edition under the headline "Gregory Speaks About Problems in Nation, Explains Violence in Civil Rights Movement," that the subject made an appearance before about 400 students in the University of Rochester Palestra on Tuesday, October 10, 1967. Among the things the subject reportedly said were: *u*

"America is a sick country." "It is probably the most racist country on earth" due to both the white folk and the black. "We've watched you for 400 years and we've learned it (racism) from you." *u*

In explaining RAP BROWN's activities, subject stated RAP BROWN could be understood as one had watched as the FBI stood by while "five year old kids" who were being lead to an integrated school "were hit in the mouth by a brick" by "the mob" and "the police." *u*

Subject cited the Declaration of Independence as the basis for riots in Cincinnati, Chicago and Watts, saying

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activities in those areas were legal in the light of the Declaration. He asserted violence did not hurt the Negro cause because "This country's so immoral and corrupt itself." Subject stated non-violence is a favor, claiming this is a violent nation and that "we're asking one segment to be this way (non-violent) while another isn't." He also attacked the financial support of the non-violent movement as being largely furnished by Jews who would continue this support only if the movement remains non-violent "but when the Israeli war broke they sent over their rent money." Subject argued violence is legal on the part of Negroes in the same sense that the American Revolution was legal, but said he himself was committed to non-violence. He stated Negroes wanted nothing special - just equal status and implementation of the Constitution - the same things white people got. Subject said the riots were caused by "spontaneous combustion," the sudden release of suppressed anger by a catalytic incident. U

Subject disapproved of United States Action in Viet Nam, attacking a situation in which Negroes could kill Viet Cong, but could not kill members of the Ku Klux Klan. U

Subject stated that the United States had about three years to make basic changes or social changes would take place that would change America. He also said "I feel we've got to break this two party system." U

Subject told students that if they spent four years learning how to make a living they were in trouble because they were not guaranteed a living outside of the State but if they spent four years learning how to live they could walk all over the face of the earth and a living would come to them naturally. U

An article on Page 23 of the October 11, 1967 issue of the "Star-Gazette," an Elmira, New York daily



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newspaper, reported the appearance of the subject before a student audience at Mansfield State College, Mansfield, Pennsylvania on the afternoon of October 10, 1967. Comments by subject included one to the effect that he got out of jail after being arrested in Milwaukee and "Now I have two Milwaukee cops suing me for biting and kicking them. It don't make no difference that they were trying to push me in front of a train." He also stated "Don't ever let a blackman tell you he isn't a racist. He has to be if he lives in this country." U

Subject said RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL originally taught non-violence. "But the STOKELY's and the RAP's had to stand by and watch little 3 and 6 year old children get stomped on ... and see the police and FBI stand by and watch." U

"... you never read about the pregnant women marchers, white and colored alike, kicked in the stomach by red-necks. You don't read about the 500 'SNCC' workers killed in the past year." GREGORY claimed the workers had been murdered by Southern white racists but that their deaths had been officially listed as drunken driving accidents. "Now all at once" GREGORY shouted, "no one understands STOKELY and RAP. Non-violence is no longer an obligation, it is a favor. We're non-violent now just like Matt Dillon." U

Subject said the "SNCC" movement was no longer interested in the help of white liberals and they should stay home and "bug their own race." U

Subject further stated "no one has to pass special laws in America for us because the Constitution is not just for the whiteman." U

He also said, "No special law was passed to get SVETLANA STALIN - daughter of a Communist leader, into this

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country and into a decent home. No special law is needed to get us decent homes." U

An article on Page 1 of the October 19, 1967 edition of the Jamestown, New York Post-Journal, Jamestown daily newspaper, reported subject's appearance before a large but un-numbered gathering of students at the Jamestown Community College, Collegiate Center. The article indicated subject spoke for two hours and remained more than one-half hour longer for a give and take exchange of questions and answers. Information in this article indicated subject gave substantially the same type of speech as indicated by quotations and information set out above. In addition, he was quoted as saying: U

"We've 600,000 men fighting to bring democracy to people half way around the world while we make little pretense of protecting the democratic rights of a large section of our own people." U

"Why should the Negroes be expected to serve and die bringing instant democracy to Viet-nam and complacently accept the achievement of their own democratic rights on the installment plan?" U

"If our democracy is so wonderful, we wouldn't have to fight for its acceptance in other countries, they would be stealing it from us." U

He was also quoted as saying, "When I demonstrate for Civil Rights, I hope it bugs America as much as the civil wrongs which my people have had to endure have bugged me." U

Subject again made reference to the Declaration of Independence, saying that the human rights enumerated therein were not restricted for "white only." He recalled

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that the patriots who won our country's freedom were fighting a tax on tea and he said, "Do you mean to tell me that the Negro won't fight for his life?" Subject cited an example of the acceptance of the idea that "If its white, its alright," noting that the nation had been reduced to near hysteria by black violence during the past summer, but had shown comparatively little concern over white violence such as had taken place during the current steel hauler's strike. He concluded his talk by urging students to concentrate on learning to live rather than earn a living. u

An article appearing on Page 63 in the October 19, 1967 City Final Edition of the "Buffalo Evening News," local Buffalo daily newspaper under the headline of "Dick Gregory Plans Fast," reported that on October 18, 1967, after he had made an address to 600 people in Jamestown Community College at Jamestown, New York, subject revealed he would fast for 30 days in protest against the Viet Nam war. He reportedly said he would start the fast in San Francisco on Thanksgiving Eve and would fast until Christmas. He said he would drink water but that he would eat nothing. He was quoted as saying, "I can't burn a draft card because I don't have one." u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *pcy* SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

SUBJECT: *11* DICK GREGORY  
APPEARANCE AT LINCOLN, NEBRASKA  
10/25/67  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 11/16/67

Enclosed are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth comments of GREGORY in a speech at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, on 10/25/67, suitable for dissemination.

The confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM is  Lincoln, Nebraska.

No further investigation is being conducted by Omaha concerning GREGORY's appearance at this time.

AGENCY: ~~ACCT. NIA. OSI~~, SEC. SERV., *FD-376 (Sc)*  
HOW: *4/29/67*  
DATE: *12/11/67*  
BY: *TDR/ci*

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File No.

Omaha, Nebraska  
November 16, 1967

DICK GREGORY

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory gave a speech at 2:00 p.m., October 25, 1967, on the East Campus of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska. He stated that his speech was sponsored by the East Union Special Events Committee. The source advised that about 800 to 1,000 people, mostly students at the University, were present for this speech, and no incidents arose in connection with this speech.

Articles concerning this speech of Gregory on October 25, 1967, appeared in "The Lincoln Star", October 26, 1967, page 33; "The Lincoln Evening Journal", October 26, 1967, page 12, both Lincoln newspapers; and in the "Daily Nebraskan", the University of Nebraska student newspaper.

According to these articles, Gregory stated, in part, that, "I am not here to impress you, but to inform you and I don't care what you think of me when you leave." He described himself as a "nonviolent vegetarian pacifist" and said that he would discuss "our number one problem, which is moral pollution, not air pollution." As he continued, Gregory said that "America is the number one most racist country in the world, bar none" and "Martin Luther King didn't teach this country nonviolence, it was kids like Rap Brown and Stokley Carmichael." "You are going to get a lot of Rap Browns and Stokley Carmichaels, so you had better be ready for them, baby." Other excerpts from Gregory's speech contained in these articles included the following: "We are after the U. S. Constitution and unless we get a part, you won't have yours," and "You are not looking at 'niggers' any more, but soldiers." He described the United States as being "sick", "stupid", and "insane" for involvement in the Vietnam war. "This is a non-violent country, your friends are over in Vietnam out-Nazi-ing the Nazis." He said anytime you send troops to protect Vietnamese freedom, but not Negroes in America, "Then maybe burning down that country would be a virtue." He mentioned that the recent peace march in Washington on the Pentagon was "great" and described President Lyndon B. Johnson, of the United States, as having "barbeque on his face, driving drunk and throwing beer cans out the window." In regard to the flag of

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the United States, he said, "You can't pass a law saying you can't burn the flag. The American flag is just a rag. I first want laws and respect for people, not objects. We must address ourselves to people, not flags."

According to the above confidential source, Gregory made only this one appearance at the University of Nebraska while in Lincoln.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, EL PASO (157-176) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 11/20/67

OO: CHICAGO

Re EP airtel to the Bureau dated 10/10/67; AQ airtel to the Bureau dated 10/12/67. u

This is to advise that in accordance with current Bureau instructions, logical sources and informants were alerted to the visit to El Paso of the captioned subject on 10/13/67. u

None of the sources contacted by SA [redacted] furnished any information regarding the visit which would indicate that he did other than stop in El Paso en route to Las Cruces, New Mexico, where he spoke at the New Mexico State University on the evening of October 13, 1967. u

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He was afforded no great reception in El Paso by the news media or private individuals and no publicity resulted. u

In the interest of brevity the names of the sources and informants contacted are not being set forth but are maintained in the El Paso file relating to the captioned subject. u

- 2-Bureau (RM)
- 1-Albuquerque (157-147) (RM) (Info)
- 1-Chicago (157-347) (Info) (RM) ✓
- 1-El Paso

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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Rabble Rousers Index (RRI)  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. This LHM is being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney, Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. Two copies of this LHM are also being furnished New York Division. For information of New York, GREGORY, a Negro comedian and Civil Rights activist is currently maintained on Rabble Rousers Index by Chicago Division. *u*

Chicago is currently preparing a summary report concerning activities of GREGORY. *u*

Source referred to in LHM is \_\_\_\_\_

## LEADS

## NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. New York is requested to contact appropriate sources in an effort to determine any organizational affiliation of GREGORY in view of his frequent trips to New York and involvement in demonstrations, both as to Civil Rights and Anti-Viet Nam activities. *u*

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3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
2-New York (157-1093) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
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(7) C. C. Bishop

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Chicago, Illinois

November 29, 1967

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On November 27, 1967, a source, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]  
furnished the following information: u

On November 22, 1967, Dick Gregory held a news conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton, Chicago, Illinois. During this conference Gregory stated that he is planning a month long fast from Thanksgiving to Christmas in order to protest the United States involvement in the Viet Nam war. Concerning this fast Gregory issued the following statement: u

"I am determined to set an example as an individual American, lawfully protesting against my government's policy in Vietnam," Gregory asserted. u

"From Thanksgiving until Christmas I will fast in sympathy with the millions of Americans who are also opposed to the war in Vietnam. I will not eat, drink juice or take prepared vitamins or other food supplements," he said. "I will only drink water." u

"I ask all those who, like myself, are opposed to war to demonstrate their determination by not buying a turkey for Christmas dinner. I suggest that true Christians and humanitarians celebrate Christmas this year in simplicity and sacrifice, and, in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the war, avoid traditional decorations, Christmas trees, lights, ornaments, toys, and the exchange of gifts and presents until peace on earth and good will to men becomes a reality." u

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"In addition, I appeal to all morally committed Americans not to buy a 1968 automobile until the war is over." u

"I shouldn't have to do this, as a morally committed man, it would be senseless for me to make this kind of public sacrifice and welch on it. I would only be cheating myself. Everyone knows me to be honest enough so that if for any reason I will find it impossible to continue I would simply make that announcement but there are lots of people in this morally corrupt country who are going to doubt me no matter what I say or do. u

"Therefore I have asked Jimmy Smith, the editor-publisher of a Chicago Community weekly and newspaper columnist Irv Kupcinet to hold a \$1,000 bond against any challenge which is subsequently proven." u

Dick Gregory is a Negro comic entertainer and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions. More recently Gregory has affiliated himself with the activities of Milwaukee, Wisconsin's Father Groppi in connection with open housing demonstrations. Gregory is also publically known for his opposition to the Viet Nam war. u

The above information is being furnished the following agencies: u

United States Attorney u  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service u  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group  
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345PM URGENT 12-6-67 LMB

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM DALLAS (157-946) 2P

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RE DALLAS AIRTEL AND LHM NOV. FIFTEEN LAST. *U*

COP JOHNNY BURLESON, SHERMAN, TEXAS, ADVISED GREGORY'S SCHEDULED SPEECH, AUSTIN COLLEGE, SHERMAN, FOR DEC. EIGHT NEXT CONFIRMED. GREGORY ARRIVES LOVE FIELD AIRPORT, DALLAS, FOUR FORTYFIVE PM, DEC. EIGHT, NEXT WHERE BEING MET BY OFFICIALS OF COLLEGE. HIS SPEECH IS SCHEDULED FROM EIGHT THIRTY TO NINE THIRTY PM SAME DATE. AUSTIN COLLEGE, AND A ROOM HAS BEEN RESERVED AT HOLIDAY INN, SHERMAN, AFTERNOON DECEMBER EIGHT NEXT BY COLLEGE OFFICIALS AT GREGORY'S REQUEST. CHIEF ANTICIPATES GREGORY DEPARTING DEC. NINE NEXT. BURLESON ADVISED SHERMAN MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER MET WITH COLLEGE OFFICIALS DEC. FIVE LAST PERTAINING TO SCHEDULED SPEECH DUE TO POSSIBLE RACIAL TENSION BASED ON FACT WHITE FEMALE LIVING JUST SOUTH OF SHERMAN CITY LIMITS WAS RAPED AND STABBED AT HER RESIDENCE DEC. FOUR LAST BY A PERSON, THE VICTIM DESCRIBED PRIOR TO HER DEATH AS A NEGRO AND PUBLIC OPINION AROUSED *EX-103*

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*cc - Truckee*

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BURLESON NOTIFYING DALLAS PD AND SO, AND MAJOR GUY SMITH,  
TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL, DALLAS, OF ABOVE SCHEDULE. APPROPRIATE FEDERAL  
AGENCIES HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. U

CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED AND BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GREGORY'S DEPARTURE BY TELETYPE FOLLOWED  
BY AIRTEL AND LHM. U

BOSTON AND CHICAGO ADVISED BY AIR MAIL. P U

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM DALLAS (157-946)

DICK GREGORY. RM. OO-CHICAGO.

RE DALLAS TELETYPE TO BUREAU DATED DEC. SIX, SIXTY-SEVEN. *u*  
COP JOHNNY BURLESON, SHERMAN, TEXAS PD, ADVISED GREGORY  
HAD LAST MINUTE CHANGE OF PLANS AND NOT STAYING SHERMAN, TEXAS  
OVERNIGHT. *u*

GREGORY SPOKE AS SCHEDULED AND BURLESON REPORTED IT WAS  
STRICTLY COMEDY ROUTINE ONLY AND NO INCIDENTS AROSE. *u*

GREGORY ACCOMPANIED BY UNKNOWN NEGRO FEMALE WHO GREGORY  
REFERRED TO AS  *u*

GREGORY DEPARTED SHERMAN, TEXAS TEN TEN PM RETURNING LOVE  
FIELD, DALLAS, TEXAS WHERE HE IS TO CATCH UNKNOWN PLANE FOR REPORTEDLY  
WEST COAST DESTINATION. *u*

LHM FOLLOWS. *u*

BOSTON AND CHICAGO ADVISED AIR MAIL. *u*

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 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (RUC)  
 RE: DICK GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 OO - CHICAGO

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Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 11/15/67, and Dallas teletypes to Bureau, 12/6 and 8/67. *u*

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Information set forth in LHM, including that received from DL T-1 was received by SA [redacted] Notifications were by SA [redacted] except those on 12/6/67 to MIG, NISO and U. S. Secret Service, which were by SA ROBERT P. GEMBERLING. *u*

DL T-1 is [redacted]

[redacted] had requested his identity be protected, stating it was his desire as well as that of [redacted] that their concern in this matter and the furnishing of information by him should not be a matter of public knowledge. *u*

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BOSTON (info):

Copy being furnished Boston in view of their possible interest in this matter due to booking agent for GREGORY being located in that division. u

LOS ANGELES (info):

Copy being furnished Los Angeles in view of GREGORY reportedly going to Los Angeles from Dallas, after GREGORY's speech at Austin College, Sherman, Texas, evening of 12/8/67. u



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Dallas, Texas  
December 11, 1967

**DICK GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

On December 4, 1967, Johnny Burleson, Chief of Police, Sherman, Texas, advised that Mayor George R. Stephens, and City Manager L. H. Krumm, Sherman, were going to contact college officials, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, on December 5, 1967, in regard to the scheduled speech of Dick Gregory at the college on the evening of December 8, 1967, and point out to them that a white female was raped and stabbed at her residence just south of the city limits of Sherman, Texas, on December 4, 1967, by a person she was able to describe only as a Negro male just prior to her death, and that public opinion had been aroused by the crime. *u*

On December 6, 1967, Chief Burleson advised that the Mayor and City Manager had met and discussed Gregory's scheduled speech with officials at Austin College. Burleson further stated college officials had confirmed that Gregory's speech would be held at the Student Union Building, Austin College, Sherman, Texas, between the hours of 8:30 PM and 9:30 PM, December 8, 1967. Burleson was notified by college officials that Gregory was due to arrive at the Love Field Airport, Dallas, Texas, at 4:45 PM, December 8, 1967. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Burleson was told that Gregory was coming to Sherman by himself, and that he was apparently going to stay in Sherman overnight since Gregory had requested college officials to reserve him a room at the Holiday Inn, Sherman, for the night of December 8, 1967, and that he would leave Sherman on the morning of December 9, 1967, and return to Dallas where he would catch a plane en route to the West Coast. He was reserved Room 248 by college officials, as a result of this request. Burleson advised that it was believed Gregory was arriving at Love Field, Dallas, on a flight originating out of Denver, Colorado, but this was not definitely known. *u*

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Re: DICK GREGORY

Gregory, according to Burleson, had sent a press release to college officials but they were not releasing same. In this release, Gregory claimed he was on a fast commencing Thanksgiving Day and lasting through Christmas, existing during that time only on distilled water. Although college officials were originally of the belief Gregory was going to perform only a comedy routine at the college, it appeared that Gregory would spend some of his time on a comedy and would then speak on his views in regard to U. S. involvement in the Vietnam war and that he believed U. S. troops should be withdrawn. It is for this reason that Gregory was fasting and that he was going to ask the audience not to purchase cars, Christmas decorations or Christmas presents, in order to support the view that U. S. troops should be withdrawn from Vietnam. Burleson advised he had been informed approximately 750 tickets had been sold to students and faculty of Austin College for this speech. u

Burleson related that he had notified Sheriff G. W. Blanton, Grayson County, Sherman, Texas, and Paul Borum, Chief of Police, Denison, Texas, of the above plans of Gregory and that he was this date notifying the Dallas, Texas, Police Department and Sheriff's Office of these plans, including the intention of transporting Gregory from Dallas to Sherman via State Highway 289, rather than U. S. 75, due to traffic congestion on U. S. 75 at that hour. He was also requesting Sergeant [redacted] [redacted] Texas Highway Patrol, Sherman, Texas, to furnish this same information to Major Guy Smith, Texas Highway Patrol, Dallas, Texas. u

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On December 6, 1967, the following were notified of the confirmed plans of Gregory's arrival at Sherman, Texas: u

[redacted] Special Agent, Office of  
Special Investigations, Perrin Air Force Base,  
Texas, at 1:00 PM. u

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William Wayne Justice, U. S. Attorney, Eastern  
District of Texas, Tyler, Texas, at 1:22 PM. u

Re: DICK GREGORY

[redacted] Assistant U. S. Attorney, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, at 1:40 PM. u

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[redacted] 112th Military Intelligence Group, U. S. Army, Dallas, Texas, at 2:57 PM. u

[redacted] Naval Investigative Service Officer, Dallas, Texas, 3:04 PM. u

[redacted] Special Agent, U. S. Secret Service, Dallas, Texas, at 3:12 PM. u

On December 7, 1967, Burleson related Gregory would apparently depart Sherman, Texas, approximately 9:00 AM, December 9, 1967, since he had been notified Gregory was going to catch a flight from Love Field, Dallas, Texas, to the West Coast at 11:00 AM, December 9, 1967. u

On December 8, 1967, Burleson related Gregory was met by college officials at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, and brought to Sherman, Texas, as scheduled. He stated, however, Gregory was accompanied by an unknown Negro female, who Gregory referred to as [redacted]. He further related there had been a last minute change of plans by Gregory and that he was returning to Dallas the same evening to catch a plane for the West Coast, rather than remaining overnight in Sherman, as originally scheduled. u

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Burleson also advised that Detective [redacted] Sherman Police Department, was present at the Student Union Building during the hour Gregory spoke and reported that the entire act was a comedy routine only. Burleson related there were no incidents, whatsoever, arising as a result of Gregory's speech and that Gregory and the unknown female left Sherman, Texas, at 10:10 PM., December 8, 1967, accompanied by [redacted] supra, en route back to Love Field, Dallas, to catch an unknown flight for the West Coast. u

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The December 10, 1967, issue of the "Sherman Democrat", Sherman, Texas, carried an item captioned "GREGORY SKIPS CONTROVERSY, OFFERS HUMOR", which is as follows: u

# Gregory Skips Controversy, Offers Humor

By GEORGE CHAFFEE

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian turned civil rights activist, parked his controversial views on segregation and the Vietnam War at the Austin College Student Union door here Friday night and gave students and faculty one hour of pure humor.

Approximately 750 students — some sitting in straight-back chairs, some sitting cross-legged on the floor and some lying on the floor with their feet propped up on the small stage — roared their approval as Gregory went through his unrehearsed routine, most of which centered around his Thanksgiving-to-Christmas fast to protect involvement in Vietnam.

"Every time I put on my socks they fall back down," the bearded comic said. "Man, I've lost so much weight non-violence is no longer a tactic for me but a necessity."

Gregory said he weighed 158 pounds when he began his fasting on Thanksgiving Day and was down to 124 when he weighed three days ago.

"I'm scared to get on the scales now," he admitted.

Gregory showed the effects of 16 days without food and got a lot of laughs about his condition.

"I'm so weak I couldn't whip Ronald Reagan's former staff members," he quipped.

Gregory said the fasting also had its effects on what he termed his "hate fan mail."

"I used to get these letters saying, 'nigger, nigger, nigger' "

he pulled a letter from a pocket of his green coveralls. "Now I get 'em like this. 'Dear Mr. Gregory, last night for supper I had . . .'"

Taking a slap at his wife's cooking, Gregory said with a wink of his eye, "Her cooking is so bad I gained 30 pounds after I went on my fast."

Hitting briefly on the devaluation of the British pound, Gregory said he wasn't worried

about U.S. currency until he saw Indians on the roadside selling dollar bills for old beads.

Then he added, "Don't worry about my health during the fast. It's the British that are losing the pounds."

Cigarette smoking drew fire from the frail comedian when he said honest television commercials would come when the sponsors switched from coupons on the backs of cigarette packs

to insurance credit cards.

Commenting that people are now paying 40 cents to get bad news in the form of "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous to Your Health," Gregory told a conversation with a friend who thought the message was actually a coupon.

Friend: "You mean if I save enough of them, I'll get something?"

Gregory: "That's right, brother."

Friend, "Well, when do I turn them in?"

Gregory: "You don't. They'll turn you in."

Turning around, Gregory noticed three black drapes set up as a back-drop for the impromptu stage. He walked over to a drape, folded it into the shape of a KKK hood and put it on his head. "All right," he said, "there will be a meeting at 8 p.m. tonight."

Later, Gregory said the biggest breakthrough in the civil rights movement was the naming of the hurricane Beulah.

Recalling his childhood, Gregory said he and his friends would use segregation to their advantage.

"We'd walk into an expensive department store and get all the store detectives to follow us," he said. "While they were keeping an eye on us, the white kids we had hired earlier would do the stealing."

Gregory claimed racial prejudices didn't do much to strengthen his beliefs in Santa Claus. "Ain't no white man

comin' in our neighborhood at night."

Speaking of Black Power, Gregory said Negroes would get it when one of them caught the "primitive" nuclear bomb Red China is going to deliver.

"Talk about Black Power," he said as he held the imaginary bomb, "I'd walk up to Wallace's (George) house si . . . 'We have overcome.' "

Everytime the comedian mentioned Lyndon Johnson, he made reference to barbecue sauce on his face, operation scar or whatever.

"He's the only President I know that everytime he leaves the country, so do I. I think he knows something."

Gregory also poked some fun at the space program saying we've spent \$55 million for a picture of the moon that looks like a close-up shot of cold oatmeal.

In sharp contrast to his jokes, Gregory left the students with a bit of advice which they listened to in silence: "Don't get so busy in learning how to make a living that you forget how to live."

Gregory was the second entertainer to appear in Austin College's Student Entertainment Series, all of which are open only to students and faculty. David Barton, student in charge of the series, said Gregory was paid \$1,500 for his appearance in Sherman. Entertainers are paid from revenue received through ticket sales at the college.

Re: DICK GREGORY

DL T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DL T-1 advised no information came to his attention of any incident arising in Sherman, Texas, as a result of Gregory's appearing at Austin College the evening of December 8, 1967, and during the hour long show which DL T-1 attended, Gregory performed a comedy routine and made no mention of any controversial subjects. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/22/67

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

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SUBJECT: *pcy*  
DICK GREGORY

DATE 8-3-81 BY SP-8 BLJ/HW

APPEARANCES AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA,  
12/5/67, AND AT IOWA CITY, IOWA,  
12/6/67  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed are the original and seven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum setting forth comments of GREGORY in  
speeches at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, 12/5/67,  
and at University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, 12/6/67, suitable  
for dissemination.

The confidential source utilized in the enclosed LHM  
is   
Iowa City, Iowa.

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No further investigation is being conducted by Omaha  
concerning GREGORY's appearances at this time.

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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory gave a speech at 8:00 p.m., December 6, 1967, at the Student Union, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, before a gathering of students and faculty estimated at 2,100 persons. This speech was sponsored by the University as part of a regular guest lecture series. Gregory was reportedly paid \$1,200.00 for this appearance. No incident arose in connection with Gregory's appearance above.

On December 5, 1967, Gregory appeared at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he spoke to about 600 persons, also as part of the lecture series of that institution.

An article concerning Gregory's speech at University of Iowa appeared on December 7, 1967, Page 1, of the "Daily Iowan", the University of Iowa student newspaper. An article reporting Gregory's speech at Mount Mercy College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, appeared in "The Cedar Rapids Gazette", Page 10A, December 6, 1967, a local daily newspaper.

According to the article appearing in the "Daily Iowan", Gregory said in part that violence is helping the Negro cause because America is "so foul and dirty". He said America was the "number one most racist country in the world", and that Negroes learned their racism and violence from the whites.

Gregory praised the University's anti-war demonstrations and said that they were receiving so much reaction because the students were trying to change the system. He said H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael, Negro leaders who advocate violence and black power, were non-violent civil rights workers in the South for six years, and described their struggle against the southern mobs, sheriffs and police in which, he said, "20 civil rights workers were killed each day". He said he would "bug this country as much as civil wrongs have bugged me". He said it was an insane country that could ask a Negro to kill to give Vietnamese instant freedom and then promise that man's children freedom on the installment plan.

In this speech, Gregory quoted the Declaration of Independence to show that Americans believed that people have the duty to overthrow a government that denies them their rights

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for a long period of time, and that the white should blame the founding fathers for not putting a "white only" stamp on the declaration.

In his speech at Mount Mercy College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Gregory told the audience he plans to write every country urging a boycott of the 1968 Olympic games in Mexico as a protest to the Vietnam war.

At Cedar Rapids, Gregory also told his audience that "if things don't begin improving fast, we're going to burn this country right to the ground and you better believe it."

He said, "you better wake up on this violence thing, non-violence is a favor and you better not aggravate the Negro much longer." He said further, "Patrick Henry said give me liberty or give me death. That is non-violence? The British were overthrown for taxing tea and you think we won't bring this country down to save our lives?" He went on to comment, "that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and that after such a long period of abuses, it is the right, the duty, for a people to throw off such a government. And we will."

Gregory said further, "Moral pollution is the No. 1 problem in this country. All the tricks are used up. We're never going through the back door again. Sure you got the right to call me nigger. You got freedom of speech. But don't spit on me when you call me nigger. The German who killed my dad in World War II can live where I cannot."

Gregory told the audience he was not angry at white people. "I just hate your system. We're tired of it and we're going to bring it down."

According to the above source, Gregory's activity in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the University of Iowa was limited to his appearance at the two schools identified above.

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to the offices of the USA, Chicago, U.S. Secret  
Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,  
Evanston, Illinois. *u*

Chicago is currently preparing a summary  
report concerning activities of GREGORY. Chicago  
continues to follow the activities of GREGORY with  
particular emphasis being placed upon GREGORY's  
proposed plans to travel abroad. *u*

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*December 14, 1967*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
November 29, 1967. *u*

The following article appeared on Page Four,  
in the December 13, 1967, Final Edition of the "Chicago  
Defender". *u*

Dick Gregory is the Negro comedian - entertainer  
and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on  
numerous occasions. Gregory is also publically known  
for his opposition to the Viet Nam war. *u*

The above information is being furnished to  
the following agencies: *u*

The United States Attorney, Chicago, U. S.  
Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th Military  
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# Lean Dick Gregory Vows To Continue 'Black Fast'

By DAVE POTTER  
(Daily Defender Staff Writer)

A gaunt, 120-pound Dick Gregory yesterday reaffirmed his vow to complete his celebrated "black fast" until Christmas.

At a news conference held in the Knickerbocker Hotel, Gregory, dressed in a forest green coverall, told reporters that he was not experiencing any serious side effects from his last which the comedian initiated the day before Thanksgiving as a protest to his country's involvement in the Vietnam war.

When Gregory launched his fast, he weighed 153 pounds. Yesterday marked the 20th day in which he consumed nothing more than about 6½ pints of distilled water each day.

Though he looks as if he is dying, Gregory told reporters, "I'm not going to die. I am in good shape, I'm healthy and I'm strong."

"In response to the thousands of letters, telegrams and phone calls I have received from all over the world expressing concern over my health, I've called this press conference to assure my friends that I am in good condition and in spite of the difficult schedule which I have kept -- lecturing in colleges in 26 cities -- I am as determined as ever to maintain my fast until Christmas," he said.

He did say, however, that he was not under a doctor's care.

Gregory flew into Chicago yesterday after addressing the graduating senior class at Yale University in Hartford, Conn. He was to leave later for another speaking engagement in Miami and a nightclub appearance in New York's Greenwich Village.

On Nov. 22, Gregory said he would fast in sympathy with the millions of Americans who are opposed to the war in Vietnam.

He also asked then that those, who like himself, were opposed to the war demonstrate their beliefs by not buying turkeys for Christmas, or to give Yule gifts or decorate homes with lights in the traditional Yuletide manner, "until peace on earth and goodwill toward men becomes a reality." He also asked that his followers not buy a 1968 auto as another form of anti-Vietnam war protest.

"Now I'm not one of these guys who are pulling for the Viet Cong against the United States. I am opposed to all wars and I feel sorry for every young man who is killed."

Gregory also pointed out that since he had started his fast he had also stopped smoking cigarettes -- which had become one of his trademarks in night clubs.

Throughout the press conference, Gregory's drawn face was almost always in a gentle smile. His voice was slightly hoarse and decidedly softer than in recent pre-fast months.

He refused to liken himself to India's Mahatma Gandhi mainly because there was no religious connection with the comic's fast -- just a moral one. "There was also a difference in our complexions," he quipped.

A reporter calculated Gregory's weight loss rate at about two pounds a day, and said that by Christmas he would weigh in the vicinity of 95 pounds -- or less.

"Then," Gregory retorted, "I'd be the NAACP's answer to Twiggy."

Purpose of his fast he said was to demonstrate that there "a whole lot of decent people in the U.S."

"Hell, I'm 35 and too old to get drafted; and if I went to volunteer, with my political views, the government itself would burn my draft card."

While he gestured with his hands, it was even more apparent that the comedian had lost a great deal of weight. His plain, gold wedding band literally flopped up and down between joints on his ring finger.

When asked whether the fast had affected his sense of

humor, Gregory replied:

It's given me 30 more minutes in my act and now my hate mail reads differently. It used to be letters were addressed to me 'dear nigger, this and dear nigger that. Now some letters begin 'My Dear Mr. Gregory, last night for dinner I had...'

In addition, Gregory announced that he has cabled Bertrand Russell to obtain his full support in a mission to persuade nations not to participate in next summer's Olympic games if the United States continues to conduct the war in Vietnam. He stated that he was writing letters to the heads of state of all the Olympic member nations to help in this effort.

Gregory said he will travel to as many countries as he can humanly visit between now and the games in Mexico City next August.



Full view of comic shows spare frame in detail. He said that during his fast, he would neither smoke, get a haircut nor take a shave. (Daily Defender Photos by John Gunn)



Drawn looking comedian Dick Gregory, down to 120 pounds, tells reporters that he will complete his 32-day "black fast" — his way of protesting U.S. involvement in the war in Vietnam. Gregory's weight loss was apparent when his wedding band flopped loosely on his ring finger.

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS DURING  
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, INTERNATIONAL  
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On 12/18/67, Officer [ ] Human Relations  
Division, Chicago PD, was contacted concerning any  
information that the Chicago PD might have in reference  
to remarks of DICK GREGORY as set forth in enclosed LHM. u

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At this time, Officer [ ] advised that the Chicago PD had no information concerning GREGORY's remarks in reference to the Democratic National Convention and further that Superintendent of Police CONLISK has received no communication to date from GREGORY concerning the appointment of a Negro to Superintendent CONLISK's staff. u

Chicago continues to follow the activities of [ ] and the Bureau will be kept advised. u

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CONVENTION, INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AUGUST, 1968  
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Reference is made to memorandum captioned "Richard Claxton Gregory, aka, Dick Gregory," dated November 29, 1967, at Chicago. U

The following information was taken from the December 17, 1967 edition of the "Chicago Tribune" in a column by Herb Lyon captioned "Tower Ticker": U

"Dick Gregory, down to 118 pounds, via his pre-yule protest fast, shocked listeners in on Wes South's WVON Hot Line Radio show the other night. Said Gregory: "The Democrats will hold their 1968 national convention in Chicago next August over my dead body, unless they meet my terms. Like lifting the injunction on open housing marches and Police Supt. Conlisk appointing a Negro to his top staff." The comic then threatened to bring in thousands of stormy protestors, including disruptive Hippies and Negro athletes who'll swarm all over the Amphitheater. " U

Dick Gregory is a Negro entertainer-comedian and Civil Rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions. More recently, Gregory is known for his public statements concerning his anti-Viet Nam stand. U

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND MILWAUKEE (157-355)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, RRI. R.

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ON TWELVE TWENTY SIX, INSTANT, [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED  
THAT ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER TWENTY SIX, INSTANT, AT EIGHT PM, A  
FREEDOM AND PEACE RALLY COMMEMORATING TWENTY SIXTH DAY OF NEGRO

COMEDIAN/ENTERTAINER, DICK GREGORY'S "BLACK FAST," WILL BE HELD  
IN THE CARTER TEMPLE, C.M.E. CHURCH, SEVEN EIGHT FOUR ONE SO.

WABASH, CHICAGO. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT  
DURING THIS RALLY: FATHER JAMES E. GROPP, MALE WHITE, MILITANT  
LEADER OF OPEN HOUSING MARCHES IN MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN; RALPH

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AT RALLY, GREGORY WILL EXPLAIN HIS THIRTY TWO -DAY ANTI VIET NAM PROTEST FAST AND WILL REVEAL HIS PLANS FOR THE NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO.

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CC MR. TRAINOR

SAC, Chicago (157-347)

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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*ml* It is noted that subject's name is included in  
the Rabble Rouser Index. *u*

A summary-type report should be submitted in the  
near future. Advise the Bureau when a report may be expected. *u*

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RE CHICAGO AIRTEL, LHM TO BUREAU DATED DECEMBER TWENTY SEVEN,  
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[redacted] advised that on 12/26/67 a freedom and peace rally commemorating the 33rd day of DICK GREGORY's "Black Fast" took place without incident in the Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church, 7841 South Wabash Street, Chicago. The details of this rally are set forth in the LHM. u

Chicago continues to follow activities of DICK GREGORY. The Bureau will be kept advised. u

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 27, 1967

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
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On December 26, 1967, a [redacted]  
source advised that a freedom and peace rally commemorating  
the 33rd day of Negro comedian/entertainer Dick Gregory's  
"Black Fast" was to be held in the Carter Temple, C.M.E.  
Church, 7841 South Wabash Street, Chicago, Illinois. This  
[redacted] source stated that at a press conference  
held earlier in the same day, Gregory announced that Father  
James E. Groppi, the militant open housing advocate from  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Ralph Schoenman, secretary to  
Lord Bertram Russell of England and the individual who con-  
ducted the mock war crimes trial in Copenhagen with the  
United States as the defendant because of their involvement  
in the Vietnamese War, would participate in this rally. U

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ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST, 1968

On December 27, 1967, this same [redacted] source advised that the above rally took place as scheduled at the Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church. This rally began at 8:00 p.m. on December 26, 1967, and terminated at approximately 11:30 p.m. Approximately 150 persons attended this rally, each paying a \$5.00 entrance fee. U

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During the course of the rally, Dick Gregory issued a series of demands that the City of Chicago would have to meet if the City expected to have the Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, 1968. These demands are as follows: U

1. Complete open housing for Negroes in Chicago and in the State of Illinois as well as the right for the Negro to be able to go anywhere in the city without being attacked. U
2. The lifting of an injunction limiting demonstrations by the Reverend Martin Luther King and others. This injunction has been in effect since the September, 1966, racial disturbances on Chicago's west side. U
3. A Negro policeman and a top echelon of the Chicago Police Department. U
4. One month before the National Democratic Convention in Chicago all firemen and policemen in Chicago should be paid the highest salary in the nation. U

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

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DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
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Gregory was seen and heard over nationwide television stating that if his demands were not met, the Democratic Convention would be held over his dead body. U

Father James E. Groppi also spoke at this rally explaining the purpose of the open housing marches in Milwaukee and the organization of his "commandos". Groppi stated that the marches in Milwaukee would continue for five years "if we feel it is necessary to win freedom for the Negro". U

Ralph Schoenman spoke of the "liberation armies" around the world, particularly in Vietnam, Bolivia, and Africa, and how the system in the United States will have to be destroyed. He said that he believes in revolutionary tactics of violence and that whenever a black man is assassinated a list of "white cops" should be drawn up and they should receive the same treatment. U

Schoenman further stated that the United States is trying to protect its economic position in Southeast Asia. Schoenman referred to President Johnson as "scarbelly" with barbecue sauce on his face. Among those who attended this rally were the following: U

[redacted] male Negro, [redacted]  
of ACT, a militant black nationalist organization. U

TH ( [redacted] male Negro, [redacted] of Chicago's  
Afro-American Student Association, a militant  
black nationalist organization. U

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ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

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DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,  
AUGUST, 1968

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*ILL* / Robert Lucas, male Negro, chairman of Chicago's  
Congress of Racial Equality. *u*

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The above information is being furnished to the  
following agencies: *u*

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois *u*

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois *u*

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group  
Evanston, Illinois *u*

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SAC, Chicago

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

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WILLIAM RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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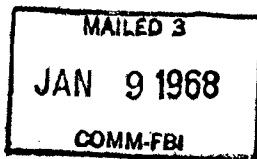
As you are aware, Gregory has been making very inflammatory statements to the press threatening that he will disrupt the forthcoming democratic convention in Chicago unless certain demands are met. U

You are requested to advise what coverage through informants and sources you are able to provide Gregory. If you do not have good coverage, advise what steps you are taking to get sources close to him. The Bureau desires that coverage of Gregory be such that we are kept advised of his activities on a current basis. U

TDR:lmr

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Mr. DeLoach:

I do not want to be out of place but on seeing the attached picture I thought of your possible responsibility at the 1968 Democratic National Convention. I am confident the Bureau has fine coverage on the various organizations who might try to disrupt the convention. Individual dissidents like Gregory; however, might present embarrassing problems. Chicago may have someone close to Gregory. If not, it might not be too early to begin developing such coverage.

*Ed*  
Elmer Lee Todd

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Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1968

THE WASHINGTON POST



United Press International

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WARNING—Comedian Dick Gregory announces he has notified President Johnson that unless racial conditions show improve-

ment in Chicago he will disrupt the Democratic Convention. With him at a news conference in his Chicago home is his wife.

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Date: 1/8/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-New) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
Speech  
Springfield, Ohio  
1/24/68  
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM which is self-explanatory. *u*

Enclosed for Chicago and Philadelphia Divisions is one copy each of LHM re captioned speech.

On 1/3/68, [redacted] Detective Bureau, Springfield, Ohio, PD, advised SA [redacted] he plans to confidentially tape subject's speech at Wittenberg University on 1/24/68, at which time his men, in plainclothes, will afford security coverage during speech. *u*

For information of the Bureau, copies of enclosed LHM have been furnished separately to 109th MI Group, Cincinnati, Ohio, U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio, and USA, Dayton, Ohio. *u*

Information copy of this communication and LHM furnished to Chicago Division in light of their probable interest in subject DICK GREGORY. Chicago Division is requested to review file and furnish Cincinnati

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HOW FORW: [redacted]  
BY: [redacted]

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Division with any information which Chicago feels Cincinnati should have prior to 1/24/68 speech by GREGORY. *u*

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PHILADELPHIA

AT PALMERTON, PENNSYLVANIA

Will conduct credit and arrest check for [redacted] a senior at Wittenberg University who was a member of [redacted] Will also conduct credit and arrest for [redacted] parents and furnish Cincinnati with this information. *u*

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CINCINNATI

AT SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Will follow subject's speech on 1/24/68. It is noted Cincinnati Division informants will cover this speech on a discreet basis. *u*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 8, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati, Ohio (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
January 8, 1968

RE: DICK GREGORY Speech  
Springfield, Ohio  
January 24, 1968

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On January 2, 1968, [redacted] Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, from Chicago, Illinois, had been invited to speak at the Wittenberg University Fieldhouse at 8:00 p.m. on January 24, 1968. [redacted] advised it was his understanding that Gregory had accepted the speech invitation and would appear at the university located in Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968. *u*

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[redacted] advised he anticipated upwards of 1,000 people to hear Gregory speak about "Black Power and Civil Rights." [redacted] advised he was in the process of contacting officials at the Springfield, Ohio, Police Department to request plainclothes security assistance from the Springfield Police Division for coverage of Gregory's speech. *u*

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[redacted] advised that the invitation for Gregory to speak at Wittenberg University was extended by Wittenberg senior [redacted] on behalf of the Student Union Board, Culture Committee. He advised the speech would ~~begin~~ at 8:30 p.m. on January 24, 1968, and was expected to end at approximately 10:00 p.m. *u*

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On January 2, 1968, Wittenberg University [redacted] [redacted] advised a Special Agent of the FBI he had that day learned that a student committee of Wittenberg University students had extended an invitation to Negro comedian Dick Gregory to speak on campus at Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968. [redacted] [redacted] advised the Wittenberg administration had not known about the invitation to Gregory to speak. He advised he had become very concerned about the invitation to Gregory to speak and noted recent newspaper publicity, during which time Gregory had advised newsmen that Gregory would lead a

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RE: DICK GREGORY Speech, Springfield, Ohio,  
January 24, 1968

demonstration which "will make it possible for the Democratic Party to hold its convention here (Chicago, Illinois) only over my dead body." [redacted] advised although he is concerned over Gregory's scheduled speech, the administration will take no action to interfere with the invitation extended and accepted by Gregory by representatives of the Wittenberg University student body to speak. However, [redacted] advised he had requested security assistance from Springfield, Ohio, Police. u

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Review of the 1967-68 Wittenberg University Directory revealed a listing for [redacted] member of the class of 1968, who was listed as being a member of [redacted] located at [redacted] [redacted] home address was listed as [redacted] u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/10/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

ReBulet 1/4/68. *u*

Summary type report concerning captioned subject is in preparation and will be submitted to reach the Bureau on or before January 29, 1968. *u*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/19/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(Rabble Rouser Index)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning the appearance of DICK GREGORY at Northeastern University, Boston, Mass., on 1/11/68.

GREGORY's speaking engagement at Northeastern University was covered by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He requested his identity be CONCEALED if the information furnished by him is disseminated. He can be described as furnishing reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Boston, Massachusetts  
January 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On January 12, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory appeared at Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts, on the evening of January 11, 1968, as an invited guest of the Distinguished Speaker Series sponsored by the Student Activities Council of Northeastern University. The affair was held in the Carl S. Ell Student Center.

About 20 female Negroes and 15 male Negroes, many of whom were recognized as residents of the Roxbury section of Boston, lined the Auditorium walls near the stage area giving the impression that they were protecting the stage so no one would be able to approach the front of the stage.

During his talk, Gregory stated that if the demands of the Negroes were not met, the Negroes would burn the country down. This brought a fair response from the white audience and a highly favorable reaction from the Negroes.

During his talk, Gregory made the following points:

Gregory stated that he would not give any solutions to the problems regarding Moral Decay in the Nation but he would only talk about "The Symptons."

Gregory stated that Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown are very honest in everything that they say, and we should not criticize them because you do not hear any Negro talking about four white boys who left their ship in Japan and went to Moscow.

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Gregory stated that SNCC (Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee) were non violent in the beginning but nobody in the country would listen to them while they were being abused by the police and some Atlanta Crackers. He stated that the FBI have movies of what took place in the south when there were attempts to integrate schools, etc., but the FBI would not show them and they will never be shown, but if the Negroes were involved, they (the films) would be shown.

Gregory stated that his father was killed by some German in 1942 and that same German could come to this country and enjoy all the benefits, but that he, Gregory, living without a father for 25 years could not enjoy all the Freedoms offered in this country.

Gregory stated that H. "Rap" Brown said, "Nigger get yourself a gun," and everyone got upset. Gregory then said, "Why don't people get upset when they know that the Minutemen have guns and nothing is done about it," Gregory stated that if the Minutemen were so concerned, why don't you see them riding into Harlem in a Tank. Gregory stated that we all have a right to bear arms under the Constitution.

Gregory stated that he did not believe that we should be in Vietnam. He stated that we are spending billions of dollars in Vietnam for instant freedom and if one of those Vietnamese came to the United States, he could not live beside someone in this country because he would be killed.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory stated that the colored fold should not listen to people who say that riots will only delay our cause. He, Gregory, stated that there were 6,000 Negroes hired in Detroit without any exam. The reason given for hiring the Negroes is that the fire was getting too close to the Mustangs.

Gregory stated that a flag is only a rag, and if he went out to buy a flag, he has the right to burn the flag because it is his own.

Gregory stated many things in reference to the Negro Heritage in this country, that they were toiling for 400 years and if they did not get what is coming to them they would burn the country down.

Gregory mostly talked about the moral decay in the country, and how the Negro was getting the short end of the stick. He stated that we should not worry about 10% of the population because we have a large Army, etc. but history shows that the oppressed will rule the oppressor. Gregory stated that the Negro is tired of waiting and wants what is coming to him now.

Gregory made reference to Rev. Martin Luther King with his non-violent demonstrations to warn the people what is coming. He made reference to the large demonstration King will hold in the Spring.

Gregory stated that we have not seen anything yet and that the country should wake up. Gregory stated that it is a sorry thing to see Congress make a compromise on a "Clean Meat Bill" after four months of debate and they do nothing about the Poverty Program.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re New York teletype to the Bureau, Atlanta, Chicago,  
and Newark dated 1/5/68, captioned "PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST  
MEETING, RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY, 1/21/68;  
RACIAL MATTERS."

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Enclosed to the Bureau are 13 copies of a ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U) letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above, two copies of which have been designated for the [redacted] b7D This letterhead memorandum is being designated locally to the Office of the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and OSI and NISO, Chicago. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The enclosed letterhead memorandum sets forth [redacted]

This information was obtained from [redacted] Protect - Requested), [redacted] b6 b7C b7D advised that [redacted]

[redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U) It is noted that GREGORY, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist, is currently maintained on the Chicago Rabble Rouser Index. While GREGORY has participated in numerous civil rights activities, he is also known for his opposition to United States Viet Nam war policies. In recent weeks GREGORY has also threatened to hold mass demonstrations on an around-the-clock basis in Chicago throughout the summer of 1968 in an effort to disrupt the Democratic National Convention, which is to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. u

[redacted] is being furnished to [redacted] b7D [redacted] for information purposes. Each office should remain alert to militant civil rights activity by GREGORY as well as any activity GREGORY might undertake relative to the Democratic National Convention and the Viet Nam war, and advise Chicago. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[redacted] b7D [redacted]

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Referenced communication sets forth information developed by New York Division reflecting that GREGORY is

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[REDACTED] Chicago sources have not corroborated this information to date. Inasmuch as GREGORY

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Boston Division is requested to furnish New York and Chicago any information that Boston may receive relative to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Chicago Division will continue to maintain contact with Chicago sources in an effort to determine if GREGORY [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ~~(S)~~ (U)

Atlanta Division is being furnished a copy of this communication for information purposes. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Source referred to in letterhead memorandum is

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DETROIT

AT YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN. Will furnish Chicago any information developed by Detroit Division relative to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Chicago, Illinois  
January 11, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 3, 1968, captioned "Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matters," and "Possible Racial Incidents During Democratic National Convention, International Amphitheater, Chicago, Illinois, August, 1968; Racial Matters." U

On January 10, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following information setting forth [redacted]

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[redacted] Gregory is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity. (U) (C) (S)

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On January 10, 1968, an article appearing in the "Chicago Tribune," a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area, in Section 1, Page 3, reflects that Gregory is planning another fast throughout the 40-day season of Lent. This fast is to protest the United States' involvement in the war in Viet Nam. It is to be noted that Gregory similarly fasted for a 40-day period from Thanksgiving, 1967 through January 3, 1968, protesting United States involvement in the Viet Nam war. u

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The following is a description of Gregory: u

Date of birth	October 12, 1932
Place of birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Height	5'10"
Weight	173 lbs.
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Characteristics	Wears mustache

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The above information is being furnished the following agencies: u

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

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Evanston, Illinois

Office of Special Investigations  
Chicago, Illinois

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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DATE January 17, 1968

Re Bureau letter to Chicago 1/10/68 captioned  
"WILLIAM RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY" and Chicago airtel  
to Director [redacted] u

Letterhead memorandum (LHM) enclosed with referenced  
airtel of [redacted] set forth [redacted]

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Referenced Bureau letter of January 10, 1968, stated that the Bureau desires that coverage of GREGORY be such that the Bureau is advised of his activities on a current basis. u

GREGORY is currently carried in the Rabble Rouser Index of the Chicago Office. u

For information of recipient offices, GREGORY's scheduled appearances are handled by the American Program Bureau, Boston, Mass., and they are, in turn, cleared through the Marvin Josephson Associates in New York City. u

As noted in referenced airtel and LHM, GREGORY has threatened to disrupt forthcoming Democratic Convention to be held at the Chicago Amphitheater in August, 1968. u

GREGORY is not known to have any specific organizational affiliations as far as civil rights activities are concerned, but he lends his support to various organizations active in the civil rights field. Review of his file indicates he makes frequent visits to New York City and has been active as a supporter and participant in NAACP Youth Council open housing marches in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, led by Father JAMES GROPP. u

Referenced Bureau letter of January 10, 1968, also requested Chicago to advise of coverage through informants and sources Chicago is able to provide for GREGORY. The following sources are acquainted with GREGORY and furnish information concerning his activities: [redacted]

Additionally, [redacted]

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[redacted] has advised, during [redacted] that [redacted] concerning GREGORY's activities. u

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Information concerning [redacted]  
outlined in LHM enclosed with referenced airtel of  
[redacted] was provided by [redacted]

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[redacted]  
with GREGORY and has volunteered information concerning his  
activities [redacted] (U)

[redacted] also knows GREGORY and has furnished  
information concerning him. (U)

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Chicago will, in connection with its informant  
development program, attempt to develop additional sources  
knowledgeable concerning GREGORY. (U)

In connection with Bureau's desired coverage of  
GREGORY's activities, the following leads are set forth: u

LEADS

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. 1. Will advise the  
Bureau and Chicago of informant coverage available concerning  
GREGORY, since GREGORY is a frequent visitor to New York City. (U)

2. Will advise if any coverage is available relative  
to the Marvin Josephson Associates in New York City and if not,  
determine feasibility of developing coverage since GREGORY  
reportedly arranges speaking engagements through this agency. (U)

BOSTON

AT BOSTON, MASS. Will advise if any coverage is  
available concerning the American Program Bureau in Boston and  
if not, determine feasibility of developing coverage since this  
Bureau reportedly handles scheduling of speaking appearances by  
GREGORY. (U)

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MILWAUKEE

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AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will advise Bureau and Chicago if any informant coverage is available concerning GREGORY in connection with his participation in open housing marches in Milwaukee. ~~C~~ (U)

OTHER RECIPIENT OFFICES.

Will furnish Bureau and Chicago information concerning [redacted] as noted in referenced airtel and LHM of [redacted] in form suitable for dissemination and attempt to develop any information concerning future travel plans or itinerary of GREGORY. ~~C~~ (U)

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It may be noted that the New York Office, under the caption "Proposed Black Nationalist Meeting, Renaissance Ballroom, Harlem, New York City, 1/21/68; RM" advised that GREGORY is supposed to be a speaker for a Black Nationalist type meeting in New York. If any information developed to substantiate GREGORY's appearance on January 21, 1968, same should be immediately furnished to the New York Office and also Chicago. New York file in that regard is 157-892. ~~C~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, INFORMATION CONCERNING, RM. 00: CG  
PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING, RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM,  
NEW YORK CITY, JANUARY TWENTYONE NEXT, RM. 00: NEW YORK.  
*Racial Matter*  
*5-miss King*

RE NEW YORK TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, ATLANTA, CHICAGO, AND NEW YORK  
DATED JANUARY FIVE, LAST, UNDER SECOND CAPTION.

"CHICAGO AMERICAN", MAJOR DAILY NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED CHICAGO  
REPORTED JANUARY NINETEEN INSTANT THAT ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT  
UPHELD CONVICTION OF DICK GREGORY AND THIRTYNINE OTHER CIVIL  
RIGHTS MARCHERS ON DISORDERLY CONDUCT CHARGES STEMMING FROM NINETEEN  
SIXTYFIVE ARRESTS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARCH ON CHICAGO MAYOR RICHARD  
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FOLLOWS WITH DETAILS OF CONVICTION.

FOR INFORMATION OF NEW YORK CONCERNING SECOND CAPTION, SOURCES  
TODAY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CORROBORATE INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK  
SOURCES INDICATING THAT GREGORY WILL ATTEND BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING  
RENAISSANCE BALLROOM, HARLEM ON JANUARY TWENTYONE NEXT. IF CHICAGO  
RECEIVES SUCH INFORMATION, NEW YORK WILL IMMEDIATELY BE ADVISED.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/22/68

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee (157-226) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago letter to Director, 1/17/68.

Milwaukee has no informant coverage of GREGORY. Excellent source coverage of his appearances in Milwaukee on occasion in connection with Milwaukee Youth Council (MYC), NAACP, open-housing marches is afforded, however, through the [redacted] Milwaukee PD.

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It should be noted that since the commencement of daily open housing marches in August, 1967 GREGORY, on the occasions of his appearances in Milwaukee in connection therewith, is not known to have engaged in any activity other than with the MYC, NAACP.

Principal PD sources are [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted]

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-new)(P)

RE: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On 1/11/68, [redacted] an established source [redacted] San Antonio, Texas, advised that DICK GREGORY is scheduled to appear on the St. Mary's campus on 2/6 or 7/68 to speak to the students. u

San Antonio files are negative concerning GREGORY with the exception of information appearing in report of SA [redacted] dated 2/16/66 at Chicago captioned COMINFIL-SDS, IS-C. Page 42 of that report quotes a magazine or newspaper article in which GREGORY is quoted as saying in a speech; "If Watts (Watts riot, Los Angeles, California) was wrong, we'd better go and burn all the American history books." u

San Antonio Police Department is aware of GREGORY's scheduled visit and has expressed interest in this visit. u

REQUEST OF THE BUREAU:

The Bureau is requested to furnish San Antonio a characterization of GREGORY and any other pertinent information. u

LEADS:

CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, AND NEW YORK

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Inasmuch as the Office of Origin in this case is not known to the San Antonio Office, this lead is being set forth for the above three offices since it would appear that one of these offices is origin. u

The Office of Origin is requested to furnish San Antonio any pertinent information concerning GREGORY and a characterization of him. u

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Date: 1/3/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX (RRI))  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO  
CG file 157-347

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968

RM  
OO: CHICAGO  
CG file 157-2410

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Re Chicago teletype to the Director dated 1/2/68  
and Chicago airtel and LHM to the Director dated 12/27/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies  
of an LHM captioned and dated as above. This LHM is  
being disseminated locally to the United States Attorney,  
Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and  
Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston,  
Illinois.

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Chicago source referred to in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Chicago Police  
Department. Chicago is in the process of preparing  
a summary report relative to DICK GREGORY. Chicago  
will also continue to follow the activities of GREGORY,  
keeping the Bureau advised. u

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 3, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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 RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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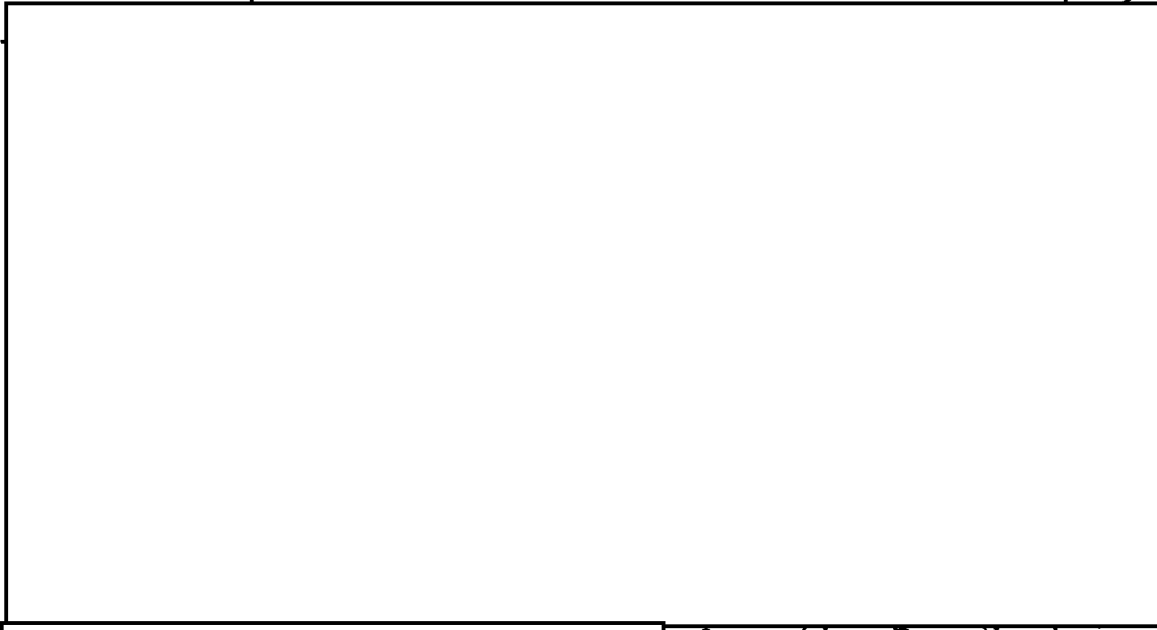

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Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
December 27, 1967, and captioned as above. *u*

On January 2, 1968, a source,   
 in the Chicago vicinity,  
advised that  *11.*

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 Operation Breadbasket  
is the economic arm of Martin Luther King's  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which aims. *u*

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ENCLOSURE

are to seek fair employment opportunities for Negroes  
in ghetto areas. [REDACTED]

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The following newspaper articles pertain  
to the above indicated subject: *u*

1. An article captioned, "Gregory Tells  
Of Warning To LBJ On Rights," which  
appeared in the "Chicago Tribune,"  
a daily newspaper published in  
Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1968,  
page 10. *u*



# GREGORY TELLS OF WARNING TO LBJ ON RIGHTS

Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, announced yesterday he has sent a letter to President Johnson in which he threatened to disrupt the Democratic convention here next August unless five conditions are met.

The five conditions, disclosed by Gregory during a press conference, are:

1. Enactment of an open-housing bill for Chicago by the Chicago city council and protection to walk in any neighborhood in Chicago "without being jumped."

Hits March Injunction

2. Lifting of the injunction against Dr. Martin Luther King and others on marching demonstrations in the suburbs.

3. Appointment of a Negro to the top echelon of the police department.

4. A guarantee for the health and safety of the Rev. Jesse Jackson, originator of Operation Breadbasket, which Gregory said seeks to enforce fair employment practices in the black ghetto. Gregory said Jackson has received many threats on his life.

5. Highest pay in the nation for Chicago's police and firemen.

Gregory said that if the demands are not met, he will begin leading what he described as nonviolent demonstrations in May and that they will continue thru August.

Daley Is Quizzed

Mayer Daley was asked during a press conference in City hall if he had any plans to meet with Gregory.

"Who is he? I never heard of him," the mayor said.

Later in the day, Gregory

appeared at the mayor's office to submit the list of demands and spent one hour in a closed door discussion with Erwin France, a Negro administrative assistant to the mayor. Gregory emerged from the conference, saying the two had discussed his demands without hostility.

Gregory also said yesterday that he is drinking small amounts of soup after ending a 40-day fast New Year's day in protest against the war in Viet Nam.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

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2. An article captioned, "Gregory Sends Ultimatum To Johnson," which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, dated January 3, 1968, page 20. u

# Gregory Sends Ultimatum To Johnson

By David Murray

Negro comedian Dick Gregory presented President Johnson and Mayor Daley with a five-point ultimatum and said that if the demands are not met, he will lead 24-hour-a-day demonstrations before and during the Democratic National Convention next summer.

In a letter to Mr. Johnson, with a copy to the mayor, Gregory said Chicago's record on civil rights is "among the worst in the country."

He called the selection of Chicago as a convention site "a cruel insult to the millions of deprived citizens, black and white, who have always supported progressive Democratic political platforms, which promised federal improvement of unspeakable economic, housing, educational and health conditions.

## **Demands Listed**

Gregory's demands called for a "strong" open-occupancy ordinance to be passed by the City Council; lifting of the injunction imposed on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other leaders which limit demonstrations in the streets; police protection for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, leader of Operation Breadbasket, who, according to Gregory, has received threats on his life, and placing of Negroes in top positions in the police and fire departments as part of a program which also would involve raising police and firemen's salaries.

Gregory told a press confer-

ence at the Knickerbocker Hotel that if "these first steps toward an all-out effort to solve Chicago scandalous, racial problems are not taken, then I personally will take to the streets to lead nonviolent demonstrations which will make it possible for the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago only over my dead body."

## **Hits At Daley**

Gregory said that the choice of Chicago by the Democrats "is as if it were an endorse-

ment for the repressive administration of the local Democratic machine of Mayor Daley."

Gregory later went to Daley's office in City Hall to present the mayor with a copy of the letter. He was told the mayor was not in. He met with Erwin France, the mayor's housing aide.

Before the meeting, Daley was asked at his press conference about Gregory's threats to disrupt next summer's convention.

"Dick Gregory?" Daley

said. "I don't know anything about him. Who's he? I never heard of him."

CHICAGO SUN TIMES

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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EDITOR: EMMETT DEDMON

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Dick Gregory warns of massive demonstrations unless demands of Chicago's Negroes are met. (Sun-Times Photo)

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3. An article captioned, "Gregory Issues LBJ Ultimatum," which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, dated January 3, 1968, page 10. u

## CITY BEAT

# Gregory Issues LBJ Ultimatum

By John Adam Moreau

Comedian Dick Gregory elaborated for President Johnson's benefit Tuesday a New Year's resolution to disrupt the Democratic National Convention here in August. He would disrupt the convention by round-the-clock demonstrations if certain demands on civil rights issues are not satisfied.

Gregory, who ended a 40-day fast Sunday night, wrote the President a five-point ultimatum declaring that Chicago's record on civil rights "is among the worst in the country." Selection of Chicago, he contended, is "a cruel insult to the millions of deprived citizens, black and white, who have always supported progressive Democratic political platforms which promised federal improvement of unspeakable economic, housing, educational and health conditions."

Gregory's demands were for a "strong fair-housing law enacted by City Council; lifting the injunction which limits civil rights marches; police protection for the Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of Operation Breadbasket, who Gregory said has been threatened; appointing Negroes to high positions in the fire and police departments and raising pay in those departments."

Gregory's letter, a copy of which went to Mayor Daley, said the selection of Chicago "is as if it were an endorsement for the repressive administration of the local Democratic machine of . . . Daley."

Gregory once picketed the mayor's house and when asked Tuesday about the comedian's letter Daley gave about the same answer as on a dozen or so times before when asked about Gregory: "Who's he? I don't know anything about him."

CHICAGO SUN TIMES

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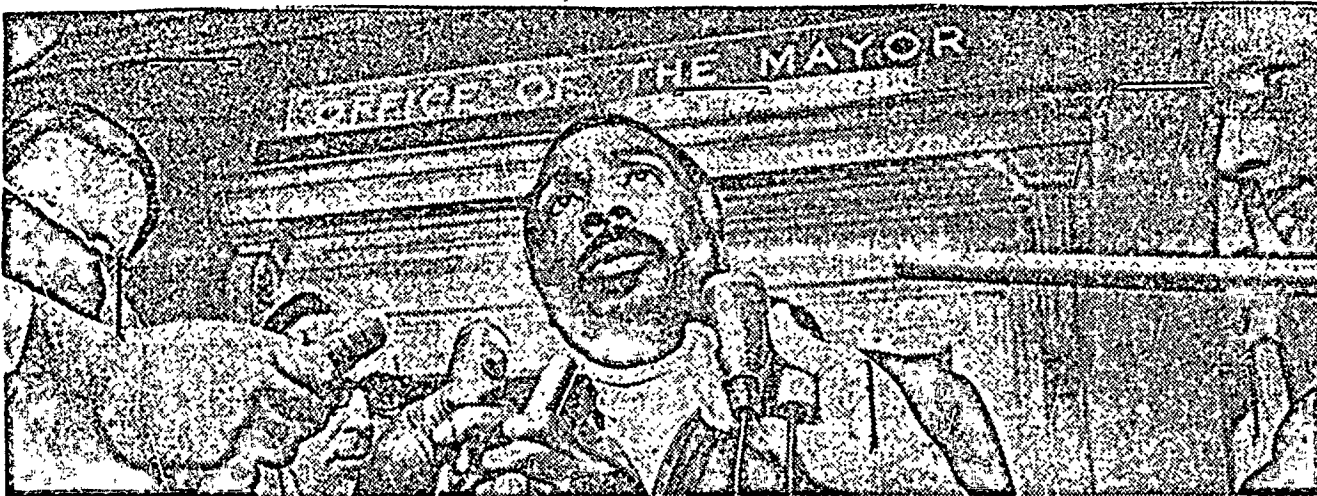
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Dick Gregory talks to reporters outside the mayor's office about threatened disruption of the Democratic National Convention. (Sun-Times Photo)

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This information is being furnished to the  
following agencies: U

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

ATT-DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK (157-1093)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY AKA, RM (OO-CHICAGO)

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RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY

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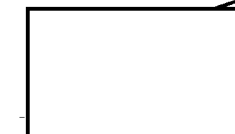
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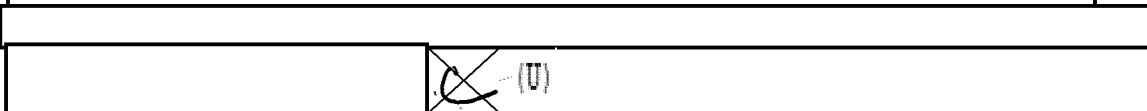
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
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Bufile: 100-440423  
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Enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 11 copies of LHM captioned as above and 2 FD-376's. Two (2) copies of LHM furnished Chicago. LHM classified "~~Confidential~~" due to source used in describing [redacted] The unauthorized disclosure of source would be detrimental to national security. Investigation in LHM conducted by SAs [redacted]

BY: [redacted]  
The source referred to in LHM is [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 17, 1968

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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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January 17, 1968

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JANUARY 15, 1968  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
CARBONDALE, ILLINOIS

On the evening of January 15, 1968, at approximately 9:15 p.m. some members of the student body at Southern Illinois University (SIU), estimated number of approximately 1,200, assembled in the Ladies Gymnasium to hear a speech by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. [redacted] Security Officer, who furnished the above information, stated that a fairly accurate attendance was noted by him and his officers present, and he further commented that only about 200 Negroes attended.

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[redacted] <sup>SI</sup> stated that GREGORY was introduced to the assembly by WILLIAM JAMES MOFFETT, who has been a moving factor in the Southern Illinois Peace Committee at SIU. *SIU*

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 15, 1967, [redacted]

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[redacted] A characterization of the Young Socialist Alliance appears in the appendix section of this memorandum.

According to [redacted] GREGORY's opening remarks were humorous, dealing with Negro problems in which he referred to himself as a "nigger." GREGORY's basic theme was that the Negro people in the U. S. have been persecuted for 400 years and that they have had enough. He commented that the Federal Government has been lying to the people

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SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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and that the white man society is the ruination of the black man and that it was white man's fault for any riots that have occurred. GREGORY stated that he is nonviolent but that he refuses to tell the black man in the U. S. to put down his "stick." GREGORY went on to cite examples of police brutality in Mississippi which occurred six years ago when the police beat blacks into the gutter and the FBI stood by and took pictures that were never published.

GREGORY continued by mocking American history emphasizing that in the Declaration of Independence it stated that if the system established breaks down it should be abolished and destroyed. GREGORY implied that the study of American history was useless because it is lies. He scorned the white persons in the audience and the country who came from the North to march in demonstrations in the South, calling them hypocrites because they did not take a Negro into their home if the opportunity arose.

GREGORY commented that RAP BROWN and STOKLEY CARMICHAEL, in his opinion, are being honest in what they say and that the "whities" do not like them because they go to a foreign country and spread the truth. GREGORY commented that "RAP" and STOKLEY were once nonviolent demonstrators but got fed up with white violence.

At this point GREGORY alluded to the recently discussed law with regard to destruction of the American flag and he commented that the American flag was merely a piece of cloth and that if he wanted to burn it no one was going to stop him. He further stated that the "blacks" are coming on strong and their day is coming." GREGORY stated further he was against the Government's confiscation of guns and ammunition from the blacks and not the same action against such groups as the Minutemen.

GREGORY also criticized the system in the U. S. where a Russian exchange student can come over to this country and live in a white neighborhood where a black man, American, would not be welcome. GREGORY also stated an example of discrimination is in the U. S. Army and stated that a black man in the Army is asked to give up his life for a country that will forever refer to him insultingly as "boy."

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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GREGORY closed his comments by stating that the day is coming when the white man must pay for the wrongs they have inflicted on the black man and that the day is coming soon.

[ ] commented that prior to and following the talk by GREGORY there were no incidents of any type. He also stated that it was his opinion that the many white persons in the audience were somewhat "taken back" by the continual criticism of the white man by GREGORY and the hypocritical actions of certain white groups.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS PEACE COMMITTEE  
SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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YOUNG SOCIALIST ALLIANCE

The May, 1960, issue of the "Young Socialist" (YS), page 1, column 3, disclosed that during April 15-17, 1960, a national organization entitled "The Young Socialist Alliance" (YSA) was established at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. This issue stated that this organization was formed by the nationwide supporter clubs of the publication YS.

The above issue, page 6, set forth the Foudning Declaration of the YSA. This declaration stated that the YSA recognizes the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) as the only existing political leadership on class struggle principles, and that the supporters of the YS have come into basic political solidarity with the CSWP on the principles of revolutionary socialism.

On March 10, 1967, a source advised that the YSA was formed during 1957, by youth of various left socialist tendencies, particularly members and followers of the SWP. The source further advised that the YSA has recently become more open about admitting that it is the youth group of the SWP and that an SWP representative has publicly stated that the YSA is the SWP's youth group.

The headquarters of the YSA are located in Rooms 532-536, 41 Union Square West, New York City.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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(CG 157-347) (P)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 2-6-80 *sub*

PROPOSED BLACK NATIONALIST MEETING,  
RENAISSANCE BALLROOM,  
HARLEM, NEW YORK CITY,  
JANUARY 21, 1968

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Re Chicago teletype to Director and New York  
dated 1/19/68, captioned as above. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an  
LHM captioned "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM." *u*

This LHM is being disseminated locally to the  
USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1,  
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. *u*

A copy of this LHM is being submitted to the  
New York Office for information purposes concerning second  
caption matter. Chicago is placing this case in RUC status  
inasmuch as Chicago sources were not able to corroborate  
information from New York sources indicating that GREGORY was  
to address captioned Black Nationalist Meeting. *u*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 23, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
RACIAL MATTER

The January 20, 1968, edition of the "Chicago Sun Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, reported the following article relative to Richard Claxton Gregory. *u*

Gregory is a Negro nightclub comedian and Civil Rights activist, who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his Civil Rights activity. More recently, Gregory has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968, by means of around-the-clock demonstrations. *u*

One copy each of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies: *u*

United States Secret Service *u*  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney *u*  
Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group *u*  
Evanston, Illinois

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# ***Uphold Gregory Conviction In March On Daley Home***

By Burnelle Heinecke

Sun-Times Bureau

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — The Illinois Supreme Court Friday upheld the 1965 conviction of Negro comedian Dick Gregory and 39 other civil rights demonstrators for refusing to obey police orders to leave the area of Chicago Mayor Daley's home during a near riot.

Justice Byron O. House wrote the unanimous opinion for the court, which did not pass on the question of whether an official's residence may be picketed but dwelt instead on the police right to act to prevent imminent violence.

Justice Daniel P. Ward, who was Cook County state's attorney at the time of the demonstrations, abstained from participation in the case.

**Fined \$200 Each**

Gregory and his followers were fined \$200 each for violating the Chicago disorderly conduct ordinance. In the appeal to the high court, Gregory's counsel argued the ordinance is unconstitutionally vague as applied to free expression and free assembly.

The court, reviewing the events of the march from Buckingham Fountain to Mayor Daley's home at 3536 S.

Lowe, declared "under the circumstances of this case, defendants were not denied any right of free speech, free assembly or freedom of petition for redress of grievance."

The protest march was staged to persuade Daley to act to remove Benjamin C. Willis as Chicago public school superintendent.

As a mob of more than 1,000 persons gathered in the Bridgeport neighborhood at the end of the march, rocks and eggs were thrown.

The police commander at the scene requested Gregory about six times to lead the marchers away because the situation was becoming dangerous, the court was told. The court noted that any marchers leaving were promised police protection against the hostile crowd. Those who remained, including Gregory, were arrested for refusal to obey the request.

"The record is clear," Justice House wrote, "that there was some violence and an imminent threat of extreme public disorder."

"Where the police have made all reasonable efforts to protect the demonstrators and have requested that the demonstration stop after explaining the request, and the request is refused, an arrest is proper."

"The rights of free speech were not violated. Under the ordinance the defendants are guilty of disorderly conduct in refusing to obey the police request."



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 5

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE TELEPHONE CALL BUREAU SUPERVISOR [REDACTED] JANUARY 21

LAST RE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED, SOURCES THERE, AS WELL AS HERE, IMMEDIATELY ALERTED.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Title of Case <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka Dick Gregory</b>		Report made by <b>SA [redacted]</b>	Typed By: <b>mr [redacted]</b> b6 b7C
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## SUMMARY

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Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

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## ENCLOSURES

TO THE BUREAU (3)

Two (2) copies of FD-376 concerning RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY and one (1) photograph of GREGORY.

## LEADS

SPRINGFIELD

AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. Will check records at Secretary of State, Motor Vehicle Department for Drivers

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

1. Will check indices for background information relative to GREGORY.
2. Will conduct credit and criminal investigation relative to GREGORY.
3. Will review records of the Military Personnel Records Center for possible prior service record of GREGORY.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was approved by the Bureau for inclusion on the RRI on 9/2/67.

Chicago files in this matter reflect that GREGORY has frequently contacted individuals in New York City. Chicago files do not contain sufficient information to characterize these individuals. Therefore, by separate communication, New York Division is being furnished the names of these individuals and a lead is being set forth requesting that New York identify and advise Chicago concerning their relationship with GREGORY. An info copy of this report is being furnished New York.

The Chicago files do not contain sufficient information to subversively characterize the following organizations:

1. Veterans for Peace in Viet Nam.
2. National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam.

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January 26, 1968

Director  
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Department of the Treasury  
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Character: SECURITY MATTER - BLACK NATIONALIST

Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, born 10/12/32, at St. Louis, Missouri, resides at 1451 E. 55th Street, apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY is employed as night club comedian-entertainer. In 6/64, GREGORY was in Moscow, U.S.S.R. Records of Passport Office, US Department of State reflect GREGORY's departure date as 6/14/64, for 7-day visit to France, Germany, E. Germany, and Russia for the purpose of attending "World Peace Mission." In 12/66, GREGORY attempted to secure entrance into Hanoi, North Vietnam, to entertain U.S. war prisoners. This trip was turned down by the North Vietnamese. In 3/67, the CP of Illinois gave support to GREGORY in his mayoral campaign in Chicago. GREGORY's contact with civil rights organizations set forth. Source has indicated GREGORY is not member of civil rights organizations, but supports many such organizations. On 8/5-6/67, GREGORY addressed a crowd during a Hiroshima Rally in Atlanta, Georgia. During this address he urged crowd to "paralyze the economy" of this country in order to stop the war in Vietnam. He further called for a boycott of the automobile industry in order to "reach the capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Vietnam war." GREGORY has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in 8/68. In this respect he has presented the City of Chicago with five demands. On 9/1/67, while addressing a Black Power convention rally in Chicago, GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together, by revolutionary means if necessary. He further stated "Damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers."

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This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of the following information from sources who have provided reliable information in the past.

On August 5, 1967, DICK GREGORY addressed a Hiroshima Rally in Atlanta, Georgia. During this address GREGORY urged the crowd to "paralyze the economy" of the nation in order to stop the Viet Nam War. He called for a boycott of the automobile industry in order to reach the "Capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Viet Nam War." He further called for the disruption of the telephone service in an effort to "inconvenience" organizations having a hand in national defense.

On September 1, 1967, while addressing a black power convention rally in Chicago, GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together by revolutionary means if necessary. During this same address GREGORY stated "damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers."

In December, 1967, GREGORY threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Gregory issued a series of five demands to the city of Chicago, saying that if these demands were not met by city officials the Convention would be held in Chicago "over my dead body."

The following organizations mentioned in this report which have not been cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450 are characterized in the appendix section of this report:

Socialist Workers Party, Chicago Branch  
Organization of Afro-American Unity, Inc.  
Muslim Mosque, Inc.  
Nation of Islam  
Modern Teens  
Washington Park Forum

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I. BACKGROUND

Date of Birth

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri.

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Residence

RICHARD GREGORY resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois.

(CG T-1, 1/9/68) ~~(S)~~ (u)

Employment

Since 1958, GREGORY has been employed as a night club comedian-entertainer. GREGORY publicly acknowledges that his break in the entertainment field came in 1961, with his appearance at the Chicago Playboy Club. More recently GREGORY has derived a major portion of his income by engaging in speaking tours at various colleges and Universities in the United States. In respect to his entertainment activities, GREGORY is president of DICK GREGORY Enterprises located at 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712, Chicago, Illinois, which was incorporated in the State of Illinois, on March 31, 1961.

(CG T-2, 1/11/68) ~~(S)~~ (u)

Education

GREGORY graduated from Summer High School, St. Louis, Missouri. GREGORY attended Southern Illinois University, where he subsequently graduated. In 1953 GREGORY was voted outstanding athlete of Southern Illinois University.

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Marital Status

Marriage License No. [ ] on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois, reflects RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was married to [ ] who was born on [ ] in [ ] on [ ] in Chicago, Illinois. The [ ] who is the father of [ ] presided over the ceremony. [ ]

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1451 East 55th St, Chicago, Ill.  
Credit

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On January 8, 1968, the files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked at the request of Investigative Clerk (IC) [ ] This office maintains the file on DICK GREGORY, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, and the following is reflected:

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A Judgment on June 9, 1966, against DICK GREGORY Enterprises, Inc., and DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$7,527.50, no disposition or further information is reflected.

A Judgment on January 28, 1966, for the amount of \$323.00 reported against GREGORY by Hertz Rent-A-Car, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on February 15, 1967, for the amount of \$302.05 against DICK GREGORY by Pacific Telephone Company, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on April 7, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$207.79 by the Sheraton Blackstone Corporation, no disposition is reflected.

A Judgment on August 17, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$388.38 by Burelles Press Clipping Company, no disposition reflected.

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Arrests

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The records of the Records and Communications Center, Chicago Police Department, were checked by IC JACK RAY RIDENHOUR on January 9, 1968, and the following is reflected:

On May 6, 1963, GREGORY was arrested at Birmingham, Alabama, and charged with parading without a permit.

On March 1, 1964, GREGORY was arrested by the San Francisco, California Police Department, charged with criminal contempt for law order, charges were dismissed.

On February 16, 1965, DICK GREGORY was arrested by the Selma, Alabama Police Department, on charges of disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected.

On June 8, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by the Chicago Police Department, charged with disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected.

On June 11, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by Chicago Police Department, charged with battery, no disposition is reflected.

On August 2, 1965, GREGORY was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and breach of peace, disposition is reflected as \$200 fine for disorderly conduct charges and \$200 for breach of peace charges.

Identification Record

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., reflected the following under FBI No. 796 519E:

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department Birmingham, Alabama	DICK GREGORY #119457	May 6, 1963	parading without permit	
Police Department San Francisco California	DICK GREGORY #190584	March 1, 1964	J-14270 Section 166.4 Penal Code (criminal contempt disobey law ordered by Court)	dismissed
Police Department Selma, Alabama	DICK CLAXTON GREGORY #11178	February 16, 1965	disorderly conduct	
Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #361540	June 8, 1965	12-3 193-1	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #104815	June 8, 1965	disorderly	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK C. GREGORY #104815	June 11, 1965	battery	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #104815	finger- printed August 2, 1965	disorderly	200 and no 200 and no on charge of disorder- ly Breach of Peace
House of Correction Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #65-13150	November 15, 1965	193-1 disorderly conduct	2 cases \$200 fine \$200 total \$400 fine

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50126	February 15, 1966	unlawful use of set net for fishing for game fish to-wit steelhead in two counts (Nisqually River)	
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50171	March 1, 1966	aiding and abetting in setting a gill net capable of taking a game fish	
PD Milwaukee Wis.	DICK GREGORY #108750	10/8/67	disorderly (civil rights)	\$100 & costs 11/22/67

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Foreign Travel

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A source advised that as of June 21, 1964, GREGORY was then visiting Moscow, U.S.S.R. ~~(U)~~

(CG T-3, [6/21/64] ~~(U)~~)

The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. were checked on December 13, 1965, and the following was reflected:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was issued Passport No. E500889 on June 12, 1964, at New York. At that time GREGORY indicated his approximate departure date as June 14, 1964, via Air France for seven days to France, Germany, East Germany and Russia. The purpose of the trip was to attend the "World Peace Mission." GREGORY indicated his permanent residence as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois.

On February 10, 1966, CG T-4 advised that GREGORY does not schedule visits to Canada regularly. He has performed for Theatrical Attractions 174 Front Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in the past. This agency booked him for appearances three times in Toronto, twice in Windsor and once in Winnipeg. GREGORY maintains no booking agent in Canada. ~~(X)(X)~~ (U)

(CG T-4, [2/10/66] ~~(U)~~)

GREGORY appeared at the Cave Theater Residence, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, from January 19, through 29, 1966. While in Vancouver, GREGORY stayed at the Georgia Hotel, 801 West Georgia Street. ~~(X)(X)~~ (U)

(CG T-4, 3/18/66) ~~(U)~~

The August 10, 1966, edition of the "Windsor Star", a local newspaper published in Windsor, Canada, reported that DICK GREGORY was currently appearing at the Top Hat Supper Club in Downtown Windsor.

On November 14, 1966, the 4 Star Final edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area contained an article disclosing that DICK GREGORY had announced his intentions to visit United States war prisoners in North Viet Nam during the forthcoming.

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On December 2, 1966, "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, reported that inquiries by such newspaper at the London Office of BERTRAND RUSSELL revealed that a North Vietnamese visa is awaiting GREGORY in Paris.

BERTRAND RUSSELL is the internationally known British philosopher-pacifist who recently conducted mock war trials in Copenhagen employing the United States as a defendant for its involvement in the Viet Nam war.

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On December 1, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference relative to his proposed Vietnamese trip. At such time GREGORY stated he would seek no information about the condition of the American prisoners, and numbers, or their location while in North Viet Nam. GREGORY stated that he did not want to know anything about the war.

(CG T-1, 12/2/66) (X) (u)

On December 10, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference at the Village Gate, an entertainment spot in Greenwich Village, New York City. GREGORY advised that he was notified by BERTRAND RUSSELL that his planned trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, to entertain United States prisoners-of-war had been turned down by the North Vietnamese. The reason given was the extensive bombing of North Viet Nam by United States Forces. DICK GREGORY stated that he sent a telegram to the Hanoi Government advising that he was not interested in political affairs, but was primarily concerned with the entertaining of United States prisoners-of-war in North Viet Nam. DICK GREGORY further stated that he is not a Communist and would never be one.

(CG T-5, 12/10/66) (X) (u)

On April 13, 1967, DICK GREGORY arrived in London, England, from Chicago. GREGORY intended to remain in London until April 30, 1967. The purpose of his visit was to engage in television appearances.

(CG T-6, 4/26/67) (X) (u)

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## II. CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) OF ILLINOIS

CG T-7 advised on January 19, 1968, that the leadership of the Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, considers DICK GREGORY as being incorrigible and unstable. This source added that the CP leadership would like to control, guide and direct GREGORY, however, they believe that this aspect is not possible. ~~(U)~~

(CG T-7, 1/19/68) ~~(U)~~

On January 24, 1968, CG T-8 advised that the CP would like to use GREGORY but inasmuch as they consider him to be unpredictable and uncontrollable they made no particular effort to contact him. The Party does, however, feel that GREGORY has a certain nuisance value to the Party. From a political standpoint the Illinois CP leadership do not take GREGORY seriously. ~~(U)~~

(CG T-8, 1/24/68) ~~(U)~~

On March 8, 1967, a meeting of the Political Action Committee of the Communist Party of Illinois was held in Chicago, Illinois. Discussion at this meeting was centered around the forthcoming mayoral election in Chicago. In this respect discussion was held concerning the CP giving full support to DICK GREGORY's independent write-in campaign for the office of Mayor of Chicago. There was some question as to how the Party could effect this support, however, it was agreed by those present that the Party should issue a statement in support of GREGORY's campaign. A sub-committee was formed consisting of four members who were to draw-up a statement which would reflect CP support for GREGORY's mayoral campaign. It was also discussed at this meeting that the Party should try to come up with some real issues in this campaign, in that he, GREGORY, should propose a definite program which would be attractive to the voters of Chicago. ~~(U)~~

[(CG T-9, 3/10/67)] ~~(U)~~

## III. MISCELLANEOUS

### The Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

On September 18, 1966, the ECLC held a forum on Selective Service at the Ethical Cultural Auditorium, 2 West 64th Street, New York, New York, DICK GREGORY attended this

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forum and acted as moderator. GREGORY stated that when he was drafted into the Army during World War II, he was not aware enough to protest. Now he felt that the Army should serve only as a social function to help underprivileged and to be used to clean up areas after national disasters such as hurricanes. He stated that America is worth dying for; America is not worth killing for. (u)

[CG T-10, 9/19/66] (u)

On July 30, 1967, ECLC held a meeting at 54 Bungalow Walk, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York. About 70 persons attended this meeting. DICK GREGORY spoke at this meeting. He stated that according to the "New York Times" the troops in Viet Nam at night have their ammunition taken away from them because of the race riots among United States troops. He stated that this is the reason that the Viet Cong attacks have been so successful at night. He also attacked the American people on racism and anti-semitism. He attacked Jewish people for their racism and weakness to fight anti-semitism. GREGORY stated that the Negro can win over capitalism by putting five million stickers reading "out of order" on every phone booth. The Negro could thereby reduce the world's largest corporation to their knees. Negroes then might force the Government to give Negroes their rights. Concerning the various acts of Congress civil rights legislation, GREGORY said "we'll give the white man all these laws, just give the Negro his constitutional rights". (u)

Concerning the riots, GREGORY stated that the Negro justifies the burning of whiteman's properties in order to attack the large insurance companies. (u)

[CG T-10, 7/31/67] (u)

The ECLC is an organization with headquarters in New York whose purpose is to abolish the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The House Committee on Un-American Activities found that a number of individuals connected with the ECLC were identified as Communists.

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Organizations and Publications,  
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Washington Park Forum

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On June 6, 1965, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. Approximately 250 people attended. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers at this meeting. He urged all who attended to demonstrate at City Hall in Chicago, against BENJAMIN WILLIS, Superintendent of Public Schools, Chicago. He also said that Mayor DALEY's machine must be opposed. (u)

(CG T-11, 6/9/65) (u)

On June 13, 1965, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. Among those who spoke at this meeting was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY stated that demonstrations would continue against BENJAMIN WILLIS, Superintendent of Public Schools in Chicago. GREGORY also compared the Chicago Police Department with police departments in Alabama and Mississippi in their brutal methods of handling Negroes. (u)

(CG T-11, 6/17/65) (u)

On July 24, 1966, a meeting of the Washington Park Forum was held in Washington Park, Chicago. DICK GREGORY was the main speaker at this affair. GREGORY talked about teenage gangs in Chicago and stated that these gangs should stop shooting each other and to begin to treat each other with respect and to work for the better ideals of helping the Negro cause. Concerning the riots on Chicago's West Side, GREGORY stated that the papers called this a riot but it was not a riot but rather a handful of individuals who are disillusioned with conditions in Chicago. GREGORY stated that the riot was caused when police officers turned off fire hydrants where a handful of people were cooling off. GREGORY stated that fire hydrants were not turned off in the Italian neighborhood several blocks away but were only turned off in Negro neighborhoods. (u)

(CG T-11, 7/27/66) (u)

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The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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[ On February 15, 1966, CG T-12 made available the following letter:

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February 7, 1966  
Seattle, Washington

To the Plenum of the National Committee

Dear Comrades,

I believe that a very important mass political development of the present period in the North will be the election campaign of Dick Gregory for mayor of Chicago.

By virtue of our associations in the Negro community in Seattle, I was able to organize two important functions involving him as the central figure during his current professional engagement here, and I have had an opportunity to have some political discussions with him.

Since Watts, Gregory has become increasingly radical and uncompromising. His campaign, which will begin publically in a few months, will be a clearly independent political campaign designed to secure 95% of the Negro vote in Chicago. He plans a direct assault on the Establishment, and hopes to develop a permanent political organization expressing this program which will enter into politics on a national scale, for the purpose of destroying the Democratic political machine in the ghetto. u

He is thus embarking upon an unambiguously independent and implicitly revolutionary course with an apparatus which he has already been able to build. His campaign will be a factor to be reckoned with in national politics; it will essentially constitute Black political action, for his primary objective is to unite the Negro community around a program of struggle. The campaign could provide a likely foundation for the realization of Trotsky's prediction that the militant Negroes will become a vanguard of the working class.

I urge you to prepare to mobilize the entire SWP for all-out support of this development.

Comradely,

S/ R. Kirk

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The above letter is signed R. KIRK. R. KIRK is identical with RICHARD FRASER, SWP National Committee member who attended the SWP plenum held February 11 - February 13, 1966 in New York City. (u) Washington

[CG T-13, 1/19/68] (u)

On April 24, 1967, the Chicago SWP Branch Membership Committee met at 302 South Canal Street, Chicago. At this meeting the Political Committee of the SWP voted against allowing the Chicago Branch of the SWP to endorse DICK GREGORY's campaign for mayor. (u)

[CG T-13, 4/5/67] (u)

IV. CONTACT WITH CIVIL RIGHTS  
TYPE ORGANIZATIONS

On January 8, 1968, CG T-14 [redacted] DICK GREGORY advised that GREGORY does not belong to any civil rights type organization. This source stated that while GREGORY is not an actual member of this type of group he actually supports all organizations whose purposes lie in the area of civil rights. In this respect the source pointed out that GREGORY has shown the support for many organizations by conducting pickets, leading demonstrations, participating in rallies, and speaking at meetings and the like on behalf of civil rights groups. (u) 66  
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ACT

[CG T-14, 1/8/68] (u)

On August 13, 1964, a rally sponsored by ACT was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. 1500 people attended this rally. GREGORY, the principal speaker at the rally, stated that law enforcement agencies in the United States were not using their powers to guarantee Negroes' rights under the law.

[CG T-15, 8/18/64] (u)

On November 29, 1964, a fund raising affair sponsored by ACT was held at Walters Corner, 2736 West Roosevelt Road, Chicago. This affair was considered a financial flop because of faulty arrangements of portions of the program. [redacted] was responsible for arranging this affair. (u) b6  
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GREGORY was recognized as one of the featured entertainers. (u)

(CG T-16, 12/9/64) (u)

On October 15, 1965, it was learned ACT was anticipating receiving a sizable contribution from DICK GREGORY following DICK GREGORY's appearance at the Blue Angel, a Chicago, Illinois night club. (u)

(CG T-17, 10/15/65) (u)

[redacted] is [redacted] of ACT. [redacted] promoted and led demonstrations and school boycotts in Chicago in 1965 and 1966, and he was arrested on several occasions for his actions.

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(CG T-1, 2/28/66) (u)

ACT is a militantly oriented civil rights group principally active in Chicago's West and near South Sides. Individuals who are affiliated with ACT have associated with "blackpower" groups in Chicago. ACT members participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations during the summer of 1965 which resulted in the arrest of some of its leaders. During the riots in Chicago in July, 1966, 20 ACT members were arrested while making molotov cocktails in the residence of one of the ACT leaders. As of September, 1966, ACT became inactive.

(CG T-1, 12/12/67) (u)

Coordinating Council of  
Community Organizations (CCCO)

On September 19, 1963, a meeting of the CCCO was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago.

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Approximately 300 persons attended this rally. GREGORY was listed among those who were to speak at the rally. GREGORY spoke concerning some of his experiences in the South working to break down segregation barriers. He pointed out that in the North segregation is as prominent as in the South. GREGORY stated that Northern schools are just as segregated as in the South. He further stated that Northern discrimination is more subtle among whites than the discrimination in the South. He urged all Negroes to work for the cause of civil rights and criticized those who only wanted good times and do nothing to work for their race.

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On February 23, 1964, a mass rally sponsored by CCCO was held at the Packing House Union, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. This rally was held in connection with Chicago Public School boycott scheduled for February 25, 1964. The CCCO was urging parents to keep their children home from school February 25, 1964, as a means of voicing a protest against Chicago Superintendent BENJAMIN WILLIS and a protest against the Board of Education for its alleged failure to eliminate de facto racial segregation in Chicago's public schools. Approximately 300 people attended this rally. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers. GREGORY related details concerning his various arrests on behalf of the civil rights movement throughout the country.

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On January 3, 1965, a CCCO sponsored meeting was held at the Packinghouse Workers Hall, 4859 South Wabash, Chicago. This meeting was held to map plans for a City-wide boycott of Chicago's public schools on June 10 and June 11, 1965. DICK GREGORY was recognized as being in attendance. ~~(u)~~ (U)

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On June 6, 1965, a meeting sponsored by the CCCO was held in Chicago Park near 53rd Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 500 people attended this meeting. DICK GREGORY was a speaker. He urged all present to support the scheduled boycott of Chicago's public schools on June 10 and June 11. He further urged those present to participate

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in vigils which were scheduled to begin on June 7, 1965 at City Hall, Chicago, and at the Board of Education Building in Chicago.

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On August 2, 1965, there was a meeting of the Negro American Labor Council Chapter in Chicago and the CCCO. The original idea of the meeting was to tie in the NALC with the CCCO. AL RABY spoke of the problems within the CCCO, one being that DICK GREGORY was assuming too much on his own without the consent from the CCCO and RABY. It was pointed out that the CCCO is forced to support GREGORY and some of GREGORY's activities even though RABY was not in favor of some of the activities such as the picketing which took place near the residence of Chicago's Mayor DALEY. X(u)

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Ill. AL RABY is the former convener of the CCCO. RABY is a male Negro and former Chicago public school teacher who has been arrested on a number of occasions in the past two years during civil rights demonstrations in Chicago.

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The NALC is a national organization composed of Negroes belonging to various labor unions. The aim of the NALC is to end discrimination in all levels of Government as well as trade unions and industry.

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The CCCO is an umbrella type organization consisting of 30 to 40 civic, religious and civil rights type groups. The CCCO is not a membership or grassroots type organization, but operates only with the majority consent of its contributing groups.

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Congress of Racial  
Equality (CORE)

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On June 30, 1967, the CORE 1967 National Convention opened at Municipal Auditorium in Oakland, California. Among the speakers at the opening that session was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY stated that he intended to make a world tour soon. and that he would stop in all the countries receiving foreign aid from the United States. He stated that he plans to ask these countries to donate a portion of the United States funds for distribution to the United States poor.

(CG T-21, 7/7/67)] X u

The Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) is a militantly oriented civil rights group with national headquarters located in New York City, New York. CORE aims include work in independent political campaigns as well as concern with slum housing, education, employment, minimum wage and draft laws. FLOYD MC KISSICK, National Director of CORE, stated at a meeting of the national leadership of CORE on 10/13/67, that blackpower must be reckoned with by the white man, and if the black man is not dealt with fairly, "I am not responsible for what might happen." He further stated that wherever black people are killed by the white man, many more will rise tomorrow and drive for black power.

(CG T-29, 10/16/67)] X u

Organization of Afro-American  
Unity (OAAU)

On December 13, 1964, a meeting of the OAAU was held at the Audubon Auditorium, 166th Street and Broadway, New York City. Approximately 300 people attended. DICK GREGORY was one of the speakers. He addressed the group chiefly concerning law enforcement in relationship to the racial situation in the South.

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Nation of Islam (NOI)

On March 31, 1967, a source advised that GREGORY has met with various NOI leaders in the past but there is no evidence of any rapport between the NOI and GREGORY other than the fact they both believe in the Negro cause. X u

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Student Non-Violent  
Coordinating Council (SNCC)

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On April 11, 1964, a source advised that GREGORY announced at a Chicago Press Conference that he plans to begin a 26 city benefit concert tour for SNCC. This tour is to begin with an April 19, 1964, appearance at Boston, Massachusetts.

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On January 12, 1967, STOKLEY CARMICHAEL of SNCC and ILL. other civil rights activists met with DICK GREGORY at The Famous Lounge located on Chicago's West Side for an informal party. X u

(CG T-17, 1/13/67) X u

On April 12, 1964, a meeting sponsored by the Modern Teens was held at 4427 North Francisco Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 115 individuals attended this meeting and paid \$1.00 admission. The main speaker at this meeting was DICK GREGORY. GREGORY advised that he was speaking on behalf of SNCC and proceeds raised at this meeting were to go to SNCC.

(CG T-24, 4/21/64) X u

SNCC is known as a chief exponent of the black power philosophy. The Chicago Branch of SNCC is very loosely organized and has no coherent program of activities. SNCC has an office on the second floor at 306 East 43rd Street, Chicago. National leaders of SNCC H. RAP BROWN and STOKLEY CARMICHAEL both have publically espoused to the use of violence to achieve Negro equality and have used the phrase "Hell no we won't go" in reference to Negroes being drafted. ILL.

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#### V. ANTI-VIET NAM ACTIVITY

On May 5, 1966, a meeting of the Veterans For Peace in Viet Nam was held at Roosevelt University, 430 South Michigan, Chicago, Illinois in room 85. DICK GREGORY X (U)

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was one of the speakers at this meeting. GREGORY talked about poverty among the Negroes relative to the Viet Nam conflict. He stated he had an idea on how to end the war; he suggested replacing all soliders with animals because the outcry of Americans to prevent the slaughter of animals was far greater than the outcry against human beings being killed in Viet Nam. ~~(S)~~ (U)

(CG T-25, 5/12/66) ~~(S)~~ u

On May 20, 1967, while appearing at the Village Gate Night Club on Thomas and Bleeker Streets in New York City, DICK GREGORY spoke to a group of persons who had gathered around him in between shows. Concerning the Viet Nam situation GREGORY stated that the United States wanted to continue the war in Viet Nam because they did not want the black soldier on the front line to return home because he would then present a big problem racewise. GREGORY said when these soldiers returned to the states they will not accept segregation, and being combat trained they will be more than equal for any riot trained police. ~~(S)~~ u

(CG T-5, 5/31/67) ~~(S)~~ u

On May 27 and May 28, 1967, the National Economic Conference of the Negro-American Labor Council (previously characterized in this report) was held at the Hotel American, Washington, D.C. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers, at the proceedings which took place on May 27, 1967. Concerning the Viet Nam situation GREGORY stated that he does not have any sons, but if he did have one he, himself, would shoot him rather than have him serve in Viet Nam.

(CG T-26, 6/1/67) ~~(S)~~ u

On August 5 and August 6, 1967, a Hiroshima Rally took place in Atlanta, Georgia. DICK GREGORY addressed a crowd on August 5, 1967. During this address he urged the crowd to "paralyze the economy" of this country in order to stop the fighting in Viet Nam. He made a plea to those present to join in a boycott of the automobile industry adding that this was the only way to reach the "Capitalists who run this country and benefit from the Viet Nam War".

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During the Sunday session on August 6, 1967, GREGORY was the main speaker of the afternoon. He called for "a boycott of Christmas and Thanksgiving" to show protest against the war. He also asked demonstrators to keep the car they have and to disrupt telephone service in an effort to "inconvenience" organizations having a hand in national defense.

(CG T-27, 8/19/67) *ku*

On October 21, 1967, an anti-Viet Nam demonstration was held in Washington, D.C. This demonstration was sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Viet Nam. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers at this demonstration. He spoke to the crowds saying he does not care if people burn the United States flag or any flag. He said that flags were only symbols and meaningless.

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VI. INFORMATION REGARDING STATEMENTS MADE  
BY GREGORY RELATIVE TO FORTHCOMING  
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On December 26, 1967, a Freedom and Peace Rally commemorating the 33rd day of GREGORY's "black fast" was held in Carter Temple, C.M.E. Church, 7841 South Wabash, Chicago. Approximately 150 persons attended this rally each paying a \$5 entrance fee. During the course of the rally, DICK GREGORY issued a series of demands that the City of Chicago would have to meet if the City expected to have the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968. GREGORY's demands are: (1) enactment of an open housing bill for Chicago by the Chicago City Council as well as protection provided for Negroes, so that they will be able to walk anywhere in the City without fear of being attacked; (2) the lifting of an injunction limiting demonstrations by the Reverend MARTIN LUTHER KING. — This injunction has been in effect since the September, 1966, racial disturbances on Chicago's West Side; (3) the appointment of a Negro to the top echelon of the Chicago Police Department; (4) a guarantee for the health and safety of the Reverend JESSE JACKSON; (5) the highest pay in the nation for Chicago's police and firemen.

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GREGORY stated that if these demands were not met by Mayor DALEY's administration, the Democratic Convention in Chicago would be here only over his dead body.

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Reverend JESSE JACKSON is National  
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economic arm for . MARTIN LUTHER KING's  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).  
The aims of Operation Breadbasket are to seek  
fair employment opportunities for Negroes.

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On January 2, 1968, DICK GREGORY together  
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characterized in this report) [redacted] ILL.

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## VII. ACTIVITIES

### A. Activities of GREGORY in Chicago

On March 7, 1967, CG T-1 advised that DICK GREGORY held a press conference at 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago. During this press conference GREGORY announced his candidacy for Mayor of Chicago in the forthcoming Mayoral election to be held on April 5, 1967, in Chicago. GREGORY advised that he is running as an independent without Party label. (u)

(CG T-1, 3/7/67) (u)

The April 5, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper, published in Chicago, reported in the Three-Star Final edition on page 6, column 1, that DICK GREGORY was defeated in his bid for Mayor of Chicago by the incumbent Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY. DICK GREGORY received 25,775 write-in votes.

The April 5, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Daily News", carried the following article on page 3, column 1, Red Dart Edition, captioned, "Gregory's Goal: the White House":

"Now Dick Gregory says he's going to run for President.

"Gregory, the Negro comedian, announced his presidential aspirations Tuesday night to a cheering throng of about 500 persons jammed into his mayoral campaign headquarters at 1251 West 63rd St.

"He said he would run for President as a write-in peace candidate. He said his losing total as a write-in in the mayor's race - about 21,000 votes - was a 'tremendous mandate' from the people.

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"'I'm going to campaign all over the country,' said Gregory. 'If nothing else is proved we'll whip George Wallace. If Wallace gets one-tenth the vote I got today he will be lucky.'

Wallace, the segregationist former governor of Alabama, has said he would be a candidate for President in 1968".

#### Black Power Convention

On September 1, 1967, the Black Power Convention's opening rally was held at the Hyde Park Methodist Church, 1451 East 54th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Approximately 800 Negroes attended this rally. DICK GREGORY was among the speakers. In his talk GREGORY stated that racism and capitalism are synonymous and must go out together by revolutionary means if necessary, not just in the United States but also in Asia, Africa and Latin America. He stated whitey knows violence will come but does not know where or when. He stated speakers for Negroes would talk "over and under" so that whitey will have no information of value. He urged Negroes to unite in order to show "crackers" their power as a "cracker power" was about to reach an end. GREGORY stated that Negro soldiers returning from overseas and black youths will not take what the old folks have taken in the past.

(CG T-7, 9/2/67) *u*

Black Power Convention (BPC) was held in the Christ Methodist Church during the National Conference for New Politics Convention (NCNP) held in Chicago August 31 - September 3, 1967. The NCNP was made up of delegates primarily of anti-war feelings and advocates of civil rights. Negro delegates to the NCNP formed a BPC because their leaders who were predominantly members of CORE and SNCC, felt that the demands of the Negroes to

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the NCNP would not be accepted by the main body of the NCNP. When the Negro demands were accepted by the NCNP, no further activities were undertaken by the NCNP.

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On September 1, 1967, the BPC held a rally at Hyde Park Methodist Church, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY spoke to those assembled at this rally and said black people need to organize. Only through organization can the revolution be successful. GREGORY stated he hates all white men except Fr. GROPPi of Milwaukee, (characterization later in this report). Anyone who does not hate whitey is a fool. Any black person who would marry a white person is a double fool. GREGORY stated "damn the American flag. Instead of saluting the flag you people should salute your black brothers".

(CG T-30 , 9/2/67) *u*

#### Midwest Black Students Conference

On November 23 - 25, 1967, Midwest Black Students Conference was held in Chicago, Illinois. This Conference was an outgrowth of the National Black Power Conference held in Newark, New Jersey in July, 1967. At one of the sessions at this Conference held on November 27, 1967, at the Christ Methodist Church, 6401 South Sangamon, Chicago, GREGORY addressed a gathering of 175 people. GREGORY spoke of a necessity of Negro citizens uniting to combat the injustice existing in the United States which affect Negroes.

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### Black Fast

On November 22, 1967, CG T-1 advised that GREGORY held a press conference in Chicago. During this press conference GREGORY announced that he was going to begin a 32 day black fast as a protest against the war in Viet Nam. GREGORY stated that he was determined to set an example as an individual American lawfully protesting United States government policies. GREGORY stated that this fast was to begin on Thanksgiving through January 1, 1968, ~~(u)~~ u

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On January 3, 1968, CG T-1 advised that GREGORY ended a 40 day period of fasting immediately after midnight January 1, 1968. GREGORY stated that throughout the fasting period he consumed nothing but distilled water and offered a \$1,000 reward to anyone who could prove otherwise. ~~(u)~~ u

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### Anti-Willis Marches

Daily marches were staged in Chicago by various civil rights groups during the Summer of 1965. These civil rights groups banded together to protest the rehiring of BENJAMIN C. WILLIS, Superintendent of the Chicago Public Schools. The demonstrators marched from Buckingham Fountain to City Hall. DICK GREGORY was observed leading these marchers on a continual basis. During one such march, GREGORY was arrested at Columbus and Balboa Streets and charged with obstructing traffic and making a public nuisance of himself.

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B. Activities Outside the  
City of Chicago

Atlanta, Georgia

The following information was taken from an article captioned, "Gregory Leads 35 in Atlanta Sit-Ins; 3 Cafes Close Up", which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area on December 31, 1963. This article reflects that DICK GREGORY led a desegregation march on a chain of lunch counters on December 31, 1963, at Atlanta, Georgia, forcing the closure of three. The manager of one of the restaurants asked the demonstrators to leave but GREGORY vowed to stay until they are served. The manager subsequently ordered the restaurant closed for extermination.

Arkansas

The "Chicago Daily News", a newspaper published in the Chicago area, contained an article entitled "Gregory Arrested Pine Bluff, Arkansas", in a February 17, 1964, edition on page 9, column 4. This article reflects that GREGORY was arrested at Pine Bluff, Arkansas on February 16, 1964, after he refused to leave a segregated restaurant where he was conducting a sit-in. This article further reflects that GREGORY told an audience of 500 Negroes in a Pine Bluff Church that "the Uncle Toms have got to go. The days are over when these little kids are going to fight your battles for you old folks".

Los Angeles, California

The following information was taken from an article captioned, "New Rioting, 6,000 Fight Cops", which appeared in the August 13, 1967, edition of the "Chicago American", a daily newspaper published in Chicago.

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This article reflects that DICK GREGORY was shot in the left thigh by a .22 calibre bullet as he stood in the center of a Watts riot area during the second night of the Los Angeles rioting. This article further reflects that Los Angeles police said that GREGORY was attempting to mediate between police and the rioters when he was shot. GREGORY was rushed to a hospital where his wounds were described as not serious.

Mississippi

The June 7, 1966, Four Star Final Edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, carried an article which stated that DICK GREGORY flew to Mississippi early on June 6, 1966, to "take up JAMES MEREDITH's march where he left off". The "Sun-Times" quoted GREGORY as disclosing shortly before he departed, "I've never been more scared in my life but somebody's got to do it and I guess I'm the guy". The article reflects that this march as instituted by JAMES MEREDITH was to proceed from Memphis, Tennessee to Jackson, Mississippi. MEREDITH was wounded by an assailant with a shotgun during the course of this march.

JAMES MEREDITH is nationally known as the first Negro to graduate from the University of Mississippi. He is further known as a civil rights activist. N.Y.

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The "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper, published in the Chicago area, carried an article captioned "Gregory Leads 650 Marchers in Milwaukee", in the September 17, 1967, edition on page 46, column 1. The article reflects that DICK GREGORY was standing in for Rev. JAMES E. GROPPi who was sick with the flu, in the 20th consecutive day of open-housing demonstrations in Milwaukee.

Rev. JAMES E. GROPPi is nationally known as a militant white priest who is a civil rights activist engaged in leading demonstrations for the purpose of obtaining an open housing ordinance in the City of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

National Conference on  
Black Power, Newark, New Jersey

On July 20 - 23, 1967, DICK GREGORY was among those who participated in the National Conference of Black Power in Newark, New Jersey. The opening meeting for delegates at this Conference was held on July 20, 1967, at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 208 Broadway, Newark, New Jersey. DICK GREGORY addressing this session urged that a petition be started in Newark to obtain 25,000

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signatures which would be used to recall Newark Mayor HUGH J. ADDONIZIO. ~~(U)~~

During the session that took place on July 23, 1967, GREGORY suggested that black men boycott every sponsor on a nationwide level that advertise through the various media during boxing matches. According to GREGORY, this would force the return of MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY) as the heavyweight boxing champion. ~~(U)~~

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New York

A political rally was held by DICK GREGORY at 1251 West 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, on March 15, 1967. Approximately 200 individuals attended this rally. GREGORY stated that he was going to join Congressman ADAM CLAYTON POWELL on March 16, 1967, over the weekend of March 18 and 19, 1967. GREGORY stated that he would accompany POWELL to New York City and in this connection GREGORY stated that if the New York City authorities attempted to arrest POWELL, while in New York, he (GREGORY) would lead demonstrations and "turn the town out" to secure POWELL's release.

(CG T-29 , 3/16/67) ~~(U)~~ u

Seattle, Washington

The February 7, 1967, edition of the "Chicago Daily News", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, published an article captioned, "Gregory's Newest Routine: Fish-In for Indians' Plight". This article reflects the following:

"Comedian Dick Gregory went fishing in an Indian dugout canoe Sunday afternoon in fir-forested Washington State and broke the law by netting two salmon from the nearby Nisqually River.

"Gregory , turning his fervor for civil rights from the plight of the Negro to that of the Indian,

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vowed to stay here-and fish every day in defiance of state law - until 'Uncle Sam honors his treaties with the Indians..'

"Gregory accepted an invitation from the local Survival of the American Indians Assn. to risk almost certain arrest. He was watched from across the river by a green-uniformed agent of the State Game Department.

"Gregory later told newsmen:

"If I'm arrested, my wife will be flying in from Chicago to go fishing, too. We are trying to force the issue, to get the Justice Department involved and carry this battle for human dignity to the Supreme Court, if necessary....Some people ask if this is a publicity stunt. I say if this is a publicity stunt, then so was the Boston Tea Party.'

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"James E. McIver, Seattle attorney representing Gregory, said law enforcement officers would have no trouble serving the entertainer with an arrest warrant. 'All they have to do is call me. I'll take him to jail and save the state the expense'.

"No attempt was made by the agent to cross the river and arrest Gregory-at a place called Frank's Landing. Gregory, wearing mud boots and a faded green raincoat over natty sportswear, climbed into the dugout canoe with two Indian brothers, Louis and Leonard Squally.

"Game and fisheries officials maintain that Frank's Landing is outside the Nisqually reservation and is not covered by rights accorded the Nisquallies in a century-old treaty.

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"The Indians contend the river salmon hole is federal land and a part of their guaranteed fishing grounds.

"Authorities said no action would be considered against Gregory until 'high officials' receive a full report Monday.

"Gregory is not the first celebrity to go on the warpath here. Actor Marlon Brando fished with the Puyallup tribe in 1964 and was nearly jailed. San Francisco attorney Melvin Belli joined the Indians in 1965 for a court fight. And last week Washington Gov. Daniel Evans was burned in effigy at Frank's Landing."

On February 7, 1966, the "Chicago Sun-Times", Four Star Final edition, page 14, column 1, contained an article captioned, "Gregory Holds a Fish-In to Help the Indians", which reads as follows:

"Negro comedian Dick Gregory Sunday canceled appearances in Miami, Montreal and New York to help a group of Indians carry on their fishing rights fight with the state.

"Gregory and two Indians netted two steelhead trout, worth about \$5 in a 'fish-in' demonstration defying a state law prohibiting off-reservation net fishing in the salmon and steelhead-bearing rivers off Puget Sound.

"The comedian said he would remain here to fish with the Indians 'every day until the battle is won.'

"State game wardens watched the demonstration on the Nisqually River, 10 miles east of here, but did not arrest Gregory or his Indian companions, Louis and Leonard Squally.

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The following is a physical description of GREGORY as obtained from review of records of the United States Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., and records maintained by the Records and Communications Center, Chicago Police Department:

Name	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
Alias	DICK GREGORY
Date of birth	October 12, 1932
Place of birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Nationality	American
Address	<del>1451 East 55th Street</del> Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois

Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Distinguishing characteristics  
Marital status  
Wife  
Children

5'10"  
173 pounds  
Black  
Brown

Wears mustache  
Married

Parents

(noted: middle names of [redacted] form word [redacted])

*Mr. [redacted]*  
Father, PRESELY GREGORY,  
born 1898 in Tennessee;  
mother, LUCILLE FRANKLIN GREGORY,  
born 1904 in Missouri.

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APPENDIX

SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY  
CHICAGO BRANCH

In May, 1967, a source advised that it was his understanding that the currently active Chicago Branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) was one of the founding branches of the SWP at a 1938 Chicago Trotskyist Convention, and it follows the aims and principles of the SWP which maintains national headquarters in New York City.

Members of the Chicago Branch serve as SWP national functionaries, and per capita membership dues and a sustaining fund quota are sent by this branch on a monthly basis to SWP national headquarters.

The SWP has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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INCORPORATED (OAAU)

On June 28, 1964, MALCOLM X LITTLE, founder and leader of the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI), publicly announced the formation of a new, all Negro, militant civil rights action group to be known as the Organization of Afro-American Unity (OAAU), with himself as Chairman. This announcement was made at a public rally held by the MMI in the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

A printed and published statement of basic OAAU aims read by MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that it shall include "all" people of African descent in the Western Hemisphere, as well as "our" brothers and sisters on the African continent. It is patterned after the "letter and spirit" of the Organization of African Unity established (by African heads of States) at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in May, 1963.

A recording of the remarks of MALCOLM X at this meeting indicates that the aim of the OAAU is to eliminate differences between Negroes so they can work together for "human rights," while the initial objective is to "internationalize" the American civil rights movement by taking it to the United Nations. LITTLE condemned the non-violent civil rights movement and claims that Negroes should be taught to protect themselves, when and if necessary. The OAAU will sponsor a program for Negroes in education, politics, culture, economics, and social reform.

MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, New York City.

On April 13, 1965, a confidential source advised that on March 26, 1965, the OAAU filed a Certificate of Incorporation with the Department of State, State of New York, Albany, New York, and henceforth, the organization's true name will be Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated.

On February 28, 1966, a second confidential source advised that the president and head of the OAAU is ELLA COLLINS, a half-sister of the late MALCOLM X, who resides in Harlem, New York.

On May 8, 1967, the first confidential source advised that the headquarters of the OAAU is located at 224 West 139th Street, New York, New York, which is the residence of ELLA COLLINS.

Characterizations of the MMI and NOI are set out separately.

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The March 13, 1964, edition of "The New York Times," a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964, edition of the "New York Amsterdam News," a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

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APPENDIX

NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to  
as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known  
as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

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In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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MODERN TEENS

A source advised on August 1, 1960, that the Modern Teens (MT) started approximately January, 1957, as an outgrowth of a youth club which was known as the CAPS, a Club Against Prejudice, which became active in the Chicago area just after the Labor Youth League (LYL) disbanded.

On April 25, 1960, a second source advised that in April, 1960, [ ] of the Youth Commission, Communist Party (CP) of Illinois, and a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, described the MT as a discussion group of socialist-minded youth, which is sponsored by the CP of Illinois, and a point of concentration for the future formation of a national Marxist youth organization.

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According to a third source in May, 1961, the MT is under the guidance and sponsorship of the CP of Illinois, and it is the responsibility of the adult advisor to help obtain speakers for the group who will influence their political thinking. It is also the duty of this adult advisor to consider certain members of the MT for membership in the CP when they have reached their 18th birthday.

A fourth source advised in May, 1965, that [ ] is the [ ] of the MT. This source advised that the MT is a group of young people who meet in the homes of its members once a month during the school months to discuss current events and gather for social functions.

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A fifth source advised in May, 1966, that [ ] a CP member, had the main responsibility of directing the MT.

On March 16, 1967, the fifth source advised that for over a period of a year he has heard of no activity on the part of the MT. Source said that for all intensive purposes the MT was considered by the leadership of the CP of Illinois as defunct during June, 1966. Source added it is the feeling of the leadership of the CP of Illinois that the accomplishments resulting from this organization's existence were negligible.

The LYL has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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WASHINGTON PARK FORUM, Aka. The South Side Educational Forum, Washington Park Open Forum ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

A source advised on June 11, 1954, that the Washington Park Forum (WPF) started in the 1930s as a spontaneous group of unemployed persons interested in discussing current events. In the late 1930s, the Communist Party (CP) penetrated and took over the WPF. From 1936 to 1940, the CP penetration was so great that it secured and maintained control of the WPF at that time.

A second source advised in May, 1957, that the CP of Illinois was attempting to regain control of the WPF which had been taken over by the Trotskyites.

A third source advised on January 16, 1963, that the "purpose and objectives" set forth in the WPF constitution include "To discuss and educate on the issues of the day through presentation of speakers on different subjects, with free discussion by people in attendance,...to aid in the realization of the Declaration of Independence,...to aid civil liberties and charitable organizations interested in expanding freedom..."

The third source advised on October 28, 1964, that the WPF recently changed its name to "The South Side Educational Forum;" however, most people still referred to it as WPF.

A fourth source advised on October 19, 1964, that the CP in the past had used the WPF as a platform to implement its program; however, there was no clear cut control of the WPF by the CP or any other organization. During the past 18 months the only apparent CP interest in the WPF was in the nature of a few speeches at WPF meetings by individuals connected with the CP; however, for the past several months there has been no CP interest, not even in the nature of speeches.

A fifth source advised on November 5, 1964, that currently the CP of Illinois did not consider the WPF to be one of the main political forces in the Negro community. The CP no longer discussed the WPF and in fact paid no attention to the WPF. Although individual CP leaders, such as CLAUDE LIGHTFOOT, CP of Illinois Chairman, maintained personal contact with some of their friends in the WPF, there was no direct following from the CP to the WPF. The CP would consider using the WPF if and when expedient to the CP cause; however, the WPF was basically not considered worthy of concentration by the CP.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

January 26, 1968

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In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 157-413

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character SECURITY MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

Reference is made to report of Special Agent  
[redacted], dated and captioned as above.b6  
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

CG T-1 is [redacted]  
[redacted] in the Chicago area. *fu*

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CG T-4 is [redacted]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (157-99) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

Re Chicago airtel 1/11/68 and Legat. London,  
telephone call to Bureau Supervisor [redacted] 1/26/68.  
This will confirm information furnished telephonically  
to the Bureau that subject arrived in London from Chicago  
8:05 A.M. 1/26/68 on TWA Flight 770. [redacted]

[redacted]

Sources: [redacted]

[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/26/68

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: Chicago

*Rush*

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated [ ] and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letter-  
head Memorandum (LHM) and three copies are being furnished  
to Chicago, who are Office of Origin in this matter. The  
enclosed LHM sets forth an additional speaking engagement  
scheduled for the Los Angeles area by GREGORY.

Source utilized in LHM is [ ]

[ ] Los Angeles,  
who has requested that his name be concealed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Los Angeles, California  
January 26, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is being made to Chicago Memorandum dated January 11, 1968, captioned, "Richard Claxton Gregory"; Racial Matters."

On January 18, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information setting forth an additional speaking engagement scheduled for the Los Angeles area by Richard Claxton Gregory on April 18, 1968.

Gregory is publicly known as a Negro comedian, entertainer and civil rights activist, who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity.

Source indicated that the student body at San Fernando Valley State College, Northridge, California, has invited Gregory to speak at the institution on April 18, 1968. The exact time of day for Gregory's presentation has not been determined, but it is considered to be an evening affair.

The tentative arrangements for Gregory's lecture specify that the presentation will be opened to both students and public. Gregory will receive financial remuneration for this appearance, however, the aggregate total of this remuneration is unknown to source.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM  
RABBLE ROUSERS INDEX (RRI)  
(OO:CHICAGO)

DATE: 1/29/68

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY etc  
DATE 2-6-80

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 11/29/67; Chicago letter  
to Bureau, 1/17/68.

Due to GREGORY's constant travel status and  
lack of organizational affiliation in the NY area, total  
informant coverage is not available. However, it is felt  
that NY's coverage of publicized racial and Anti-Viet Nam  
activities is so complete as to insure coverage of GREGORY's  
activities in the NY area. [redacted] is [redacted]  
[redacted] and would be aware of any civil rights  
activity of GREGORY's in the NY area. [redacted]  
Negro male, date of birth [redacted] is  
the [redacted]  
NYC, a position which he has held for [redacted]  
[redacted] X (U)

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[redacted] is also in a position to furnish  
information regarding activities of GREGORY. X (U)

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The following sources of the NY Field Division  
who are familiar with Black Nationalist and racial activities  
were contacted on the indicated dates, but could furnish no  
information regarding any organizational affiliation of  
GREGORY in the NY area. X (U)

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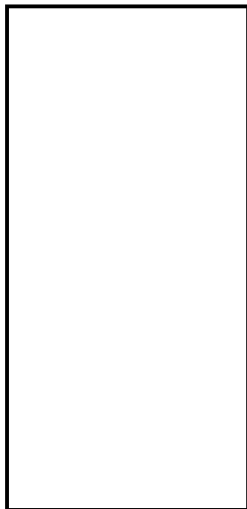
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[redacted] (reliable) reported on 10/25/67, and on 11/3/67, that DICK GREGORY was in attendance at the National Mobilization to End the War in Viet Nam Rally, 10/21-22/67, Washington, D.C. GREGORY spoke, saying that he does not care if people burn the US flag, or any flag. He said flags are only symbols and meaningless.- "I'm interested in people." He told the audience what he once told someone who asked him what he would do about the war in Viet Nam if he were president, to which he said he replied: "After I paint the White House, then I'll take care of the war." The files where originals of this information is located are in [redacted] and [redacted]

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NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. In view of DICK GREGORY's frequent trips to NY, and involvement in demonstrations, both as to racial and Anti-Viet Nam activities, in NY, NY, will maintain contact with racial sources and report any activity of GREGORY to Chicago. ~~(U)~~

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FBI

Date: 1/29/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1731) (RUC)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
 Dick Gregory  
 Rabble-Rouser Index  
 RM  
 (OO: Chicago)

Remyairtel, 1/8/68 and Chicago airtel, 1/11/68.

Title is changed to set out complete name in this communication of subject, which is RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. Previous communications in this matter have been captioned "DICK GREGORY, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies, and for Chicago and New York Divisions, one copy each of LHM covering subject's speech at Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

On 1/25/68, Chief of Police ISAAC HOLLOWELL, Springfield, Ohio, PD, advised SA [redacted] subject left Springfield, Ohio, sometime on evening of 1/24/68, to travel to Vandalia Airport near Dayton, Ohio. No incidents occurred prior to, during, or subsequent to subject's speech at Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

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Cincinnati Division is RUCing this matter inasmuch as subject has left this territory. When he re-enters the Southern District of Ohio, Cincinnati Division will reopen and follow.

Information copy to New York Division in light of their interest in subject.

Copy of LHM also being furnished to 109th MI Group, Cincinnati; U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati; and USA, Dayton, Ohio.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Cincinnati (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form,  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
January 29, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As Dick Gregory  
Speech  
Wittenberg University  
Springfield, Ohio  
January 24, 1968

On January 25, 1968, Captain [redacted] Springfield, Ohio, Police Department, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that Negro civil rights leader and comedian Dick Gregory told a Wittenberg University audience numbering approximately 1,400 students, professors, and area residents that the American system must change "or we will burn the country, house by house." Gregory described America as a "racist society" and called policemen "America's new nigger."

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Gregory saw, according to Captain [redacted] no hope for a peaceful summer, stating that Negroes are tired of the white man's insults and crime within the Federal Government.

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Gregory advised that in the southern part of the United States, five-year-old girls are placed in jail cells with adult lesbians by Southern law enforcement officials. Captain [redacted] advised that at this point in his talk, numerous members of the audience stood up and called, "No. No. No." to Gregory, who reiterated his claim of treatment of five-year-old female girls in Southern jails.

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Captain [redacted] noted that the audience of 1,400 individuals was composed of both Caucasian and Negro individuals. Captain [redacted] advised that the majority of the audience clapped only when Gregory was introduced and after his speech, but a small group of local Negro individuals and a group of students from Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, cheered "wildly" when Gregory spoke of the American flag as a "rag" and when he spoke of "burning every home in the country."

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The January 25, 1968, issue of "The Sun," Springfield,

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Dick Gregory, Speech, Wittenberg  
University, Springfield, Ohio,  
January 24, 1968

Ohio, newspaper, carried the following article concerning  
Gregory's talk, on page 1:

"At Wittenberg

GREGORY WARNS OF VIOLENCE  
UNLESS SYSTEM IS CHANGED

"Civil rights leader and comedian Dick Gregory told a Wittenberg University audience Wednesday night that the American system must change 'or we will burn the country house by house.'

"More than 1,400 Wittenberg students, professors and area residents were on hand to hear Gregory label America a racist society and call policemen 'America's new nigger.'

"'I didn't say the whites are racist. I mean both black and whites are racist. It was here when we got to this country but we're too sick to admit it,' he said.

"The 35-year-old Negro saw no hope for a peaceful summer, saying that Negroes are tired of the white man's insults and crime within the federal government.

"He said that nonviolence was a favor, not an obligation, because the 'Constitution spells out the right of men to carry a gun. We have the right to destroy the government if our rights are abused,' he charged.

"Gregory said he resented statements by Nobel Peace Prize winner Martin Luther King who advocates nonviolence among the Negro population. He said the right to be violent for a right purpose is a personal obligation.

"'Every time I demonstrate for my rights as a citizen, I hope it bugs America like it (America)

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bugged me. You haven't lived until you've seen a five-year-old hit in the mouth with a brick,' he said. 'You haven't lived until you see five-year-old girls in the same jail cell with lesbians in the South.'

"Dick Gregory's speaking engagement at the Wittenberg Field House was sponsored by the Wittenberg Union Board and several other school-affiliated groups. Some school authorities reported that he was paid about \$1,000 for the hour-long blast on American society. Tickets were sold to the audience in advance.

"For the first half-hour, Gregory rallied the audience to spontaneous laughter and applause with commentary on U.S. policy in Southeast Asia, federal officials and social habits.

"'I've got a new book out,' he said. 'It's called "Nigger." And my ambition is to put a "Nigger" in every home of this country.'

"His serious comments found favor with many Negroes and whites alike in the crowd as he said his intentions were 'to discuss the symptoms' of the civil rights doctrine. Others in the room looked on with interest but applauded without enthusiasm.

"'The cop in this country is America's new Nigger today. It was society that made him dirt. He's underpaid and mistreated. Unlike the soldier, he doesn't even know he'll be shot. The federal government should pay the widow of a policeman \$10,000 if he is killed,' Gregory said.

"He said that an increase in police salary would 'make a cop think twice about accepting a bribe. He'll then have something to lose.'

"Gregory recently ended a 32-day hunger strike--

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protesting the Vietnam war--and lost 55 pounds.  
He's back to his normal weight but still a disciplined  
vegetarian.

"He compared the 'black revolution in America'  
with the American Revolution against Great Britain.

"'Get a gun and burn the cities," Stokely  
Carmichael says, and you ask yourself if he's crazy,'  
Gregory said. 'Well he's just as crazy as the  
revolutionaries in the colonies who fought the  
British.

"'They fought over tea, man. But don't tell  
me the colored folks aren't going to fight for  
their brethren,' he added.

"He said politicians don't talk about Black  
Power because it keeps the Democrats in office and  
the Republicans out. He said America has 'always  
been a hoodlum nation' and crime in the streets  
isn't as important as crime in the syndicates which  
'is tolerated by our politicians.'

"Gregory said his write-in campaign for  
President is going well and he expects to draw  
not only Negro votes but also white votes because  
people are 'sick and tired of voting for the lesser  
of two evils.'

"He said earlier in Dayton that his civil  
rights efforts have left him \$35,000 in debt.

"The St. Louis native said the northern white  
middle class population has no idea of the killings  
and civil injustices in the South 'but down there  
a cop is at least honest. He'll say, 'Nigger get  
off the street' instead of running around scared.'

"He challenged the Wittenberg audience to visit  
the South--but on the condition that each student



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take back a Negro to his white home. 'Let them really tell you what it's like down there,' he said. 'You're sittin' pretty in your suburbs.'

"He said riots have helped the cause of civil rights, adding 'Henry Ford hired 6,000 Negroes in two days, not because he understood the problem (in Detroit), but because the fire got too close to the Mustangs. You read about that. But did you know they were hired without even a job test?'"

On January 25, 1968, Chief of Police Isaac W. Hollowell advised a Special Agent of the FBI it was his understanding that Negro comedian Dick Gregory had left Springfield, Ohio, on the evening of January 24, 1968, after his talk at Wittenberg University. Chief of Police Hollowell advised there was no demonstration or any unlawful or disorderly activity prior to, during, or subsequent to Gregory's speech.

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URGENT 1-31-68

TO DIRECTOR AND LEGATS BERN, PARIS ~~(U)~~

FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. Ø9 ~~(U)~~

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RACIAL MATTERS.

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RE LONDON AIRTEL JANUARY 26 LAST. ~~(U)~~

SUBJECT APPEARED BRIEFLY ON T V HERE EVENING OF JANUARY  
26 LAST. HE WAS NOT CONTROVERSIAL AND TO-DATE PRESS HAS NOT  
MENTIONED ARRIVAL, DEPARTURE OR TV APPEARANCE. ~~(U)~~

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3RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

MR. TRAINOR

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Date: 2/2/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

*A* OO: CHICAGO

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DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/CC

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68 and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

On 1/23/68. [redacted]

[redacted] Vermillion, South Dakota, a  
long established source, advised SA [redacted] that  
he had just received information that DICK GREGORY had  
apparently been extended an invitation to make a speech  
at the Student Union Building on the campus of the University  
of South Dakota, as of 2/5/68. His speech apparently will  
be a two to three hour talk on "Black Power" and will be  
a question and answer type of speech. This invitation was  
extended to GREGORY by the Student Association Convocation  
Committee which received its money from the Student Government  
Committee at the University. GREGORY apparently is being  
paid \$1,250 for this appearance by the Student Association  
Convocation Committee. It does not appear that he will  
stay overnight in Vermillion and it is unknown specifically  
concerning his arrival in the city.

The source revealed there apparently will be  
no protest actions taken by any groups on the campus at  
the University. There is no indication of any expected

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347)(RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (Info.) (RM)
- 1 - Minneapolis

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cc Bishop

C.C.

Approved: *[Signature]*

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disorder nor are there any indications of subversive individuals or organizations sponsoring this event.

Reliable coverage will be afforded this meeting and the Bureau and interested offices will be promptly advised of subsequent developments.

A copy of this airtel is being furnished the San Antonio Office for informational purposes in view of subject's expected appearance there on 2/6/68.

LHM follows.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : *att* [redacted]

FROM : W. L. Smith *WLS*

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

1 - [redacted]  
1 - [redacted]

DATE: 1-26-68

1 - Mr. W. L. Smith  
1 - Foreign Liaison Unit

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At 5:10 a.m., this date, Assistant Legal Attache Aldon C. McCray, London, contacted Duty Supervisor W. Leon Smith, Domestic Intelligence Division, by defense telephone and advised as follows:

McCray had been advised by the Duty Supervisor, Domestic Intelligence Division. [redacted] McCray has received information that [redacted]

[redacted] and Legal Attache [redacted] will advise Bureau of pertinent developments.. b7D

## ACTION:

For information.

WLS:mh (5)

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FBI CHICAGO

1033PM URGENT 2-5-68 RFJ

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), MINNEAPOLIS AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM: 00: CHICAGO.

CHICAGO SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY ARRIVED O'HARE AIRPORT  
CHICAGO AT THREE PM INSTANT DATE FROM LONDON VIA TWA AIRLINES FLIGHT  
SEVEN SEVEN ONE. GREGORY ARRIVED WITH NEGRO FEMALE IDENTIFIED ON  
MANIFEST AS [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED TWO NEGRO MALES, IDENTITIES  
UNKNOWN, MET GREGORY. SOURCE STATED TWO NEGRO MALES REGULAR GREGORY  
BODY GUARDS. STATED GREGORY INTERVIEWED AT O'HARE BY SALLY O'HARE,  
CHICAGO DAILY NEWS REPORTER. GREGORY ADVISED O'HARE PRIVATE PLANE  
PICKING HIM UP SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA AND WILL PROCEED TO UNKNOWN  
DESTINATION TO MAKE SPEECH.

SECOND SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY BOARDED [REDACTED] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT THREE  
ALONE WHICH FLIGHT DESTINED TO ARRIVE SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA  
SEVEN ONE FIVE PM INSTANT. FLIGHT LEFT CHICAGO FIVE ONE FIVE PM.  
SOURCE ADVISED FLIGHT NINE EIGHT THREE ARRIVED APPROXIMATELY SIX THREE  
FOUR PM INSTANT SIOUX CITY, IOWA AND GROUNDED BECAUSE OF POOR WEATHER.  
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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY PLC  
DATE 2-6-80

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BUS MADE AVAILABLE TO PASSENGERS DESTINED TO SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA WHICH IS ONE HUNDRED MILES DISTANT. BUS DEPARTED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN ZERO FIVE PM AND WILL POSSIBLY TAKE TWO HOURS DRIVING TIME TO SIOUX FALS

PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM RELIABLE SOURCE INDICATES GREGORY HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA FEBRUARY FIVE INSTANT. SAME SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY HAS SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT FEBRUARY SIX NEXT AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. ~~C~~ (U)

SECOND SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED GREGORY TO LEAVE SIOUX FALLS FEBRUARY SIX NEXT AT SIX TWO FIVE AM VIA [ ] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO TO ARRIVE CHICAGO EIGHT TEN AM FEB. SIX NEXT. GREGORY ON FIRST CLASS WAITING LIST [ ] FLIGHT THREE ONE, O'HARE AIRPORT TO LEAVE CHICAGO FOR SAN ANTONIO NINE FORTY AM, FEBRUARY SIX NEXT, ARRIVAL AT SAN ANTONIO TWELVE TWELVE PM.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM JANUARY ELEVEN LAST. MINNEAPOLIS AND SAN ANTONIO HANDLE PER RE CHICAGO AIRTEL . MILITARY ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS COPIES LOCALLY TO USA AND SECRET SERVICE.

FIRST CHICAGO SOURCE IS [ ] CHICAGO PD. SECOND SOURCE IS [ ] O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO.

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URGENT 2-5-68

TO DIRECTOR AND LEGATS BERN AND PARIS  
 FROM LEGAT LONDON NO. 11

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RACIAL MATTERS.

RE LONDON CABLE JANUARY 31 LAST.

SUBJECT: DEPARTED LONDON 12:15 P. M. TODAY ON BOAC FLIGHT  
 567 FOR CHICAGO TO ARRIVE 4:05 P. M. CHICAGO TIME. LETTER  
 FOLLOWS.

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CC: MR. TRAINOR  
 ROOM 836 9&D  
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 RD CC: MR. BRENNAN

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
CHICAGO (157-347) AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM: MINNEAPOLIS (157-386)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_ b6  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM; OO: CHICAGO.

A SOURCE AT VERMILLION, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED GREGORY  
DID APPEAR BEFORE AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF ABOUT NINE HUNDRED  
PERSONS AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA AT EIGHT P. M.,  
FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. SPEECH TAPED BY RADIO STATION W N A X.  
NO KNOWN SEDITIOUS STATEMENTS MADE; NO DISORDER OR QUES-  
TIONABLE INCIDENTS.

SOURCE AT SIOUX FALLS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADVISED GREGORY  
NEVER DID APPEAR AT SIOUX FALLS BUT RENTED CAR, PRESUMABLY  
FROM HERTZ COMPANY, AT AIRPORT AT SIOUX CITY, IOWA, UPON  
ARRIVAL THERE ON EVENING, FEBRUARY FIVE LAST. HE WAS  
ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MEN BUT NO WOMEN.

ONE PERSON NAMED [ ] AND THE OTHER (SIGNATURE [ ]  
ILLEGIBLE APPEARED TO BE [ ] BOTH PERSONS GAVE  
ADDRESS [ ] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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THEY DID NOT ACCOMPANY GREGORY WHEN HE BOARDED PLANE AT  
SIOUX CITY, IOWA, [REDACTED] FLIGHT NINE EIGHT TWO,  
LEAVING SIOUX CITY SEVEN ZERO THREE A.M. THIS DATE,  
SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE CHICAGO EIGHT TEN A.M. DESTINATION  
BEYOND CHICAGO NOT KNOWN.

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cc - Mr. Tamm

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and  
for Chicago, two copies, of LHM re captioned individual.

Confidential source utilized in this memo is  
[redacted] who furnished the information to SA [redacted]

A copy of the attached LHM is being disseminated  
locally to military intelligence, MIG, and NOPD has been  
advised.

LEADS:CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS: Chicago is requested to  
contact logical sources in attempt to determine purpose  
of subject's visit to New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA: Will follow and report  
subject's activities in New Orleans through logical sources.

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)  
2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 2) (RM)  
2 - New Orleans  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
February 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

On January 31, 1968, a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised  
that [REDACTED]

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On February 1, 1968, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New Orleans, advised that [REDACTED]

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/5/68

Gregory, the prominent Negro entertainer and civil rights extremist, is arriving in Chicago from England today. Information contained in the attached regarding the plans of the British Broadcasting Company to do a documentary film in the U.S. to include Gregory and James E. Groppi, the Milwaukee priest extremely active in civil rights matters, is being included in the White House summary of February 6, 1968. This information also

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Via \_\_\_\_\_

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SLIP(S) BY *etc*  
DATE *2-5-80*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, [redacted] (U)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed for the Bureau, Chicago and Milwaukee are eleven and one copies respectively of a LHM dated and captioned as above.

The confidential source mentioned is [redacted] who had furnished the information on [redacted] (U)

The enclosed LHM is marked "~~Secret~~" due to the sensitive nature of the information furnished by source, [redacted] Any unauthorized disclosure of this information, therefore, would compromise this valuable source, who is of continuing value to the [redacted] (U)

[redacted] to further protect the identity of the source. (U)

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- 3 - Bureau (ENCL. 11) (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (157-347) (INFO) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Milwaukee (FATHER GROPP) (INFO) (ENCL. 1) (RM)
- 1 - [redacted]

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Detroit, Michigan  
February 2, 1968

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Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that the Producer of Television Documentaries for the British Broadcasting Company (BBC) had contacted Dick Gregory regarding the making of a documentary film in the United States during the Spring of 1968. The film would include Dick Gregory and Father Groppi as the BBC feels that their activities are of great importance and that any film about the United States should not fail to show the particular concern of Gregory and Groppi and have them express it. (U)

This documentary is to be broadcast on BBC television prior to the election of the President in the United States. (U)

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) 1-18-80  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated  and  
LHM enclosed therewith.

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LHM enclosed with referenced airtel set forth  
itinerary for GREGORY. (U)

On 2/6/68 GREGORY departed Chicago at 12:25 p.m. on  
board American Airlines Flight 281 en route to San Antonio,  
Texas, via Dallas. At Dallas GREGORY will travel via Braniff  
Flight 181 to San Antonio. (U)

On 2/7/68 GREGORY will depart San Antonio on board  
Eastern Flight 50 en route to New York City. At New York City  
will travel via American Airlines Flight 452 to Hartford,  
Connecticut. (U)

On 2/10/68 GREGORY will depart Hartford, Connecticut,  
on board Allegheny Airlines Flight 961 to Washington, D.C. At  
Washington, D.C. GREGORY will transfer to Piedmont Flight 701,  
en route to Richmond, Virginia. (U)

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On 2/11/68 GREGORY will depart Richmond on Piedmont Airlines Flight 235 en route to Huntington, West Virginia. In Huntington, GREGORY will transfer to Allegheny Airlines Flight 402 en route to Parkersburg, West Virginia. ~~(U)~~

On 2/12/68 GREGORY will depart Parkersburg, West Virginia, on board Allegheny Flight 500 en route to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he will transfer to Mohawk Airlines Flight 52 en route to New York City. At New York City, GREGORY will travel via Mohawk Airlines Flight 417 to Albany, New York. ~~(U)~~

Chicago will continue to maintain contact with sources in an effort to determine any further information regarding GREGORY's itinerary and so advise the Bureau and interested offices. ~~(U)~~

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1137AM 2-7-68 URGENT JCS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND SACS CHICAGO (157-347) AND BOSTON  
FROM SAN ANTONIO (157-666) (P)

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. 00 - CHICAGO.

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SOURCE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, ADVISED GREGORY APPEARED  
BEFORE AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF TWELVE HUNDRED PERSONS AT ST.  
MARY'S UNIVERSITY, SAN ANTONIO, FEBRUARY SIX, LAST. NO  
KNOWN INCIDENTS SUCH AS PROTESTERS OR DISTURBANCES. UNIVERSITY  
RECEIVED NUMEROUS CRANK TELEPHONE CALLS PROTESTING GREGORY'S  
APPEARANCE.

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*BEET*

HE TRAVELED ALONE AND LEFT SAN ANTONIO ELEVEN THIRTY  
P.M., FEBRUARY SIX, LAST, FOR CHICAGO AND PLANNED TO GO  
TO AMHERST, FEBRUARY SEVEN, INSTANT.

A SECOND SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY LEFT SAN ANTONIO VIA  
[REDACTED] FLIGHT FIVE FOUR TWO AT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M.,  
FEBRUARY SIX, LAST. HE WAS TO CHANGE TO [REDACTED] FLIGHT  
FIVE THREE ZERO IN DALLAS TO ARRIVE CHICAGO, FIVE TWENTY-  
THREE A.M. INSTANT.

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FBI WASH DC  
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URGENT 2/9/68 LSS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM RICHMOND (157-2254)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY CRABBLE ROUSER  
INDEX), RM 00: CG

RECGAIRTEL TO BUREAU, [REDACTED]

SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR FEBRUARY TEN NEXT, EIGHT  
FIFTEEN P. M., ON RICHMOND PUBLIC FORUM PANEL AT MOSQUE  
AUDITORIUM, RICHMOND, VA, WITH GEORGIE JESSEL, ROGER PRICE  
AND MORT SAHL. THE PANEL, WHOSE MODERATOR IS DAVE GARROWAY,  
WILL DISCUSS HOW THEY BECAME ENTERTAINERS.

1 SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO LEAVE RICHMOND SIX FIFTY A. M.  
FEBRUARY ELEVEN NEXT ON PIEDMONT AIRLINES FLIGHT TWO THREE FIVE  
EN ROUTE TO HUNTINGTON, W. VA.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

AIRMAIL COPIES TO PITTSBURGH AND CHICAGO.

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cc-Mr. Tamm

Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan\_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter\_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: CHICAGO ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated [ ] and  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 10 copies of LHM  
suitable for dissemination pertaining to captioned matter.  
This LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, San Antonio;  
Secret Service, San Antonio and Austin; Region I, 112th MI  
GP; OSI; and NISO.

Two copies are being disseminated for the Boston  
Division inasmuch as GREGORY's itinerary reflects he will  
appear in that Division immediately following his visit  
to San Antonio.

SOURCES

First source is [ ]  
[ ] San Antonio, Texas; and second source is  
[ ] San Antonio.

- 3-Bureau (Enc-10)(RAM)  
2-Boston (Enc-2)(RAM)  
2-Chicago (Enc-2)(RAM)  
1-San Antonio (157-666)

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Approved: [ ]  
Special Agent in Charge

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HOW FORW: [ ]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

433 Federal Building  
San Antonio, Texas 78206  
February 7, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/CW

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
January 11, 1968, captioned Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Racial Matters.

On February 6, 1968, a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised  
that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak on February 6,  
1968, at St. Mary's Gymnasium, St. Mary's University,  
San Antonio, Texas. Gregory was originally sponsored by  
the Cultural Activities Committee at St. Mary's University,  
which has since been dissolved. The Union Building is  
handling the affair, which is open to the public.

It was source's understanding that Gregory  
planned to leave San Antonio, Texas, early on February 7,  
1968, for Connecticut.

The February 7, 1968, edition of the San Antonio  
Express, a daily San Antonio newspaper, contained an article  
which reflected in part that Negro activist Dick Gregory  
pledged in San Antonio on the night of February 6, 1968, that  
he and his will bring an insane America to her knees.

Gregory said he has as much right to burn an  
American flag as he has to touch a match to his own hair.

The article also pointed out that in a rambling  
fashion, sometimes witty and at other times volatile, he  
fascinated most of his audience for more than two hours by  
denouncing America, President Johnson, the Bill of Rights,  
the war in Vietnam, and what he calls "the dirty, trampy,  
white system."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The article also reflected Gregory said he is nonviolent but would tell nobody to be nonviolent.

On February 7, 1968, the above-mentioned confidential source advised that Gregory appeared at St. Mary's University on February 6, 1968, before an estimated crowd of 1200 persons. Source advised that Gregory warmed up the crowd using humor; that he broke the tension with humor. Source said Gregory used humor effectively as a speaking technique. He spoke about two hours and twenty minutes. Gregory was travelling alone and left San Antonio at 11:30 p.m., February 6, 1968, for Chicago. He was supposed to go to Amherst today.

According to source, there were no known incidents such as protesters or disturbances. St. Mary's University did receive numerous crank telephone calls protesting Gregory's appearance.

On February 7, 1968, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory left San Antonio, Texas, on [redacted] Flight No. 542 at 11:30 p.m., February 6, 1968. Gregory was to change to [redacted] Flight No. 530 in Dallas to arrive in Chicago at 5:23 a.m., February 7, 1968.

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-18-80 BY 2842/CE

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau [redacted]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies, for  
Chicago two copies, and Newark one copy of LHM.

The source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted]

East

Stroudsburg, Pa., who has furnished reliable information in  
the past.

An information copy is being designated for Newark  
inasmuch as the subject has speaking engagement in Ruther-  
ford, N.J., same date as engagement at East Stroudsburg, Pa.

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PHILADELPHIA

AT EAST STROUDSBURG, PA.

Will follow subject's appearance through established  
sources [redacted]

- 3- Bureau (100-440423) (Enc. 10) (RM)
- 2- Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2) (RM)
- 1- Newark (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 2- Philadelphia (157-1865)

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Approved: [Signature]

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Per [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SER.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

February 9, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was contacted in the spring of 1967 by the Entertainment Council of the Student Activities Association of the East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa., and as a result was invited to speak at East Stroudsburg State College on February 15, 1968.

The source further advised GREGORY will give a one hour speech on Civil Rights in the college auditorium and 1,000 students are expected to attend. GREGORY will receive \$1,350 for this speech.

The source stated [REDACTED]

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Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM *Racial Matters*

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a news article dated 2/6/68 from the Blue Streak Edition of the "Chicago Daily News"; a daily newspaper published in Chicago, concerning captioned subject.

Chicago continuing to follow activities of GREGORY and will keep the Bureau advised of all information developed.

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Special Agent in Charge

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# Sally O'Mare

## Dick Gregory's back in town and ready for political bout

WELL, FANS, be of good cheer. Dick Gregory has returned after a month-long stay in London and thereabouts. His new slim, starvation-diet figure was encased in a green jumpsuit, with matching pale green shirt and wide green velvet tie. Brown kid-laced-up boots graced his feet, and the whole bit was topped off with a worn green suede sports hat on his arrival at O'Hare Airport.

Beneath all this splendor, Dick hasn't changed a bit. He ran on about the United

States being pagan, barbaric, etc., and proudly displayed his Dick Gregory for President button on the peace ticket of course.

We asked if, being for peace, he would support Sen. Eugene McCarthy. "Heck no. I'm not goin' to vote for nobody but my self, besides I don't

trust politicians." We pointed out to Gregory that he, too, is a politician if he is running for President. "No, I'm not," he replied. "I'm a statesman. Politicians flex their muscles while statesmen flex their minds."

In London, Gregory opened a campaign office for Americans abroad to support his presidential campaign. During the trip, he also met with some North Vietnamese and proudly displayed a ring they gave him. It was made of silver and had 1900 inscribed on it. "These rings are made from downed U.S. planes, the number represents the number of U.S. planes the North Vietnamese managed to shoot down—it's a souvenir very common over there," Gregory said. "I plan to give it to my kids. It's the first time I ever got any of my tax money back," he added, toying with the ring.



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CHICAGO DAILY NEWS

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

DATE: 2-6-68

PAGE: 13 COL: 3

EDITION: BLUE STREAK

EDITOR: ROY M. FISHER

CHICAGO OFFICE

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Date: 2/5/68

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Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	
Mr. Trotter	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: LEGAT, LONDON (157-99) (UIC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

Re my cable 2/5/68. (U)

As referenced cable indicates, subject departed London 12:15 PM, 2/5/68 for Chicago. [redacted] advised that when subject left London Airport he stated to the British Immigration Officer that he had spent all his time in England. This, of course, is not true as he made a trip of less than 24 hours duration from London to Zurich, Switzerland and return. There was no apparent reason why he should say what he did as the entrance and exit stamps would have been placed in his passport when he did depart for Zurich and returned to London. (U)

Enclosed are two copies of a clipping which appeared in the "Morning Star" of 2/3/68 indicating subject plans to enter politics as a Peace candidate in the forthcoming elections. In addition to subject appearing on a television broadcast on 1/26/68. [redacted]

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1 - Liaison (direct)  
1 - London  
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(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

**GREGORY IS SERIOUS**

American comedian Dick Gregory announced in London yesterday that he seriously intended to stand as the only Peace candidate in the United States elections.

He intends to travel to various countries in the course of his campaign to win the postal votes

of Americans living abroad. Dick Gregory plans to start another 40-day fast, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Easter Sunday.

On Good Friday, he and his wife Lillian and six children are planning to picket the White House.

B.C.

RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

"Morning Star",  
London, England

Date: 2/3/68

Edition:

Author:

Editor:

Title:

Richard C. GREGORY  
RCA Racial Matter

Character:

or

Classification:

Submitting Office: London

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Date: 1/20/68

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To: ☒ THE PRESIDENT

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☒ SECRETARY OF STATE

☒ DIRECTOR, CIA

☐ DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

☐ AND NATIONAL INDICATIONS CENTER

☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

☐ DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

☒ WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)  
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VIA TELETYPE  
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From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Classification: ~~Confidential~~ EX 109

Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory 100-440423-193

(Text of message begins on next page.)

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE 04

TO: DIRECTOR, CIA 02

TO: DIRECTOR, DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY 02

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY 02

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE 02

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

Included in letter to White House  
and Attorney General. Date 1/22/68  
CAP: [signature]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A CONFIDENTIAL AND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THIS DATE GREGORY, A PROMINENT NEGRO COMEDIAN WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS, WAS SCHEDULED TO FLY TO LONDON, ENGLAND THE EVENING OF JANUARY TWENTY, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT AND LATER TO PARIS, FRANCE. HE IS PLANNING TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES FEBRUARY FOUR NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT.

PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR GREGORY'S PROPOSED VISIT TO NORTH VIETNAM THIS COMING EASTER IN ORDER TO ENTERTAIN U.S. TROOPS BEING HELD PRISONER BY NORTH VIETNAM. NO FURTHER DETAILS REGARDING THIS TRIP ARE KNOWN.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/15/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(Rabble Rouser Index)  
RM  
(OO:CG)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

On 2/6/68, the Passport file of captioned individual was reviewed by SA [redacted] and the following information obtained:

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GREGORY submitted application for renewal of passport on 5/19/67. The passport was renewed and will expire 6/12/69. GREGORY'S original passport was issued 6/12/64 and is numbered E 500889. On his application, GREGORY lists his residence as 1451 E. 55th St., Chicago, Ill.

No additional information is contained in subject's passport file.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: Chicago

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *PLC*  
DATE *2-5-80*

*1-18-80*  
CLASS. & EXT. BY *2842 PVD/ci* (U)  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 *2*  
DATE OF REVIEW *2-6-88*

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Minneapolis and  
San Antonio, dated 2/5/68 and Chicago airtel to Bureau  
dated 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are being  
furnished Minneapolis and San Antonio. One copy is  
being furnished to the USA, Secret Service, Chicago,  
and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston,  
Illinois.

The first source referred to in captioned LHM is  
[redacted] Chicago Police Department, (Protect -  
requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

The second source is [redacted]  
O'Hare Airport, Chicago (Protect - requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

The third source is [redacted]  
[redacted] (Protect - requested.) ~~(S)~~ (U)

Chicago will continue to follow and keep the Bureau  
advised of activities of the subject.

- ENCLOSURE - 113  
3-Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
2-Minneapolis (Encls. 2) (RM)  
2-San Antonio (Encls. 2) (RM)  
1-Chicago  
DAS/sjf' C. C. - Bishop

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

February 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

157-347

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *pte*  
DATE *2-5-80*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference Chicago communication concerning Gregory,  
dated January 11, 1968.

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory,  
is a nationally known Negro comedian active in civil rights  
movements, who recently stated that he would disrupt the  
National Democratic Convention in Chicago in August, 1968,  
unless certain demands made by him were met by local Chicago  
authorities.

On February 5, 1968, a confidential source advised  
that Gregory arrived at Chicago O'Hare Airport on this date at  
3:00 p.m. from London, England, on Trans World Airlines. He  
was traveling with a Negro female believed to be [redacted] Two  
unknown Negro males met him at the airport. This source advised  
that Gregory usually has two Negroes with him as body guards. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Gregory was interviewed at the airport by Sally O'Hare,  
reporter for the "Chicago Daily News," a leading Chicago daily  
newspaper. Gregory advised her that he was enroute by commercial  
airlines to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he would be met by a  
private plane to take him to the place where he was to make a  
speech. He did not identify the location of this speech.

On February 5, 1968 a second confidential source  
advised that Gregory boarded flight 983 of [redacted] at  
O'Hare Airport at 5:15 p.m. on this date. He was alone. This  
flight was due to arrive at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at  
7:15 p.m. on this date, but was grounded enroute at Sioux  
City, Iowa, due to poor weather. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A bus was made available to passengers destined for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, one hundred miles away. This bus departed Sioux City, Iowa, for Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at approximately 7:05 P.M.

On January 11, 1968, a third confidential source advised that Gregory had a speaking engagement at Vermillion, South Dakota, on February 5, 1968, and one at San Antonio, Texas on February 6, 1968. ~~(U)~~

The second confidential source further advised that Gregory was scheduled to leave Sioux Falls, South Dakota, on February 6, 1968, at 6:25 A.M. on [ ] Flight 982 to Chicago, Illinois. This flight was due to arrive in Chicago at 8:10 A.M. on February 6, 1968. ~~(U)~~

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Gregory was on the waiting list for first class space on [ ] Flight 31, leaving Chicago O'Hare Airport at 9:40 A.M., February 6, 1968, for San Antonio, Texas, where it was scheduled to arrive at 12:12 P.M. on this same date.

The above sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, have knowledge of some of the activities of Gregory. ~~(U)~~

A copy of this memorandum has been furnished the following agencies: United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/13/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory

RM

(OO: CG)

Remytel, 1/18/68, entitled, "VIDEM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are five (5) copies of LHM. Two (2) copies are being designated for the Chicago Division.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 13, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The January 24, 1968, edition of "The Ohio State Lantern," an officially recognized campus newspaper at Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, contained an article reporting an appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, at Mershon Auditorium, OSU, the evening of January 23, 1968. The article, entitled, "Gregory Raps War, Racism," written by David Haglund, Lantern Staff Writer, is as follows:

"A funny man talked about some unfunny things Tuesday night at Mershon Auditorium.

"He talked about a 5 year old Negro boy being hit in the mouth with a brick while trying to remove segregation bars from an elementary school in Greenwood, Miss.

"He talked about a nation engaged in a war to free a far-off population in a far-off land, but not guaranteeing democracy for millions of its own citizens.

"And when he had finished, Negro comedian and civil rights activist Dick Gregory had more than 3,000 people on their feet, applauding a speech that ran the gamut from killing in Detroit to killing in Saigon.

"Lecture Series Debut

"Gregory, who was delivering the inaugural lecture of Student Assembly-South Campus Student

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Association's 'Little Man in a Big, Big World' series, said the primary problem facing the United States 'is not air pollution, but moral pollution!'

"'America is the world's number one racist country, bar none,' he charged. 'I did not say America's white folks, because when we realize that black folks are Americans, too, we gonna have to admit there's a lot of white folks and black folks that are racists.'

"He blamed the American system for nurturing this atmosphere of racial hatred. 'There's no way to talk about America today without talking about violence.'

"'That's why white folks get so upset when they hear the words black power,' Gregory continued, 'because they know what white power is: bombs, hand-grenades, and police dogs.'

"Gregory, at times impassioned, at times violent, and frequently comical, traced the roots of city violence to the role of the policeman.

"'The policeman is America's new nigger,' he said. 'He's the most under-payed, under-respected man in America today. The system is misusing him, so he's misusing the poor folk.'

#### "Warns of Revolution

"Gregory warned of social revolution in the United States if America's youth do not succeed in 'doing the job we should have done when we were coming through.'

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"'We don't hate you as white folks,' he said, 'we hate your system. That's not war, that's revolt, and you don't stop revolt with numbers.'

"'America's racial pregnancy is just about over, and the baby's gonna fall even if it brings death to the mother and the child.'

"Gregory, 35, said he would run for President this year to give the voter dissatisfied with the Democratic or Republican candidate a chance to express himself."

Appearing on the front page next to the Gregory article was his photograph, with the following appearing underneath: "Mayor Warned - Dick Gregory, at a press conference before his Mershon speech, threatens to disrupt this summer's Democratic convention in Chicago. 'I can do more in Chicago than Mayor Daley can,' Gregory said. 'He can't get five people to demonstrate in front of my house.'"

A review of the two daily newspapers in general circulation at Columbus, Ohio, editions of January 23, 1968, disclosed no reference to the Gregory appearance.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM SAC, RICHMOND (157-2254) - RUC -

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, dated  
1/11/68, and Richmond teletype to Bureau, dated  
2/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies  
of LHM re appearance of subject, Richmond Public  
Forum, Richmond, Va., on 2/10/68.

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Richmond, Virginia  
February 12, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-2254

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 12, 1968, Sergeant [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Richmond, Virginia Police Department, advised that Richard Gregory arrived Richmond, Virginia at approximately 12:30 P.M.; on February 10, 1968 on Piedmont Flight number 701, and was met by [redacted] members of the Reception Committee of the Richmond Public Forum. b6 b7C

Sergeant [redacted] stated that Gregory was accompanied by [redacted] Attorney, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, who was reportedly working with Gregory on a book Gregory was writing. b6 b7C

Gregory went directly to the Sheraton Inn, Richmond, Virginia, where the other members of the panel, who appeared on the Forum, stayed. Panel members were George Jessell, Roger Price, Mort Sahl, and Dave Garroway was the moderator.

Sergeant [redacted] said that Gregory's contract with the Forum stated that he was not to participate in any other activity other than news conferences while in Richmond during the period he was appearing on the Forum. b6 b7C

[redacted] said the Forum started at about 8:15 P.M. and lasted until approximately 10:30 P.M., with the members of the panel discussing the history of the American humor. Gregory's remarks and jokes were mostly about current happenings in the United States, as well as Viet Nam, and the fact that he was running for President of the United States. After the Forum, a reception was held at the home

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

of [REDACTED] Richmond, Virginia, for the panel members and approximately fifty invited guests.

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Gregory spent the night at the Sheraton Inn in Richmond and departed the Richmond Airport at 7:02 A.M. on Piedmont Airlines, Flight 235, en route to Huntington, West Virginia.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DATE: 2/15/68

FROM : *fig* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) RUE P

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, [REDACTED]

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Referenced airtel with enclosed LHM, dated [REDACTED] indicated subject scheduled to appear at the University of New Mexico for a speaking engagement on 3/4/68.

Sources have been alerted to above.

Information has been received that GREGORY is also scheduled to speak at the University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, NM, on 3/22/68.

*fig* Chicago is requested to contact source and determine if subject has scheduled speech at University of Albuquerque on 3/22/68.

*cc 8067*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW *2-12-88*

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, Minneapolis and  
San Antonio 2/5/68; and Minneapolis teletype to Bureau,  
Chicago and San Antonio, 2/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an  
IHM concerning subject. Two copies of the IHM are being  
furnished Chicago and one copy is being furnished San  
Antonio in view of subject's intended travel to San  
Antonio on 2/6/68.

The source referred to in the IHM is an established  
confidential source, namely \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Vermillion, South Dakota, who furnished informa-  
tion to SA \_\_\_\_\_

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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[redacted] Sioux Falls, South Dakota, advised on February 6, 1968, he had received information from his office at Sioux City, Iowa, to the effect Richard Gregory, together with two other male persons, would arrive at Sioux City, Iowa, via [redacted] Flight 983 at about 7:00 P. M. on February 5, 1968. There was no indication that any woman was present with the trio.

In addition to Gregory, one of the person's name was [redacted] and the other person's name, which was illegible, appeared to be [redacted]. Both gave their residence as Chicago, Illinois. These three persons rented a car in Sioux City, Iowa, presumably from Hertz Rent-A-Car. They gave no hotel contacts in Sioux City.

Early in the morning of February 6, 1968, Richard Gregory boarded [redacted] Flight 982 at 7:03 A. M., which flight was destined to arrive Chicago, Illinois, at 8:10 A. M. The other two individuals who had arrived at Sioux City, Iowa, the previous evening were not with Gregory on his departure to Chicago on the morning of February 6, 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Dick Gregory appeared for a previously arranged speaking engagement at the Lacoda Dining Hall, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, at about 8:30 P. M. on the evening of February 5, 1968. About 900 persons were present to hear him. The crowd consisted mostly of white students from the University of South Dakota. The audience listened politely with some applause and there was no heckling during the lengthy talk. His comments carried an occasional profane word, however, he did not appear to be particularly radical or abusive. The context of his speech dealt with such matters as the plight of the Southern Negro and the substandard conditions of the South Dakota Indians. He did not dwell very much on

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the war in Vietnam and surprisingly stated he did not believe in draft dodging but felt more consideration should be given to legitimate conscientious objectors. ~~(S)~~ (U)

In respect to his personal plans, Dick Gregory said he was going to go on another hunger fast in the near future and intended to be a candidate for the Presidency of the United States. He pointed out when he goes to the White House to take office, he will arrange to have the White House painted black.

Gregory was very well received by the audience present. There were no incidents of disorder or violence nor did it appear Gregory had made any seditious statements. His speech was taped by Station WNAX of Yankton, South Dakota.

It was believed Gregory did not remain in the city of Vermillion, South Dakota, during the night of February 5-6, 1968, but had returned to Sioux City, Iowa, that same night.

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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory,  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

(OO:CG)

Re CG airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are 10  
copies of an LHM concerning subject's appearance at  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, on 2/11/68. Ten (10)  
copies are being furnished to Chicago for distribution  
to interested agencies.

GREGORY is scheduled to appear at Muskingum  
College, New Concord, Ohio, on 2/19/68, and this will  
be reported in separate communication.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 15, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On Sunday, February 11, 1968, Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, appeared on the campus of Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, in connection with Negro History Week at Ohio University, scheduled for February 9 through February 17, 1968. Gregory is a Negro comedian - entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activity.

Other speakers scheduled to appear at the university during Negro History Week include Floyd McKissick, Executive Director of the Congress for Racial Equality (CORE), and John Wooten, Cleveland Browns football guard who is Executive Secretary of the Negro Economic and Industrial Union, followed by Cleveland Browns teammate, Jim Brown, Cleveland, Ohio.

Gregory appeared in Memorial Auditorium on the university campus, Athens, Ohio, at 3:00 PM on February 11, 1968, speaking on "Civil Rights and Black Power".

The following newspaper articles appeared in "The Post", student newspaper, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, on February 12, 1968:

"Gregory Views Freedom; Pledges Fast" by Clarence

Page;

"Telling It Like It Is" by Deena Mirow; and

"The Post" editorial, "Black Truth".

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The article captioned "America's 'Moral Pollution' Attacked By Dick Gregory" appeared in "The Messenger", a daily newspaper published in the Athens, Ohio area, page 1 in the February 12, 1968 edition.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

DATE: 2/21/68

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68.

Enclosed for Bureau are six copies of LHM and for Chicago two copies of LHM concerning subject's speech on 2/12/68, at Amsterdam, New York, sponsorship of the Fulton-Montgomery Community College, Johnstown, N. Y.

Investigation continuing at Albany.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

February 21, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 14, 1968, Captain [redacted] Amsterdam, New York, Police Department, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY fulfilled his speaking engagement on the evening of February 12, 1968, at the Wilber Lynch High School, Amsterdam, New York. Subject was sponsored by the Student Activities Committee of the Fulton-Montgomery Community College, headquartered in Johnstown, N. Y. Subject allegedly received \$1,000 for the speech which was attended by approximately 450 to 500 individuals, mostly in the college age group.

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[redacted] advised that subject gave what appeared to be a prepared speech and referred to notes during the process. Subject seemed to hold the attention of the audience in his condemnation of President Johnson, the role of the United States in Vietnam and the lack of public concern for the Negro and their problems.

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Subject apparently lost this audience support when he started condemning the American flag. Subject in effect stated that if he bought an American flag that it was his, his very own, that he could do with it what he wanted and that he could even burn it. He stated that the American flag was nothing but a rag. He stated that the Americans put too much value on their flag and cited as an example that in England they do not have such feelings. To prove his point he displayed a shopping bag made out of a British flag.

Subject also commented on the fact that the United States is not paying enough money to fight organized crime. The U.S. is spending all of its money on foreign aid and in fighting the war in Vietnam. GREGORY stated that

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Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

the people in Vietnam do not want our type of democracy which we are trying to shove down their throats. For this reason, we should get out of Vietnam.

Captain [ ] advised that the meeting was orderly and that approximately two thirds of the audience left after the speech and before subject held an open question and answer session.

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He advised there were no disorderly incidents either inside or outside of the auditorium.

On February 14, 1968, [ ] Investigator, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Fonda, New York, also advised that the meeting was orderly and presented no problem. He stated that those present clapped when they agreed on a point made by subject and that those who did not merely sat still.

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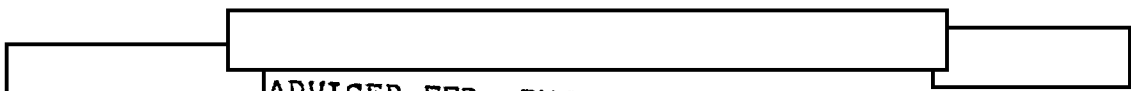
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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY;  
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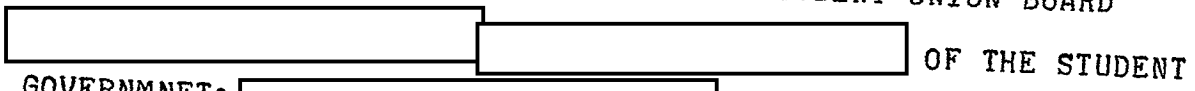


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RALLY TO PROTEST CANCELLATION OF THE SCHEDULED APPEARANCE  
OF GREGORY. RALLY BEING SPONSORED BY STUDENT UNION BOARD



GOVERNMENT; [REDACTED] OF THE STUDENT  
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CULTURAL COMMITTEE, AND [REDACTED] POLITICAL EMPHASIS  
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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-new)

PROPOSED APPEARANCE OF  
DICK GREGORY,  
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN  
3/8/68  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM disclosing information regarding the appearance of DICK GREGORY, nationally known Negro comedian at Benton Harbor High School, Benton Harbor, Michigan, at 8:00 p.m., 3/8/68, which appearance is sponsored by the Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Michigan, Student Senate.

A copy of this LHM is also furnished G-2, Detroit, Secret Service, Grand Rapids and the USA, Grand Rapids.

This matter will be followed.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
February 14, 1968

Re: Proposed appearance of  
Dick Gregory,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
March 8, 1968

On February 13, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Lake Michigan College, Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
advised that the Student Senate of his college was sponsoring  
an appearance on March 8, 1968, at 8:00 p.m. of Dick Gregory,  
nationally known Negro comedian.

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[redacted] stated that tickets were available to  
students of his college for \$1.50 per person until February 23,  
1968, at which time they would be sold to the general public  
for \$2.00 per person.

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Also on February 13, 1968, Captain [redacted]  
Benton Harbor Police Department, advised his department was  
aware of Dick Gregory's appearance at Benton Harbor on  
March 8, 1968, and that to date there was no indication of  
any planned demonstrations or possible riots.

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423 )

DATE: 2/13/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

(Resubmission - approved)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

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Date of Birth <b>10/12/32</b>		Place of Birth <b>St. Louis, Missouri</b>																									
Position in Organization <del>No known organizational affiliations</del>		Occupation, Business Address (Show Name of Employing Concern) <b>Entertainer Dick Gregory Enterprises 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712 Chicago, Illinois</b>																									
Residence Address <b>1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois</b>																											

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The following information was obtained from the [redacted], Chicago Police Department (protect requested), public sources, and other sources who have furnished reliable information in the past.

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GREGORY, nationally known as a night club entertainer, is a civil rights activist who publicly endorses civil disobedience and militant type action by Negroes under the auspices of the civil rights movement. GREGORY, in a recent speech at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, warned that the American system must change "or we will burn the country house by house."

GREGORY has also publicly denounced the policies of the United States in Viet Nam. In August, 1967, during a speech in Atlanta, Georgia, GREGORY urged his audience to "paralyze the economy" in this country in order to stop the war in Viet Nam. In this respect he suggested a boycott of the automobile industry. He further urged his audience "to disrupt telephone service in an effort to inconvenience organizations having a hand in the national defense."

GREGORY has threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. He has issued a series of five demands to Chicago's Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY warning that if these demands are not met by the Chicago city administration, the Democratic Convention will be held in Chicago only over "my dead body."

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SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
aka Dick Gregory  
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY  
DE LAND, FLORIDA 3/18/68  
RM

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On 2/8/68 contact was had with appropriate local law enforcement agencies at DeLand, Florida, and these agencies were furnished necessary background information in this case in order that they might be alert to information received which might be significant to intelligent evaluation re possible racial problems in connection with subject's appearance at John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc 7) (RM)  
1 - Chicago (Enc 1) (RM)  
3 - Jacksonville  
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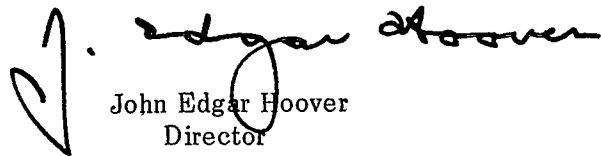
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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY  
DE LAND, FLORIDA, March 18, 1968  
RACIAL MATTERS

On February 8, 1968, [redacted]  
John B. Stetson University, advised a representative of  
the FBI that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick  
Gregory, was invited some months ago by members of the  
Student Government at John B. Stetson University, DeLand,  
Florida, to appear as a guest entertainer and he, Gregory,  
did accept for March 18, 1968.

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According to [redacted] Gregory's appearance at  
John B. Stetson University in DeLand, Florida, will be  
in connection with so-called political emphasis week at  
the University.

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According to [redacted] individual students at  
Stetson University contributed the money requested by Gregory  
for his appearance there. [redacted] further emphasized that  
the school did not in any way solicit these contributions  
from the students at Stetson University.

[redacted] advised that from what he understood,  
Gregory was originally invited to Stetson University as  
a regular entertainer.

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[redacted] added that in all probability the Union  
Hall at Stetson University will be provided for Gregory's  
appearance.

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February 19, 1968

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San Antonio, Texas 78230

Dear

I have received your letter of February 13th and appreciate the concern which prompted you to write.

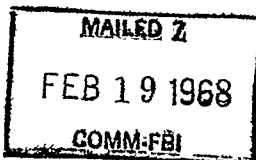
You may be assured the FBI, which is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government, is aware of the activities of the person you mentioned and any information obtained which might indicate a violation of Federal law over which this Bureau has investigative jurisdiction is furnished to the United States Department of Justice for prosecutive consideration. However, under no circumstances will this Bureau ever engage in harassment or intimidation in carrying out its responsibilities.

I thought you might like to know that the only Federal law which makes it a violation to desecrate or improperly use the National flag is in the District of Columbia. I might add, however, there are several bills currently pending before Congress which would make desecration of our flag anywhere in the United States a violation of Federal law.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

See NOTE Page Two.



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record identifiable with correspondent. Our files indicate Gregory has made numerous vicious attacks against the Director and the Bureau and there are indications that he is demented and mentally unbalanced. He has supported the Black Muslims and injected himself into Negro movements. He has also espoused causes and individuals closely associated with the Communist movement. He has recently been on a speaking tour throughout the country and we have been closely following his activities and keeping the Department advised.

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Some of his statements were that the American flag was "a dirty rag" and that he has a right to burn the American flag if he has a desire to do so. I can only presume that he has made many other statements, both here and in lectures elsewhere, that would turn the stomach of any good American who has a love for his country and the flag that waves over it.

Not only do I feel that Dick Gregory should be punished for his crimes, and I consider his statements to be a crime, but I feel that any school or organization that permits Dick Gregory the freedom of their campus or property to continue his treasonable remarks should be investigated, harassed and intimidated by the F.B.I. until he would no longer be welcome to speak anywhere.

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Yours truly \_\_\_\_\_

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Jacksonville, Florida

February 20, 1968

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Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
John B. Stetson University,  
DeLand, Florida, March 18, 1968  
Racial Matter

On February 20, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] DeLand, Florida, advised  
that a student "Freedom Rally" was to be held early evening  
of February 20, 1968, at Stetson Union Building. This rally  
is to protest cancellation of the scheduled appearance of  
Gregory. The rally is being sponsored by Student Union  
Board [redacted] of  
the Student Government; [redacted] Student  
Union Board, Cultural Committee; [redacted] Political  
Emphasis Week [redacted]

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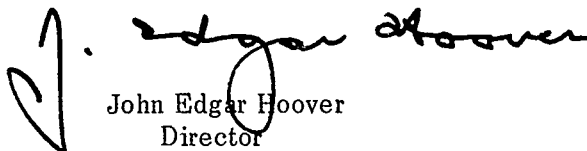
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INFORMATION NOTE

Date 2/21/68

Dick Gregory is a Negro professional comedian who has been spending a majority of his time in the civil rights field. The attached indicates that he was scheduled to speak at the John B. Stetson University, Deland, Florida, on 3/18/68. The trustees have decided to cancel his appearance.

Copies of the attached have been furnished to the Inter-Division Information Unit and the Attorney General.

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FBI JACKSVLE

9:50PM EST URGENT 2/20/68 JLB

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM JACKSONVILLE (157-1496)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Mr. Tolson	✓
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Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	b6
Mr. Felt	b7C
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY- AKA-JOHN B. STETSON  
UNIVERSITY, DELAND, FLA. THREE, EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. R. M.

RE JK AIRTEL TWO, FOURTEEN SIXTYEIGHT

AN ESTABLISHED SOURCE, ADVISED AT APPROXIMATELY, FIVE THIRTY P.M.  
TODAY, SOME THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE ALL OF WHICH EXCEPT A FEW NEWSPAPER  
REPORTERS WERE STUDENTS AND OR FACULTY MEMBERS OF ABOVE UNIV, ASS-  
EMBLD AT STETSON ROOM ON CAMPUS AND HEARD DR. PAUL GEREN AS FIRST SPEAK-  
ER. DR. GEREN EXPLAINED THAT WHERE A CONTRACT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO GRE-  
GORY PRIOR TO HIS TERM OF OFFICE AND THAT ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE  
AGREED TO ALLOW GREGORY TO HAVE APPEARED HE FELT EVERYONE SHOULD NOW  
SUPPORT THE TRUSTEES DECISION TO CANCEL GREGORYS APPEARANCE.

JOHN WELCH, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT, ABOVE UNIV.  
WAS NEXT TO SPEAK AND SAID IN ESSENCE WHERE HE DID NOT PERSONALLY  
AGREE BASICALLY WITH DECISION OF TRUSTEES, HE TOO SINCERELY FELT,  
EVERYONE SHOULD NOW SUPPORT THERE DECISION.

DR. JOHN HAGUE, HEAD OF AMERICAN STUDIES DEPT, ABOVE UNIV.  
WAS LAST TO SPEAK AND HE SAID IN ESSENCE EVERYONE SHOULD SUPPORT  
DECISION OF TRUSTEES AND THAT EFFORTS SHOULD NOW BE MADE TO GO FOR-  
WARD IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH BETTER ACADEMIC FREEDOM.

THEN ADVISED THE RALLY WAS WELL ORGANIZED, COMPLETELY  
ORDERLY, AND ABSOLUTELY NO EVIDENCE OF ANY DEMONSTRATIONS OR PROTEST.

ADDED THAT A SEMINAR HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED  
ON CAMPUS FOR A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND THAT SOME  
POSSIBLE FURTHER TYPE MEETINGS WILL BE SENT NEXT WEEK.

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March 18, 1968

On February 20, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] DeLand, Florida,  
advised that at approximately 5:30 PM on that date some 300  
people, which included a few newspaper reporters, but mostly  
students of the university, and a few faculty members of the  
university, had assembled in the Stetson Room located on  
campus and had heard Dr. Paul Garen as the first speaker.

According to [redacted] Dr. Garen explained to the  
assembly that prior to his assuming the presidency of the  
university, arrangements had been concluded by a student  
group at the university for Dick Gregory to appear as a  
speaker on March 18, 1968. He then pointed out that he  
assumed everyone was aware of the fact that the trustees  
of the university had met and had decided to cancel  
Gregory's appearance there on March 18, 1968, for the  
reasons given as being in the best interest of the  
university, as well as the community. He then emphasized  
although he would have possibly personally agreed to allow  
Gregory to have appeared, he felt that everyone should now  
support the trustees' decision.

According to [redacted] John Welch, President,  
Student Government, above university, was the next speaker  
and he said in essence that where he did not personally  
agree with the decision of the trustees in this matter,  
he too, sincerely felt that everyone should now support  
their decision.

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Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
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John B. Stetson University,  
DeLand, Florida, March 18, 1968

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[ ] then explained that Dr. John Hague,  
head of the American Studies Department, above university,  
was the last to speak and he said in essence that everyone  
should support the decision of the trustees in this  
matter, and that efforts should be made to go forward in  
an effort to establish better academic freedom.

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[ ] then advised that the rally was well  
organized, completely orderly, and absolutely no evidence  
or sign of any type demonstration or protest was observed.

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[ ] concluded by explaining that a seminar  
had been tentatively scheduled on campus for Saturday  
morning, February 24, 1968, for a further discussion of  
academic freedom and that quite likely further type  
meetings will be scheduled or set for the next week.

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1496) (P)

SUBJ: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 Dick Gregory;  
 John B. Stetson University  
 DeLand, Fla.  
 3/18/68  
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Re Jacksonville airtel 2/14/68 as captioned.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and four copies of LHM dated and captioned as above and two copies FD-376.

Two copies of LHM are being designated for Chicago.

Copies of LHM are being designated locally for USA, Jacksonville, Fla., Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., and MI, Orlando, Fla.

Verification of cancellation of appearance was not accomplished until 2/19/68, as [redacted] was unexpectedly called out of town and contact with [redacted] was not made until 2/19/68.

[redacted] advised that he will be alert to any possible future developments re caption and will as promptly as feasible call such developments to the attention of the FBI.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 2) (RM)  
 2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)  
 3 - Jacksonville  
     (2 - 157-1496)  
     (1 - 157-1472)

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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: [Signature]  
 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida  
February 19, 1968

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Also Known As Dick Gregory;  
John B. Stetson University  
DeLand, Florida  
March 18, 1968

On February 16, 1968, [REDACTED] John B. Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, advised that there had been a lengthy meeting of the Administrative Executive Board of the university held on the evening of February 15, 1968. This meeting had concerned itself with the scheduled appearance of Dick Gregory at the university on March 18, 1968. It was tentatively decided at the meeting to permit Gregory's appearance, which had been the result of an invitation of a student group, subject to the development of further information bearing upon the potential consequences of such a visit. [REDACTED] advised that the Board of Trustees of the university were scheduled to have a regularly scheduled meeting on February 16, 1968, at which meeting Gregory's scheduled appearance might be further considered.

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The Daytona Beach News Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida, contained a news item in its February 18, 1968, issue reflecting that at the request of the Stetson University Trustees, the Stetson Union Board has cancelled the March 18 appearance of Dick Gregory on the campus. It was reported that this announcement was made by the Stetson news bureau after a meeting of trustees of the university. The item related that the news bureau said that Jeff Ledewitz, President of the student group which booked Gregory, had contacted the comedian's agent to make the cancellation. Ledewitz was reported to have told Gregory's agent that the action was taken at the request of the trustees and that student officers involved in the invitation were acting in response to that request.

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ENCLOSURE

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory  
John B. Stetson University  
DeLand, Florida  
March 18, 1968

On February 19, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] DeLand, Florida,  
advised that the above mentioned news item correctly  
reflects the action of the Board of Trustees of the Stetson  
University as well as the subsequent cancellation of the  
invitation by the student group which had originally tendered  
the invitation to Gregory.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. JK 157-1496

February 19, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM SAC, NEWARK (157-1939) -RUC-

SUBJECT RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO:Chicago

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Re Chicago airtel and LHM, [redacted] and Chicago  
letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

There are enclosed for the Bureau thirteen copies  
of an LHM and for Chicago four copies of LHM dated and captioned  
as above.

Referenced airtel set forth information that the  
subject was scheduled to appear on 2/15/68, on the Rutherford,  
N.J., campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University.

On 1/22/68, [redacted]

[redacted] Rutherford, N.J. (T- informant who has furnished  
reliable information in the past) advised that the office of  
the Director of Student Activities had no such booking for  
2/15/68, on that campus.

As set forth in LHM, the subject spoke on the  
Teaneck campus of the university.

No further information is available concerning the  
subject at this time.

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4-Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 4) (RM)  
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(11) [redacted] Bishop

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
ISD, CRD, RAO, [redacted]

HOW FORM: [redacted]

DATE FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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App [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Newark, New Jersey

February 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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On January 31, 1968, Detective [redacted], Teaneck, New Jersey, Police Department, who is in charge of security on the Teaneck, New Jersey, campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University, advised that the subject was scheduled to appear on the Teaneck campus on Thursday, February 15, 1968, at 10:00 a.m. He stated that this information was made available to him by the Director of Student Activities on the campus. b6 b7C

On February 15, 1968, Detective [redacted], Teaneck, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that the subject arrived on the Teaneck campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University on that date at 9:55 a.m. He first spoke to approximately 450 to 500 students in the gymnasium. He spoke there for approximately 50 minutes and then went to the student commons room where he answered questions posed by the students. In all, he was at the school for approximately three hours and his appearance was covered by the press and CBS-TV. b6 b7C

Detective [redacted] stated that the subject in his remarks spoke of conditions in the ghetto areas in the country, of the riots that have resulted, of the need for higher paid policemen, and stated that his position on rioting is that of a nonviolent Baptist pacifist. b6 b7C

Detective [redacted] stated that the students were polite in their treatment of the subject, silent on issues raised by the subject where they were obviously in disagreement, and that no disturbances occurred. He also stated that the subject did not indicate where he was scheduled to go after leaving Fairleigh Dickinson University and Teaneck, New Jersey.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The "Record", a Hackensack, New Jersey, daily newspaper, which covers Teaneck, New Jersey, in their February 16, 1968, issue carried a photograph of the subject as he appeared at the university and an article written by Roger Beirne, staff writer. The article titled "Racists' Democracy Stinks, Gregory Fumes" attributed the following remarks to the subject:

"If Negro ghettos stink and are contemptible, it is not the Negroes who stink and are contemptible. It is democracy, as practiced by racists, that you are smelling. The smell at Dachau was not of the Jews, but of Nazism.

"The law of the land should be changed to all whites are born equal. South Africa can stand on its racist attitude with honesty since that country has no law saying everyone is born equal.

"The President came to Washington as a poor, young Baptist high school teacher of 26. Today he is a multi-millionaire and TV station owner."

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TO DIRECTOR AND NEW ORLEANS

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *llc*  
DATE *2-5-80*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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RE NEW ORLEANS AIRTEL AND LHM FEBRUARY TWO LAST CONTAINING  
INFO INDICATING [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR THROUGH TWENTYEIGHT NEXT, AND  
PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR INSTANT, NO  
COPY TO NEW ORLEANS.

CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, HAS PREVIOUSLY ADVISED  
FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR GREGORY FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE  
THROUGH TWENTYSEVEN NEXT: ~~(U)~~

FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE, TWENTYFOUR INSTANT - THE VILLAGE GATE,  
NEW YORK CITY (NIGHTCLUB); FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE NEXT - CONNECTICUT  
COLLEGE, NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT; FEBRUARY TWENTYSIX NEXT -  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, BUFFALO, NEW YORK; FEBRUARY TWENTY-  
SEVEN NEXT - NASSAU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, GARDEN CITY, NEW YORK;  
FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NEXT - WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN,  
CONNECTICUT. ~~(U)~~

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FOR INFO NEW ORLEANS, REFERENCED PHILADELPHIA TELETYPE REPORTED INFO FROM RELIABLE SOURCE WHO ADVISED FEBRUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST HAD LEARNED GREGORY TO VISIT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, ON EVENING FEBRUARY TWENTYSEVEN NEXT FOR SPEECH AND TO OBTAIN SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY ELECTIONS AS WELL AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION WHERE HE IS BEING NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENCY. ~~(U)~~

CHICAGO SOURCES UNABLE TO CORROBORATE NEW ORLEANS INFO

ANY INFO RECEIVED WILL BE IMMEDIATELY

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAINTEXT)

ATTN. DOM. INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-1865)

DICK GREGORY; RM. OO: CHICAGO.  
*RACIAL MATTER*

Mr. Tolson.....  
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A RELIABLE SOURCE HAS ADVISED ON FEBRUARY TWENTY THREE,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, THAT HE HAS LEARNED DICK GREGORY WILL  
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA  
VISIT PHILA., PA., ON THE EVENING OF FEB. TWENTYSEVEN,  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT, WHERE HE WILL APPEAR AT THE NIXON THEATER, FIFTY  
SECOND AND LOCUST STREETS, TO SPEAK AND TO  
OBTAIN SIGNATURES ON PETITIONS FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA PRIMARY  
ELECTIONS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, WHERE HE IS  
BEING NOMINATED FOR PRESIDENCY. (U)

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED] RELIABLE. INTELLIGENCE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

RM

OO: CG

Re CG letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

On 2/16/68 [ ] (retired SA), [ ] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona, advised that subject is due to appear at that university at 8:30 p.m., 3/27/68 and that he will stay at the Sands Motel, Tempe, Arizona, for that one day. [ ] advised that GREGORY's itinerary subsequent to his appearance at ASU is not yet available but he will furnish the Phoenix Division of the FBI with said information when it does become available.

[ ] further stated that GREGORY's one-day appearance at ASU was scheduled by the Civic Affairs Committee, which is a bonafide organization at ASU.

The Phoenix Division at Tempe, Arizona, will follow GREGORY's appearance at ASU on 3/27/68 and report his activities on that date in form suitable for dissemination.

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Date: 2/27/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
 RM  
 (OO:CG)

ReCGairtel to NO, 2/23/68.

For information of Bureau and Philadelphia,  
 Chicago airtel to NO set forth itinerary of GREGORY  
 which indicated he would be in NYC on 2/23/68 and 2/27/68.

On 2/27/68, [redacted] (conceal) [redacted]  
 (reliable) advised that DICK GREGORY arrived in NYC on  
 2/23/68 and is staying at the residence of [redacted]  
 [redacted] NYC.

The source stated that [redacted]  
 [redacted] and determined GREGORY intends to hold  
 a press conference at 3:00 p.m., 2/27/68, at the Village Gate,  
 NYC, announcing that he will begin a 40 day "fast" on  
 Ash Wednesday, 2/28/68.

The source further advised that GREGORY will  
 depart for Philadelphia on 2/27/68 for a speaking engagement  
 at an unknown location.

3-Bureau (RM)  
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 Special Agent in Charge

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NY 157-1093

On 2/27/68, Detective [redacted] Intelligence Squad, Nassau County Police Department, Garden City, LI, NY, advised that DICK GREGORY spoke before a group of white students at Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY, this date, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. [redacted] advised that there was no particular sponsor for the speech and that there were no incidents. The theme of GREGORY's talk was the need for the US to get out of Vietnam. He also spoke of the "black revolution", citing the preamble to the US constitution as authorization for the American Negroes to destroy those who oppose the black power movement.

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LEADS:

PHILADELPHIA

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA. Will advise the Bureau and Chicago if GREGORY speaks in Philadelphia on 2/27/68.

NEW YORK

AT NEW YORK, NY. Will advise the Bureau and Chicago of substance of GREGORY's press conference to be held this date.

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Date: 2/28/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) - 15  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
SM - BLACK NATIONALIST  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re New York airtel to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM reflecting an article appearing in "The New York Times" dated 2/28/68, Final Edition, page 5, regarding news conference held by DICK GREGORY on 2/27/68. Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

On 2/28/68, [redacted] (PROB) advised that [redacted]

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~REC~~, OSI, SEC. SERV.  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~REC~~ *2 DDC*  
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DATE FORM: *3/1/68*  
BY: *TDR/m*

- G.C. - Black*  
*ENCLOS*  
3 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
1 - New York

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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
February 28, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

An article, appearing in "The New York Times" dated February 28, 1968, Final Edition, page 5, reported that Dick Gregory held a press conference on the afternoon of February 27, 1968, at the Village Gate, New York City. At this conference, Gregory announced a 40 day fast in protest of the United States involvement in the war in Viet Nam. He asked that young people give up smoking so that the government would lose tax revenues and be forced to reconsider its war policies.

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Date 2/28/68

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, is a well-known comedian.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO (CODE)

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM PHILADELPHIA 157-1865 1P

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RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, (RABBLE ROUSER  
INDEX) RM-00 - CHICAGO

REMYTEL FEB TWENTYTHREE LAST.

ON THIS DATE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES ADVISED THE APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY IN PHILA ON FEB TWENTYSEVEN LAST WAS SPONSORED  
BY PA. PEACE AND FREEDOM TICKET FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING  
SIGNATURES TO PLACE HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT ON THE BALLOT.  
APPROXIMATELY TWO FIVE ZERO PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE. GREGORY  
STATED IF ELECTED HE WOULD PAINT WHITE HOUSE BLACK AND BRING  
BACK BOYS FROM VIETNAM. MANY OF REMARKS WERE JEERED BY  
"BLACK NATIONALISTS." HE STATED "WE DON'T WANT INTEGRATION,  
WE WANT LIBERATION."

THOSE PRESENT ENDORSED HIS CANDIDACY.

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CC. MR. SULLIVAN  
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TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND DETROIT (PLAINTEXT)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157-1093 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY AKA. RM. 00 - CHICAGO

ON THREE FOUR SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION  
IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT HE HAD LEARNED FROM [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO  
SPEAK AT EITHER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN OR MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY THE EVENING OF THREE SIX SIXTYEIGHT, AND THAT  
SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT AN UNKNOWN PLACE  
IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, EVENING OF THREE EIGHT SIXTYEIGHT.  
SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY NOT IN NYC AT PRESENT TIME.

CHICAGO ADVISED BY MAIL.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1865) (P).

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory (Rabble Rouser Index)  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

*Rapsting*

15. Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 2/9/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and for Chicago two copies of LHM.

The source mentioned in the LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
East Stroudsburg, Pa., who has furnished reliable information in the past.

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~SEC~~, OSI, SEC. SERV.DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~SAO~~HOW FORW: *15*DATE FORW: *2-23-68*BY: *710/Jan*

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2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) RM  
1 - Philadelphia (157-1865)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

February 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke to more than 2,000 persons in East Stroudsburg State College's Koehler field house February 15, 1968.

The source further advised GREGORY, attired in a tight blue denim suit and yellow shirt, labled the American system as "sick" and "insane". The source stated GREGORY called America's number one problem a "moral problem" and the United States the number one racist country in the world. The source said GREGORY told the college students they should not feel guilty about racism because they inherited it.

The source said GREGORY referred to H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL as "two young cats who have scared the USA to death and neither one owns a missile. BROWN had nerve enough to be as bitter as PATRICK HENRY." The source said GREGORY quoted H. RAP BROWN as saying "Get a gun and watch the police," was not original; "PAUL REVERE said, "Get a gun, white folks, the British are coming."

The source stated GREGORY several times blasted Russia but not once did he mention Communist China.

The source advised GREGORY, in comparing today's and yesterday's Negroes said, "Twenty years ago Blacks had empty stomachs; today, they have full stomachs but hungry minds."

The source stated GREGORY talked like a man who hates his country but he does not look it, he does not act it, and it just is not possible to imagine that the hate is sincere. Once past his delivery of comedy, GREGORY stops being a first-class salesman. To rate attention beyond a laugh, he apparently must do something flashy. This he has done by first cancelling some night club appearances to help lead a march in Alabama and more recently to announce a hunger strike of forty days.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (100-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel and LHM to Director dated 2/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy is being furnished USA and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago continues to follow activities of GREGORY. The Bureau will be kept advised of information as developed.

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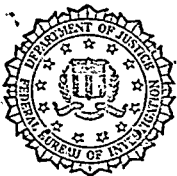
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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SER. RACIAL  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO

HOW FORW: 1/1DATE FORW: 2/28BY: T. J. [unclear]

Approved: [Signature]  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

February 27, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
February 6, 1968.

The following article captioned, "Dick Gregory  
came, spoke and conquered" appeared in the Chicago American,  
a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on February 25,  
1968. This article pertains to Dick Gregory's appearance at  
Kendall College, Evanston, Illinois, on February 22, 1968.

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Mabley's report:

# Dick Gregory came, spoke and conquered

By Jack Mabley

DICK GREGORY IS talking to the college students of America. "That's where the action is, and nobody knows it," said Gregory.

When you ask the whereabouts of this radical Chicagoan, you learn he is on a "college tour," which sounds innocuous enough.

Gregory is the most brilliant speaker I've heard in 30 years of listening to speakers. I'm not talking about the content of his talks, but about the mechanics of his delivery, his voice, his projection, his skill with words, his persuasiveness.

He is delivering his message of revolt "against this sick and insane system" to no less than a thousand college students a day, from one coast to the other. He is paid \$1,000 for most appearances. In the next 80 days he will speak

before 90 campus audiences ranging up to 5,000 students, faculty members, and others.

And he is reaching them. Most of them walk into the hall hating the draft, hating the war, contemptuous of the President's policies. And these audiences are not hippies or beatniks. They are young, middle class Americans.

AN INFORMED PERSON should know what Dick Gregory is telling our college students. I stood in the back of the Kendall college auditorium in Evanston for 3½ hours Thursday night. I had to stand because I arrived at 2 minutes after 8 and every seat was filled and kids were lining the walls and backed out into the halls. I thought only Castro could hold an audience 3½ hours and Castro needs a gun to do it.

"Two college students burned their draft cards, and it took Congress two weeks to pass a law making it illegal to burn a draft card," Gregory shouted. "We waited one hundred years for a law to make lynching illegal. The white system puts more value on 2 pieces of cardboard than on my mother's life—AND WE ARE GOING TO TAKE THIS COUNTRY APART, HOUSE BY HOUSE, BRICK BY BRICK!"

The students cheered.

"Suppose my daddy had been killed in 1942 fighting the Nazis. That would have meant I would have grown up without a father. But now, in 1968, the same Nazi that killed my daddy



JACK MABLEY

could come to America and live in a place where I can't live! You wonder why we're mad?"

Gregory was dressed in work clothes, and wore a mustache and scraggly beard. "I have made a vow," he said, "that I am not going to have my hair cut, or shave, or wear anything but work clothes, until the war in Viet Nam is stopped.

"SO I TRAVEL around the country and I like to stay in a decent hotel and eat in a decent restaurant but my friends say, 'Greg, they won't let you in places dressed like that.' And I say, 'Brother, if I can't get in dressed like this, then neither can my brothers fighting in Viet Nam, with their shirts covered with mud and sweat, and dried blood caked on their arms.'"

The Kendall students gave him an ovation.

They applauded when he violently attacked communism, and Russia and China supplying bullets, guns and planes which are killing our soldiers. They cheered when he said the most important people in America are our policemen and firemen, and the students should dedicate themselves to seeing these men get the security and dignity of \$10,000 salaries.

"I am a non-violent, vegetarian pacifist," said Gregory. "I am opposed to violence. But that's my hangup. I can't tell Rap and Stokely they should be against violence. I'm a vegetarian. I think it's wrong to kill animals. But I won't knock a steak from your hands.

"I fasted for 40 days. Baby, did I get the hate mail then. One I'd like to read you. Did this man hate! It starts: 'Dear Sir: This is to inform you that for dinner today I had baked chicken and gravy ...'

"MAYBE YOU REMEMBER I smoked a lot — 6, 7 packs a day. About 6 weeks ago I got to thinking, a lot of my money for cigarets is going to the government, and they're using that money to buy napalm. And I decided I was going to stop smoking, and I did.

"Would you like to hurt yourselves a little? Would you be willing to stop smoking until they end the war? Make 'em hurt just a little more? 'Cause one you stop, maybe you won't start again, and we can get them cats in the cigaret business to start carrying signs to end the war before they go broke."

The Kendall students gave Gregory a standing ovation when he stopped. He got home at 1 a. m., caught a plane for Atlanta at 7 Friday morning, flew later to Mississippi, and wound up Friday night in New York City. He made a speech at each stop.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Dick Gregory is the Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who is also well known for his outspoken denunciation of the United States Vietnam war policies. Gregory has also threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968.

The above information is being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

U.S. Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

SAC, Chicago (157-347)

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Director, FBI (100-440423) - 220

1 - Mr. Rushing  
1 - Mail Room

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReCilet dated 2/20/68.

The three reels of tape enclosed with Cilet are being forwarded your office for the completion of your files. These tapes should be reviewed and any information contained therein deemed pertinent should be furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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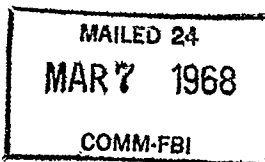
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The three reels are a recording of the speech made by Gregory at Ohio State University on 1/23/68 and were made available to the Cincinnati Office by [redacted] at the auditorium where Gregory spoke. He does not desire the tapes returned.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/20/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.  
RM

OO:CG

Re Cincinnati airtel to Bureau, 1/29/68, with enclosed LHM and Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 2/13/68.

On 2/1/68, [redacted] Merchor Auditorium, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, made available to SA [redacted] three reels of tape (which are enclosed) he said contain the entire speech made by DICK GREGORY at the auditorium on 1/23/68. He advised he did not want the tape returned and that the FBI could have it for whatever use it deemed advisable. This tape is being enclosed for the Bureau's information.

The last reel #3 of the tape consists of a question and answer period after GREGORY's speech. A review of the tape at the Cincinnati Division reveals comments made by GREGORY fellow very closely to the remarks he made previously at a speech at Wittenberg University at Springfield, Ohio on 1/24/68. The text of this speech was set out in referenced LHM.

In these tapes GREGORY makes numerous references in a derogatory manner to "LBJ" as well as Senator ROBERT KENNEDY, Governor RONALD REAGAN, Governor NELSON ROCKEFELLER of New York.

GREGORY also makes several favorable references to STOKELY CARMICHAEL and H. RAPP BROWN.

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In his talk GREGORY briefly mentions the FBI and criticizes the Bureau for its failure to make proper use of photography in the demonstrations.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: DEMCON

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*DATE OF REVIEW 3-1-88*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

Dick Gregory

RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

CG 157-347 (P)

Bufile: 100-440423

Re Chicago teletype to Director and Springfield  
dated 2/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM  
dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are  
being furnished Springfield for information purposes. This  
LHM is being disseminated locally to the USA, Chicago, U.S.  
Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

First source referred to in this LHM is [redacted]

This source is engaged in a [redacted] In this  
respect he [redacted]

- ④ - Bureau (Encs 11) (RM)
- 2 - Springfield (Encs. 2) (RM)
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[redacted] The  
information as set forth in LHM was related to this source  
in [redacted]  
[redacted]  
[redacted] ~~(U)~~

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Second source referred to in this LHM is [redacted] ~~(U)~~

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Chicago is currently conducting an investigation  
concerning the activities of [redacted] and will subse-  
quently recommend [redacted] for inclusion on the Rabble Rouser  
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Chicago is closely following the activities of  
GREGORY and will keep the Bureau advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-44963  
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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENT DURING  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 3, 1968.

On February 28, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he recently learned that in January, 1968, Dick Gregory stated that he had received \$50,000 from Bertrand Russell, the English pacifist-philosopher, who conducted mock war trials in Copenhagen condemning United States policy in Vietnam. Gregory indicated that the purpose of the money was to finance a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago during August, 1968. Gregory further indicated they planned to use this money to pay for the transportation of as many Negroes as will come to Chicago to participate in this movement. Gregory also planned to purchase large quantities of food staples to help feed this group. Ralph Schoenman, Secretary to Bertrand Russell, was in Chicago during January, 1968, to help Gregory make arrangements for the temporary housing of this group. (U)

This source advised that in February, 1968, Gregory indicated that he had purchased 36,000 pounds of beans, prunes and coffee and had stored these items in a warehouse located on Chicago's South Side. Concerning demonstrations during the Democratic Convention, Gregory disclosed plans to have simultaneous demonstrations at various locations miles

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POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENT DURING  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION,  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATRE,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

away from the Convention site, for the purpose of attempting to pull police units from the Convention area. In the immediate area of the International Amphitheatre, the actual Convention site, approximately 150 militants armed with guns, knives and other equipment, placed in strategic positions will create a violent demonstration. Referring to Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daly, Gregory stated, "I got that white man worried; he is really afraid of me." ~~(U)~~

Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has threatened to disrupt activities of the Democratic National Convention.

On February 28, 1968, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he learned that [ ] who is active in Chicago's Puerto Rican community, stated recently that plans are being made to disrupt the forthcoming Democratic National Convention by means of demonstrations to be held three days before the actual beginning of the Convention. [ ] feels that police security will not be as intensive at this time as it will be when the Convention actually convenes. In this way, greater impact will be made on Convention delegates who will be arriving in Chicago during this period. [ ] expects that delegates will have time to react to such demonstrations and translate their reaction to their activities during the Convention. ~~(U)~~

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 2/27/68

FROM : Legat, Bern (100-1132) (RUC) ~~(U)~~

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM

Re LONcab 2/5/68. ~~(U)~~

Enclosed are 5 copies of the following:

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Communication dated

2/27/68

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ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY PLC  
DATE 1-14-88

Information in the enclosure was received by Legat Bern on \_\_\_\_\_  
Source in the memorandum or originator of communication is:

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- ☐ Check name(s) and/or fingerprints in Identification Division.
- ☐ Furnish results of requested investigation for referral to requesting agency.
- ☒ For information.

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February 27, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.

T-1, a confidential source abroad, furnished  
information as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

GREGORY could not be located through the  
Hotel Registry in Zurich, Switzerland. ~~(S)~~ (U)

At Zurich Airport, it could be ascertained  
that DICK GREGORY arrived via Swissair Flight 807 from  
London on January 29, 1968. He returned to London on  
January 30, 1968 with British European Airways flight 565. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Investigation could not establish the  
reason for GREGORY's stay in Zurich. It could not be  
determined where he stayed or his contacts. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
(ATT: DID)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY *RLC*  
DATE *2-5-80*

Re NY teletype to Bureau, 3/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of an LHM regarding press conference held by captioned subject on 3/1/68. Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential source mentioned is  ~~(U)~~ *b7D*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New York, New York  
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

On March 1, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory held a press conference at the New Madison Square Garden, New York City, at 4:00 p.m., March 1, 1968. Source stated that Gregory urged Negroes to boycott the championship boxing match to be held March 4, 1968, at the New Madison Square Garden. Gregory also urged that active picketing take place at the aforementioned location.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM: SAC, Omaha (157-217) (P)

SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER

OO: CHICAGO

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, the National Affairs Committee of the Drake University Student-Faculty Council, Des Moines, Iowa, is sponsoring a two-week program on "Riots: Analysis and Alternatives". The program, which began March 5, 1968, is featuring a number of prominent speakers.

Dr. NATHAN CAPLAN, University of Michigan, gave the keynote address on opening day, speaking on the subject "Riots: Research and Reasons".

Following is the balance of the program schedule:

March 6, 1968: Movie: "The Troublemakers". A documentary of a two-year effort for community progress in a black ghetto of Newark, New Jersey.

March 7, 1968: Dr. NATHAN WRIGHT, author of "Black Power and Urban Unrest", and was chairman of the 1967 Conference on Black Power in Newark, New Jersey. Speech topic: "Disorder in the Cities".

March 8, 1968: Illinois Governor OTTO KERNER, "Examination of the Commission Report". Governor KERNER was chairman of the President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorder.

March 11, 1968: ANDREW HATCHER, "Riots and Civil

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Rights". HATCHER is currently associated with a public relations counseling firm in New York City. He was an associate press secretary to President KENNEDY.

March 13, 1968: Panel Discussion. "The Community Response - Cooperation or Conflint". Local Des Moines speakers.

March 14, 1968: DICK GREGORY, "Black Power".

The Omaha Office will give appropriate coverage to GREGORY's appearance at Des Moines, Iowa, on March 14, 1968.



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Date: 3/7/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) (P)RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory -  
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968  
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and ten (10) copies of a letterhead memorandum, captioned as above, reflecting information concerning a speech to be given by DICK GREGORY at Charleston, Illinois, on 5/6/68.

Also enclosed herewith for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

Enclosed herewith for the Chicago Division are two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum, as GREGORY is on the Rabble Rouser Index of that office.

Local dissemination has been made to the following agencies: USA, EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois; USA, SDI, Springfield, Illinois; 113th MI group, Evanston, Illinois; OSI, Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Illinois; NISO, Chicago, Illinois; U. S. Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois.

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SPRINGFIELD DIVISIONAT CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

Will maintain liaison with local authorities, sources and informants to insure awareness of any possible demonstrations in connection with GREGORY'S appearance.

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AT CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

Will survey feasibility of obtaining details of speech from various sources.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

March 7, 1968

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Springfield, Illinois

March 7, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY  
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968  
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

The Eastern News, a publication of Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, in its issue of Friday, February 16, 1968, carried an article stating that Dick Gregory who was described as a "Comedian - Civil Rights Activist" would speak at Eastern Illinois University during the spring quarter.

According to the article, Gregory's speech would be delivered on May 6, 1968 and it would be titled "Civil Rights - Black Power".

The following individuals were notified of the above information:

[redacted] United States Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois, 2:15 P.M., March 6, 1968;

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[redacted] 113th MI Group, Springfield, Illinois, 2:17 P.M., March 6, 1968.

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Date: 3/8/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2146) (C)

SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OF  
DICK GREGORY AT  
HOPE COLLEGE,  
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN  
3/7/68  
RM  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/4/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM setting forth data regarding the above-captioned appearance.

2 copies of this LHM are being disseminated to Secret Service, Grand Rapids, Mich. and G-2, Detroit, Mich. and one copy to USA, Grand Rapids.

For additional information of the Bureau, Detective [redacted] advised that in his estimation, the people who attended or heard GREGORY's talk at Hope College on 3/7/68 who are residents of Holland, Mich., were upset about his appearance at the college and that he feels the local population will be critical of college officials for sponsoring the appearance.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan

March 8, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Re: Scheduled Appearance of  
Dick Gregory at Hope  
College, Holland, Michigan  
March 7, 1968

Re Detroit memorandum dated March 4, 1968.

On March 8, 1968, Detective [redacted] Holland, Michigan, Police Department, advised that Negro comedian Dick Gregory spoke at Dimnent Memorial Chapel on the campus of Hope College, Holland, Michigan, from 8:15 PM to approximately 10:00 PM on March 7, 1968, as part of a three-day program sponsored by the college captioned "The Crisis in Our Cities". Detective [redacted] advised that the chapel where this talk was held was filled to capacity and that closed circuit television was employed to cover Gregory's talk for additional audience in two adjacent buildings. Detective [redacted] estimated that approximately 2,000 persons heard or saw Gregory on the campus and that in excess of 95 per cent of the persons in attendance were of the Caucasian race. He said there was no violence, demonstrations, or other incidents prior to, during, or after Gregory's talk.

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Detective [redacted] advised that the talk given by Mr. Gregory was critical of the United States Government's policy and position in the Vietnam conflict and critical of the current United States administration's policies in general. He decried the ghetto conditions existing in the American cities, indicating the Negro is forced to live in slum conditions and that money spent on the Vietnam war could be better used to solve domestic problems existing in United States cities.

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Detective [redacted] said Mr. Gregory remarked in effect that the United States Government was more afraid of H. Rap Brown and Stokeley Carmichael, officers or former officers of Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, than it was of the Russians.

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Re: Scheduled Appearance of  
Dick Gregory at Hope  
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March 7, 1968

Detective [ ] said Gregory remarked that the Negro in the United States has been downtrodden and victimized for generations and whereas in the past he was pacified by food for his stomach, he now has a full stomach, but he will have to satisfy his mind.

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Detective [ ] stated that the entire tone of Gregory's talk was critical of the conditions under which the Negro lives in the United States and critical of all current policies of the United States Government, although he made no specific recommendations for change.

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Detective [ ] advised that there was no question and answer period after the talk and that Gregory was believed to have left Holland, Michigan, immediately after his talk, possibly for travel to Chicago, Illinois, via Grand Rapids, Michigan.

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Director, FBI (100-440423) - 225

1 - Mr. Rushing

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

In January, 1968, Dick Gregory, whose identity is known to your office, stated that he had received \$50,000 from Bertrand Russell, the English pacifist-philosopher. Gregory indicated that the purpose of the money was to finance a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago in August, 1968.

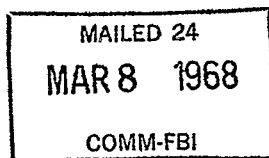
Gregory has publicly declared his intention of disrupting the above convention.

Through your sources, you are requested to attempt to develop information as to whether Russell did or did not finance Gregory in the amount of \$50,000.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2/28/68

The Democratic National Convention is scheduled to be held Chicago, Illinois, August, 1968. Dick Gregory is a Negro comedian.

Pertinent parts of the attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, interested Divisions of Department, military, Secret Service, and appropriate agencies, by memorandum.

We are following this matter closely.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO (157-2410) (P) & (157-347) (P)

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*Dem. Nat'l Convention*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY; RM, OO: CHICAGO

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ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL  
SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE RECENTLY LEARNED THAT IN JANUARY SIXTY EIGHT  
DICK GREGORY STATED THAT HE HAD RECEIVED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS  
FROM BERTRAND RUSSELL, KNOWN ENGLISH PACIFIST-PHILOSOPHER WHO  
CONDUCTED MOCK WAR TRIALS IN COPENHAGEN CONDEMNING U.S. POLICIES  
IN VIET NAM. GREGORY INDICATED THAT PURPOSE OF MONEY WAS TO  
FINANCE NEGRO MOVEMENT DIRECTED AGAINST DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO DURING AUGUST SIXTY EIGHT. GREGORY PLANNED  
TO USE MONEY TO PAY FOR TRANSPORTATION OF AS MANY NEGROES THAT  
WILL COME TO CHICAGO FOR THIS MOVEMENT. GREGORY ALSO PLANNED  
TO PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITIES OF FOOD STAPLES TO HELP FEED THIS  
GROUP. RALPH SCHOENMAN, SECRETARY TO BERTRAND RUSSELL, WAS  
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IN CHICAGO DURING JANUARY NINETEEN<sup>N</sup> SIXTY EIGHT TO HELP MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING OF THIS GROUP.

THIS SOURCE ADVISED THAT IN FEBRUARY SIXTY EIGHT GREGORY INDICATED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THIRTY SIX THOUSAND POUNDS OF BEANS, PRUNES AND COFFEE AND HAD STORED THESE ITEMS IN WAREHOUSE LOCATED ON CHICAGO'S SOUTH SIDE, CONCERNING DEMONSTRATIONS DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION, GREGORY DISCLOSED PLANS TO HAVE SIMULTANEOUS DEMONSTRATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS MILES AWAY FROM CONVENTION SITE TO PULL POLICE UNITS FROM CONVENTION AREA. IN IMMEDIATE AREA OF INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER, ACTUAL CONVENTION SITE, APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILITANTS ARMED WITH GUNS, KNIVES AND OTHER EQUIPMENT PLACED IN STRATEGIC POSITIONS WILL CREATE VIOLENT DEMONSTRATION. REFERRING TO CHICAGO'S MAYOR RICHARD J. DALEY, GREGORY STATED, "I GOT THAT WHITE MAN WORRIED; HE IS REALLY AFRAID OF ME."

ON FEBRUARY TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT SECOND RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT HE LEARNED THAT [REDACTED] WHO IS ACTIVE IN CHICAGO'S PUERTO RICAN COMMUNITY, STATED RECENTLY THAT PLANS

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ARE BEING MADE TO DISRUPT FORTHCOMING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION THROUGH DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD THREE DAYS BEFORE BEGINNING OF CONVENTION. [ ] FEELS THAT POLICE SECURITY WILL NOT BE AS INTENSIVE AT THIS TIME AS IT WILL BE WHEN CONVENTION ACTUALLY CONVENES. GREATER IMPACT WILL BE MADE ON CONVENTION DELEGATES WHO WILL BE ARRIVING IN CHICAGO DURING THIS PERIOD. [ ] EXPECTS THAT DELEGATES WILL HAVE TIME TO REACT TO SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS AND TRANSLATE THEIR REACTION TO THEIR ACTIVITIES DURING CONVENTION.

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RE CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM DATED JANUARY THREE LAST.

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[ ] SECOND SOURCE UTILIZED IS [ ]

[ ] CHICAGO CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING [ ] AND WILL CONSIDER RECOMMENDING [ ] FOR INCLUSION ON *Rabble Rouser Index* ~~BRI~~ CHICAGO

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CLOSELY FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES OF GREGORY. SOURCES CONTINUED  
ASSIGNED. MILITARY AND CHICAGO <sup>Police Department</sup> PD WILL BE ADVISED AM NEXT TO ALLOW  
BUREAU DISSEMINATION FIRST. <sup>MEMO</sup> LHM FOLLOWS WITH COPIES  
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3:48PM URGENT 3-14-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423

CHICAGO 157-347

FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-6951 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM 00: CHICAGO

NEW ORLEANS SOURCE REPORTS THAT CAPTIONED SUBJECT HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT TULANE UNIVERSITY, NO, EVENING OF MARCH NINETEEN NEXT. INFO ALSO RECEIVED THAT GREGORY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK HOUSTON, TEXAS, MARCH TWENTY NEXT.

CHICAGO IMMEDIATELY CONTACT SOURCES TO DETERMINE IF GREGORY COMING TO NEW ORLEANS AND HOUSTON AND SUTEL ALL INFO INCLUDING DATE OF ARRIVAL, MODE OF TRANSPORTATION, PURPOSE OF TRIP, IDENTITIES OF TRAVELLING COMPANIONS.

IT IS POSSIBLE PURPOSE OF GREGORY'S ALLEGED TRIP IS TO SPEAK ON BEHALF OF RAP BROWN WHO IS PRESENTLY CONFINED NEW ORLEANS JAIL.

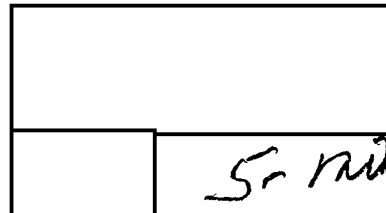
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-new)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,  
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN  
3/8/68  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM containing information concerning subject's scheduled appearance at Mich. State University on 3/8/68. One copy LHM furnished Chicago.

Two copies each of LHM has been disseminated for Secret Service, Grand Rapids, MIG, Detroit, and one copy to USA, Grand Rapids.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTER

OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 3/15/68

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau, 3/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Chicago two copies of a letterhead memorandum re GREGORY's appearance at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, on 3/14/68.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Attorney, Des Moines, Iowa; Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska; and 113th MIG, Omaha.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Omaha, Nebraska  
March 15, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Detective [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Des Moines, Iowa, Police Department, on March 15, 1968, advised that the National Affairs Committee of the Drake University Student-Faculty Council sponsored a two-week program on "Riots: Analysis and Alternatives". This program, which began on March 5, 1968, featured a number of prominent speakers, including Richard Claxton Gregory, who spoke on "black power" at Drake University on the afternoon of March 14, 1968.

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Detective [redacted] advised that he attended the speeches and that during the speeches Gregory talked about forthcoming demonstrations in Chicago. Gregory stated that he would have demonstrators marching twelve hours a day, then twenty-four hours a day, and that these marches would eventually paralyze the city. When police could not cope with the situation, the "soldiers" would then be called out. Gregory said that calling the "soldiers" out would look bad in the eyes of the world and that this will cost the country about ten million dollars to hold the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. Gregory also remarked during his speech that some banks would be robbed and stores looted while the demonstrations were taking place.

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Detective [redacted] said that there were no racial incidents in Des Moines as a result of Gregory's appearance at Drake University.

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According to the March 15, 1968, edition of the Des Moines Register, in an article captioned "Gregory: I'd Bring Boys Home, Send L.B.J. with Barbecue Gun", Gregory when asked at the news conference about his plans to disrupt Chicago, Illinois, during the Democratic National Convention in August, said he hopes to have fifty to sixty groups "going out in different directions and paralyzing the police. They will make them bring the army in and that will cost the country ten million." Gregory said he plans the protest "because Chicago is one of the last cities in the world that

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"deserves the convention. It has not worked to solve its social problems."

Also, according to the article, Gregory in his afternoon speech, which lasted one hour and forty minutes, said that if elected President, "The first thing I'd do is paint the White House black. Then I'd bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send Lyndon Johnson - with nothing but a barbecue gun. And I'd have Eartha Kitt call him up every day and say we're working on peace feelers, baby." ) )

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/14/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CG

Re PX letter to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are one Xerox copy each of portion of the WALL STREET JOURNAL dated 12/4/67, a press release of GREGORY dated 2/27/68, and a letter from GREGORY to [redacted] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona. These items are being enclosed for the information of Bureau and Chicago since subject is scheduled to appear at ASU on 3/27/68.

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The enclosures were obtained from [redacted] retired SA, [redacted] ASU, Tempe, on 3/13/68.

Phoenix will report subject's activities on the date of his appearance in form suitable for dissemination.

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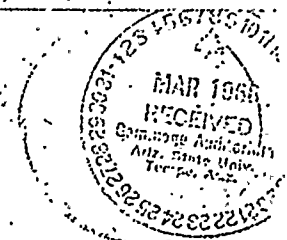
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## Comic With a Cause Dick Gregory Assumes Solitary, Costly Role As a Rights Activist

He Alarms Some Old Fans,  
Passes Up Club Bookings;  
Peace Is Newest Passion

### A Vow to 'Bug You to Death'

By DAVID GARINO

Staff Reporter of THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

CHICAGO—When the time comes, write this epitaph for Richard Claxton Gregory: He Put His Money Where His Mouth Was.

Dick Gregory won't be needing a tombstone just yet, of course. He's very much alive and living in Chicago—when he isn't demonstrating for open housing in Milwaukee or telling it like it is, baby, to collegians in Latrobe, Pa. Still, the description fits.

Many people still think of the 35-year-old Negro as a full-time comedian and part-time civil rights activist. Actually, it's now the other way around, and the switch has cost the comic dearly.

Five years ago he was raking in \$5000 a week and driving a new Lincoln Continental. Even Southerners roared when he told the one about the waitress in the Dixie restaurant (Waitress: "We don't serve colored people here." Gregory: "That's OK, I don't eat colored people. Bring me a whole fried chicken.").

Today, Dick Gregory is some \$35,000 in debt and doesn't own a car. What's more, he isn't nearly as funny to a lot of people; some call him demagogue now. But none of this



"Dick has given more of himself than anyone I know."

But there is puzzlement among some who wonder what Mr. Gregory hopes to achieve in his lone wolf role. Though he contributes a great deal of time and money to various civil rights causes he represents no organization and thus has no solid base. It can't be said that his efforts have resulted in passage of a single law or ordinance that might help his people. He has some influence, no power.

Ted Determan, his former publicist, says, Dick Gregory is "the best satirical comedian this country ever had." Along with others, he thinks Mr. Gregory could make a greater contribution to civil rights by "keeping us laughing at ourselves."

But Dick Gregory himself says pressing social problems can't be laughed out of existence. He views himself as a social commentator who uses humor to interpret the needs and wants of Negroes to the white community, rather than as a comedian who happens to deal in topical social material.

He says he is trying to become a "militant but humble" civil rights spokesman, filling a vacuum between the Rev. Martin Luther King ("humble but not militant") and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee ("militant but not humble"). He is pressuring the white community into action now; clad in battered hat, denim jeans and jacket and suede shoes, he is often to be seen marching in Milwaukee, where civil rights forces led by a white Catholic priest, Father James Groppi, have been demonstrating daily for passage of an open housing ordinance.

But he is equally interested in the long-haul job—reeducating people and reshaping their attitudes on the race issue. His emphasis is on youth; he has undertaken a rigorous lecture tour that will take him to scores of colleges within the next few months. He is paid for these appearances (\$1,000 is a common fee), but his total income from this source, while high by usual standards, doesn't approach what he could be making as a comedian.

He treats his audiences to 15 minutes of humor for a starter. "I have this Arab friend," he says, "who kept telling me how the Arabs would wipe out the Jews. After the war I called him and said: 'What happened, baby? We held out in Watts longer than you did over there.'" After that, he takes a more serious tack, though he uses barbed witticisms to make his points. Some of his public statements, at colleges and elsewhere, shock. Gasps are heard

He will not criticize the militant advocates of black power. "Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael taught me nonviolence," he says, "but then they saw the same rat that bit a baby five years ago bite another one today."

In his forthcoming book, he declares: "When America heard Martin Luther King speaking nonviolence she was temporarily relieved because 'turn the other cheek' sounded better than 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But the failure to respond to 'turn the other cheek' has produced the 'eye for an eye' revolution." Elsewhere, he has said: "There is nothing in the rules which says the Negro must be nonviolent. Nonviolence is a favor, not an obligation."

One "myth" he seeks to dispel is the claim that violence has done nothing but harm to Negroes. "It sickens me to admit it," says Mr. Gregory, "but violence has helped." He notes that in some cities racial disturbances have been followed immediately by improvements in recreational and other facilities serving the ghetto.

As for Mr. Gregory, he prefers the boycott to the riot as a tactical weapon. He has encouraged use of it in Milwaukee, among other places. He views the boycott as a "substitute brick" for the frustrated ghetto dweller, observing: "People will get mad at boycotts, but afterwards buildings will still be standing, firemen won't be getting shot and Negroes won't be dead."

Mr. Gregory also recommends that the entire war on poverty be removed from political control and turned over to colleges and universities for administration. In this way, he reasons, the best brains in the country would play a decisive part in shaping antipoverty efforts. "To close the missile gap we went out and bought the best minds we could. The Congressmen realized they didn't have the education and the understanding," he says. The same thing should be done to close the social and economic gap between Negroes and whites, he believes.

Though he differs from the more radical black militants in several ways, he is at one with them in his contempt for gradualism—the step-by-step approach to Negro-white equality. A driving sense of impatience runs through all his commentary on civil rights; time and again, he lambasts the establishment for what he believes is a distorted set of priorities.

"They tell us they can't get rid of rats," he says in apparent reference to Congressional shillyshallying over a rat-control measure. The same people talking who got rid

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seems to bother him much; after all, he chose the rôle he plays now, that of the most prominent lone wolf in the civil rights movement.

The transition began in 1962. Late that year when he was in Jackson, Miss., he says he was stunned by the case of a 78-year-old Negro man who was jailed during a voter registration drive. The man's wife died while he was imprisoned—on the first night the old man ever had spent away from home. About then, says Mr. Gregory, he began to wonder if he "really had it made" when so many of his people were suffering.

His involvement in civil rights grew. Using jets the way most people use taxis, he crisscrossed the country, going where the action was. He marched in demonstrations north and south. He was hurt trying to cool the Watts riot. He saw many a fall from the inside.

#### Mounting Debts

He had less and less time for nightclub dates, TV and other lucrative engagements. His advisers urged him to pay more attention to business, less to rushing around the country, but he brushed off their counsel. His debts mounted as his income shrank.

Mr. Gregory's manager, Ralph Mann, estimates that the comic is giving up \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year in bookings because of his civil rights activities. Much of this is lost because Mr. Gregory simply isn't available to work a good deal of the time. In other cases, says Mr. Mann, his client's outspokenness in behalf of civil rights has caused "major TV variety shows" to reject him. Mr. Mann won't say which shows.

Creditors began to get tough. American Airlines revoked his credit card privileges because of an unpaid bill of \$8,000. It would be difficult for most people to roll up a tab so huge, but not Dick Gregory; two years ago he flew round trip daily for a month from a nightclub job at the hungry i in San Francisco to Chicago, where he participated in demonstrations against Benjamin Willis, then superintendent of schools. Also, he had his telephone service cut off. It was restored upon payment of \$3,000, says the phone company.

#### What's Money?

Mr. Gregory has a supreme contempt for matters monetary and admits he's no canny manager of his own financial affairs. "When America gets out of debt, so will I," he says breezily. Actually, he's better off now than he was awhile ago, when he owed a grand total of roughly \$200,000.

Dick Gregory's financial sacrifices earn him the deep respect of a number of people. "If I had his talent, which I don't, I'm not sure I'd have the courage to do what he did," says Bernard Kleinhman, the comedian's lawyer. Father James Jones, a white Episcopalian priest in Roanoke, Va., and a friend, says:

riots were legal, sanctioned by the Declaration of Independence, which, says Mr. Gregory, obligates people to overthrow the government if their inalienable rights are violated. He also raises hackles when he calls America the "number one racist country in the world."

Not long ago he created a flurry of ill-feeling, plus puzzled queries and complaints from Jewish friends, when he commented on anti-Semitism among Negroes. He said: "Every hip Jew in America over 30 knows another Jew who doesn't like niggers. So when you find some niggers who don't like Jews—well, that's just even, baby."

All this has given Mr. Gregory a reputation in some quarters as a bit of an anti-Semite, a rabble-rouser and a black power militant. But many who have watched his career closely insist he is none of these. George O'Hare, a friend who is a merchandising manager with Sears, Roebuck & Co., says: "Dick sometimes uses the volatile statement as shock treatment in order to get people to think."

Actually, Dick Gregory is a thoroughgoing integrationist, among other things. Everywhere he tells his audiences, be they collegians or business executives, "This (the racial problem) is not a question of black against white but right against wrong." He tells a reporter: "When I stop being your Negro friend and become just your friend, then we'll have a thing going." He is not interested in Negroes' exercising their rights in a black society but in an integrated society.

He remains an advocate of nonviolence. To predominantly white audiences, he declares: "I will not hit you. I will not kill you. But I will bug you to death." As for intimations that civil rights forces somehow are linked to communism, he says: "I'm not saying I won't bring this country to its knees. But if I did, I wouldn't fly across the ocean and give it to another white boy."

His own conception of black power differs markedly from the doctrine of violence and separatism propounded by others, a doctrine deeply disturbing to most whites. To Dick Gregory, black power means simple equality. Commenting on black power in his book, *The Shadow That Scares Me* (it will be released next month), he says: "All Americans have a right to a decent wage, to own their own businesses, to own their own property, and to choose and elect their own public officials who will serve as their power of attorney at the seat of government."

While he personally abhors rioting and separatism, he finds their existence today wholly understandable—and believes that whites should stop viewing violence as simple lawlessness and wake up to the "injustice" that he feels has bred the racial explosion in our cities.

of the buffalo." He maintains that if the Soviet Union publicly pledged it would rid itself of rats in five years the U.S. would respond by eradicating them in nine months.

Dick Gregory says a "monster" is driving him. Certainly something is; a reporter accompanying him is exhausted by a 15-mile march in Milwaukee, followed by a night flight east, where Mr. Gregory gives talks at three colleges in one day. But the comedian is fresh after only two hours sleep; this pace is routine for him.

A compulsive talker, he often will order a meal in a restaurant and leave it untouched while he delivers a civil rights monolog to those accompanying him. He is a vegetarian ordinarily, and currently he says he is abstaining from all food. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, he has pledged to take nothing but water, as a mark of protest against American involvement in Vietnam. He has promised \$1,000 to anyone who can prove he has eaten anything in that time. If the challenger can't prove it, he must donate \$100 to SNCC.

The fast is the most recent symbol of Mr. Gregory's increasing involvement in the peace movement. An advocate of immediate U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam, he says he intends to run for President as a peace candidate in the 1968 election.

Quixotic though this effort may sound, Mr. Gregory says he wants to serve as a focus in the next election for those who want to express their opposition to the war in concrete fashion. He is harshly critical of Lyndon Johnson, calling him "the most vicious tyrant since Julius Caesar." Of the Johnson-Kosygin conference at Glassboro, N.J., he says: "The two most powerful men in the world were meeting. Kosygin was sitting there and he don't understand English, and neither does LBJ."

His friends worry that Dick Gregory is spreading himself dangerously thin, damaging his health and perhaps diluting his effectiveness. Certainly he has little time to spend at home, a comfortably furnished six-room apartment in south Chicago that is a far cry from the slums of St. Louis, where he was raised.

He is married and has six children, ranging in age from a six-month-old boy, simply called Baby Gregory, to an eight-year-old girl, Michelle. Though he can't spend much time at home with them, he does take his wife, Lillian, and the two oldest children on some of his travels: Lillian was once jailed in Atlanta while pregnant with the Gregory twins, Pamela Inte and Paula Gratton.

If Dick Gregory sometimes yearns for a more settled existence, feels despair or hopelessness or tires of his lonely odyssey, he does not show it. Says his friend, Father Jones: "Dick doesn't believe he can be beaten."

PRESS CONFERENCE - February 27, 1968  
Village Gate  
Bleeker and Thompson Streets  
New York City  
3:00 E.S.T.

Immediate Release to all Media

Dick Gregory, the comedian who is an Independent write-in candidate for president of the United States, announced today at a press conference that he was beginning another 40-day fast in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the war in Vietnam. [REDACTED]

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Mr. Gregory said he and his wife Lillian would take no nourishment but liquids from Ash Wednesday until April 1st, after which they will restrict themselves to a diet of distilled water for the two weeks preceding Easter. [REDACTED]

Mr. Gregory declared that his two eldest children, Michele, 8, and Lynne, 6, would fast from Good Friday until Easter and join him and Mrs. Gregory in a vigil in front of the White House throughout the Easter Week-end. [REDACTED]

Mr. Gregory, who has not shaved nor cut his hair for 3 months, since his first fast which began on Thanksgiving and lasted until New Year's, urged all those who wished to make a personal sacrifice and demonstration against the war in Vietnam to join him. He has also foregone conventional clothing for the uniform of the common laborer

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until the war is over and urged those who sympathized and "wish to express their opposition to the system" to follow his example.

Specifically Mr. Gregory asked "that people do not buy Easter eggs this holiday season as large numbers of people had expressed their opposition to the war by not purchasing Christmas trees, decorations, toys, and gifts to impress the economy with their determination to make peace on earth a reality."

Mr. Gregory repeated his admonition to "all those who wish to express their desire for peace to refrain from purchasing 1968 American automobiles and to give up smoking cigarettes, not only for your own health but to save the lives of innocent victims in Vietnam who are burned with napalm bought with the tax on smoke."

Mr. Gregory will continue with his current lecture schedule which will take him to over 40 colleges and universities in as many days.





1451 E. 55th Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60615  
March 6, 1968

Arizona State University  
Gammage Auditorium  
Tempe, Arizona

Dear

When I arrive on the Arizona State University campus to lecture, March 27, I will be in the 29th day of my 40 day anti-Vietnam Protest Fast in sympathy with the suffering on both sides of the War.

Enclosed are a copy of the original press release announcing my second 40 day anti-Vietnam Protest Fast and a copy of the December 4 Wall St. Journal article featuring me for background material.

Sincerely yours,

Dick Gregory / R/B  
Dick Gregory

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re New Orleans airtel and letterhead memorandum  
to Director, 2/2/68.

[redacted] Roosevelt  
Hotel, New Orleans, La., advised on 3/15/68, DICK GREGORY  
had made reservations at the Roosevelt Hotel to visit  
New Orleans during Mardi Gras but had cancelled these  
reservations. According to [redacted] GREGORY stated his  
[redacted] had broken her hip and this prevented GREGORY  
from coming to New Orleans.

GREGORY is reported to have stated he may come  
to Mardi Gras in 1969. [redacted] knew of no plans on the part  
of GREGORY to visit New Orleans in the immediate future.

C. C. Bishop

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: *TD* SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Richmond teletype to Bureau, dated 2/9/68, and Buffalo teletype to Pittsburgh, dated 2/18/68, which set out that information was received that subject was en route to Buffalo to Pittsburgh.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are ten copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The first source is

The other sources contacted on 2/26, 27, and 28/68, were:



All of these sources were contacted by SA

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
March 8, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 11, 1968, Gregory was scheduled to leave Richmond, Virginia, at 6:50 A.M., en route to Huntington, W. Va.

On February 19, 1968, Captain [redacted] Commander, Investigations Unit, Huntington Police Department, Huntington, W. Va., advised that Gregory did not make any public appearance in Huntington on or about February 11, 1968, and there was no indication that Gregory was in Huntington. Captain [redacted] further advised that had Gregory spent any time in Huntington, he [redacted] would have known it. He said that if, in fact, Gregory did come through Huntington, he had apparently merely transferred planes there.

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On February 18, 1968, information was received from the Buffalo, New York, Police Department, Detective Bureau, by the Buffalo Office of the FBI, that Gregory was scheduled to leave Buffalo en route to Pittsburgh at 10:00 P.M. that date via Mohawk Airlines.

Telephone inquiry of the information operator or Mohawk Airlines on February 19, 1968, indicated that Mohawk Airlines does not have any direct flights from Buffalo to Pittsburgh.

On February 19, 1968, [redacted] Reservations Clerk, United Airlines, advised that United Airlines Flight No. 587 leaves Buffalo at 10:00 P.M. and arrives at Pittsburgh at 10:45 P.M., daily. She advised that the passenger manifest for the flight on February 18, 1968, indicated that D. Gregory was a passenger from Buffalo to Pittsburgh. She advised he left no contact point in Pittsburgh and had no continuing reservations.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), NEW ORLEANS (157-6951), AND TAMPA  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OC: CHICAGO.

RE NEW ORLEANS TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO  
MARCH FOURTEEN LAST, CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND LHM  
DATED [REDACTED] LAST.

FOR INFORMATION OF TAMPA REFERENCED NEW ORLEANS  
TELETYPE SETS FORTH INFORMATION REFLECTING GREGORY TO  
SPEAK AT TULANE UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS EVENING MARCH  
NINETEEN NEXT. CHICAGO SOURCES ARE UNABLE TO CORROBORATE  
THIS INFORMATION.

ON [REDACTED] LAST, RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE  
FURNISHED ITINERARY OF GREGORY COVERING PERIOD [REDACTED] MAR 19 1968

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INFO NEW ORLEANS: MARCH NINETEEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT, ROLLINS  
COLLEGE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA; MARCH TWENTY, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT,  
UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

GREGORY IS CURRENTLY ENGAGED IN LECTURE TOUR AT  
NUMEROUS U.S. COLLEGES. LECTURES ARE GREGORY'S MAIN  
MEANS OF SUPPORT.

TAMPA DIVISION IS REQUESTED TO ADVISE NEW ORLEANS  
BY TELETYPE IF GREGORY COMPLETES SCHEDULED ENGAGEMENT  
AT ROLLINS COLLEGE ON ONE NINETEEN NEXT AND FURTHER DETERMINE  
DISCREETLY IF GREGORY INTENDS TO TRAVEL TO NEW ORLEANS SAME DATE.

NEW ORLEANS SHOULD AFFORD GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT  
TULANE UNIVERSITY, SOURCE COVERAGE. CHICAGO  
WILL FURNISH NEW ORLEANS COPY OF REFERENCED AIRTEL AND LHM.  
AM COPY BEING FURNISHED HOUSTON.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/15/68

FROM : SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1496) (C)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory;  
John B. Stetson University  
DeLand, Florida  
3/18/68  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Jacksonville airtel to Bureau 2/21/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original  
and four copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above, and  
two copies of FD 376.

Copies of the LHM are being designated locally for  
USA, Jacksonville; Secret Service, Jacksonville, and  
MI, Orlando.

Two copies of LHM are designated for Chicago.

Inasmuch as GREGORY's appearance has been cancelled,  
this case is being closed in the Jacksonville Division.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

March 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida

March 15, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
John B. Stetson University  
DeLand, Florida  
March 18, 1968

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DeLand, Florida, advised on March 15, 1968, that Political Emphasis Week, which was originally scheduled to begin March 18, 1968, with appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, has been rescheduled for May 9 and 10, 1968, and again May 14, 15, and 16, 1968; and one of the following individuals will be guest speaker: Dr. Max Lerner, Dr. Russell Kirk, Senator Claude Pepper or Congressman Stewart Udall.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

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Re Chicago airtel to Director, 1/11/68, and Chicago  
letter to Director, 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies  
of a LHM suitable for dissemination concerning subject's  
appearances at the University of Massachusetts on 2/7/68; at  
Amherst and Smith Colleges on 2/8/68; at Colby Junior College,  
New Hampshire on 2/13/68, and at Bowdoin and Bates Colleges,  
Maine, on 2/14/68.

The sources used in the LHM are identified as:

BS T-1 is [REDACTED]

BS T-2 is [REDACTED]

BS T-3 is [REDACTED]

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The above sources have requested that their identities  
be protected in view of the confidential nature of GREGORY's  
appearance at [REDACTED]

Copies of the LHM are being disseminated locally to  
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For the information of Chicago, Boston has no current coverage concerning the American Program Bureau. Investigation concerning this bureau reveals that it is located at 59 Temple Place, Suite 1006, Boston, Mass., and is [redacted] concerning whom Boston has been able to obtain no additional identifying information. Bsfles reflect numerous subversive, racial and criminal references concerning the name [redacted]

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Boston feels that it is not feasible at this time to conduct additional investigation necessary to develop possible coverage of the American Program Bureau in the absence of a request by Chicago for specific information concerning GREGORY's future public appearances, it being noted that GREGORY's current schedule of appearances extends to [redacted]

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In the event Chicago requests such information, Boston will make further efforts to develop coverage of the American Program Bureau, or attempt to furnish such coverage through confidential investigative techniques.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts  
March 4, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On February 8, 1968, BS T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated that Dick Gregory, who was introduced as a former comedian turned Negro protest leader, addressed an assembly of approximately 3000 students and faculty members at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts, on February 7, 1968. The appearance was arranged under the Distinguished Visitors Program which is described as a long standing student-faculty organization which provides for regular lecturers.

The source advised that Gregory's remarks were politely received and that no demonstrations were held or incidents occurred in connection with Gregory's appearance. According to BS T-1, Gregory also spoke at Amherst College and Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts, on February 8, 1968, which was corroborated by BS T-2 and BS T-3 on February 9, 1968.

The "Daily Collegian", a daily student newspaper published at the University of Massachusetts, contained an article relative to the appearance of Gregory at the University in its issue of February 8, 1968. According to this article Gregory stated: "We live in a country so sick and insane that even riots help out." According to the article Gregory praised the black power movement headed by Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown, and said that America is so sick that black people as well as white people are racists. He said that if he were elected President he would "Bring all the boys back home from Vietnam and send LBJ there all by himself", and that Vietnam "Ain't worth saving."

In his speech Gregory urged Martin Luther King to stop preaching non-violence to Negroes and start preaching

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it to whites. He spoke of how he and Carmichael got fed up with the non-violent philosophy, and recalled the day when non-violent Negroes were knocked down and stomped on by white policemen in Birmingham, Alabama.

According to this article Gregory predicted new riots in the cities this summer and stated that the riots will continue until we stop making the ghetto a battleground, and turn it into a lab. Gregory concluded his speech with this remark:

"It is a mark of insanity when a nation as powerful as our's gets frightened over the two simple words 'black power.'"

The February 14, 1968 edition of the "Concord, New Hampshire Daily Monitor" on page 1 carried an article captioned "Battle-Garbed Gregory Places Hope in Youth." This article stated that on February 13, 1968, Dick Gregory spoke at Colby Junior College, New London, New Hampshire, for about 2½ hours during which time he held his audience spellbound. During his speech Gregory stated that his generation is leaving the country in a mess for the next generation, and that the only hope for the country is the young generation. He said that he does not trust anyone who is more than 26 years of age.

According to the article Gregory, who is running for President as an independent candidate, stated: If I were President I would give a \$10,000 reward to anyone getting goods on any congressman. In this way we would have no dishonest congressmen."

Gregory further stated that he felt Chicago was a poor site for the Democratic National Convention and said "Unless the city adopts a five point program suggested by me I will keep the policemen busy." Gregory stated that he will not cut his hair or shave until "LBJ does something about Vietnam" and suggested that the male students present not cut their hair in protest of the war in Vietnam.

The February 16, 1968 edition of the "Lewiston Evening Journal, Lewiston-Auburn, Maine" on page 12 carried an article captioned "Challenge to Protest War Given by Gregory." According to this article Dick Gregory addressed a group of

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students at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine, on February 14, 1968, during which he challenged his audience to protest the Vietnam war in a non-violent fashion. He urged them to refrain from getting their hair cut or from shaving until hostilities cease. In addition he asked them to wear work clothes until the end of the war and to quit smoking.

According to the article Gregory stated that for some strange, sick, insane reason the United States is afraid of black bombs and sent in the National Guard to take ammunition away from Negroes, while at the same time the Minutemen are allowed to keep their ammunition. Gregory stated "One of these days they are going to shoot at you. The Minutemen have never shot at the Negroes, and the dynamite they have buried in the suburban areas one day will wipe out blocks of white men and then maybe you will take that ammunition away from them."

Gregory stated that he did not come to Maine to impress the audience, but only to inform them. He stated that he did not come to Maine to make people mad, but that he could make one phone call in Chicago and make trouble and therefore he did not have to come to Maine in the middle of winter to cause trouble.

Gregory warned the audience not to feel guilty about the racism that exists today, but that the frightening thing is that in 1968 we refused to admit that this racism exists. He stated that Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown have scared this nation to death and expressed surprise that the United States could be frightened by two such people who did not even have any missiles.

Gregory stated that these two civil rights leaders were originally in favor of non-violence but after being exposed to killings and mistreatment for a period of six years, their attitudes have changed.

He described civil rights laws as nothing but an insult to the Negro. He stated that if these laws are so good "Let the white people live under them and we will take the Constitution. Don't do us any special favors. The Negroes are not asking for



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crumbs when the Constitution says half the cake is our's.  
This is my country whether you like or or not."

The February 15, 1968 edition of the "Bath-Brunswick Times Record", a daily evening newspaper published at Brunswick, Maine, carried an article captioned "Dick Gregory - hip mahatma." This article reflected that on February 14, 1968, Dick Gregory addressed an overflow crowd of 700 people at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. According to this article Gregory made virtually the same speech here as he made at Bates College which is described above.

None of the above newspaper articles indicated that there were any demonstrations or incidents of any kind in connection with any of Gregory's appearances.

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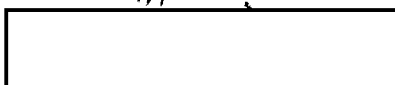
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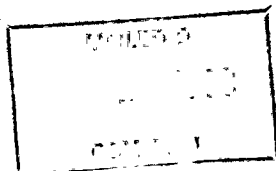
Your letter of March 11th has been received.

I am opposed to communists speaking on college campuses; however, I would like to point out that the FBI has no authority to prevent speakers, academic or otherwise, from appearing on college campuses, nor do we have any control over the selection of faculty members or the views they may espouse. Nevertheless, I do consider it my responsibility and obligation to present to the public facts concerning the infiltration of communist propaganda in our schools and colleges. The communists are highly trained and skilled in the ways of deception and distortion of the truth. These conspirators are not bound by any obligation to be honest or factual in their statements. While we all believe in academic freedom and freedom of speech, I do not feel these privileges grant license to deliberately present distortions and falsehoods.

I am enclosing an excerpt from my testimony before the House Subcommittee on Appropriations on February 10, 1966, and other literature which I hope you will find of interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



Enclosures (3)

Excerpt from Director's Testimony before Subcommittee on Appropriations, 2-10-66, re Demonstrations Protesting U.S. Policy Toward Vietnam  
Counterintelligence Activities  
Director's Statement re 18th National Convention, CPUSA

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NOTE: Bufiles reflect that [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of the John Birch Society. Last outgoing 1-27-67 declined comment on newspaper article forwarded by correspondent concerning Soviet American Consular Treaty. [REDACTED] is also affiliated with "Let Freedom Ring" an ultra-conservative venture critical of the Administration. Concerning Dick Gregory, Bufiles indicate that he has made numerous vicious attacks against the Director and the Bureau, and there are indications that he is mentally unbalanced. He has supported the Black Muslims and injected himself into the Negro movements. He also has espoused causes and individuals that were closely associated with the communist movement.

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The Wall Street Company

1007 SOUTH HIGH STREET  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

March 11, 1968

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

A number of Communists and revolutionists are continueing to speak on college campuses. This of course is wrong. Newspapers come out and say that the students can speak their own minds and are not influemced. However, in talking with students direstcly, I find the opposite is true.

You have testified or made statements to the effect that Communists are not free - that they are under the complete control of Moscow, etc. and of course they are dedicated to their cause.

I would appreciate hearing from you with the documentation of your thoughts on subvensives such as Dick Gregory speaking on campuses and Communists, many of whom have spoken on the campus of Ohio State University

Thank you,

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Sincerely,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, DETROIT (157-762) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka,  
Dick Gregory  
(Rabble Rouser Index)  
(OO: Chicago)

DATE: 3/21/68

Re Chicago airtel and LHM dated 1/11/68.

RAYMOND WALTON, Chief of Police, Ypsilanti, Michigan, has advised that subject spoke at Pease Auditorium, Eastern Michigan University, on 1/10/68, to an audience of approximately 800 persons. WALTON added that GREGORY appeared wearing workmans "dungaree" type appearel, and spoke on a variety of topics, mostly political. He added that although subject touched on such topics as opposition to the Vietnam war and the draft, his approach seemed to be more entertaining. He directed jokes at government leaders, white society and "niggers," and recalled GREGORY stating that the idea of Negroes enslaving white people was ridiculous because "it'd take 2½ years just to teach them how to eat watermelon." He pinpointed the problem in the United States to be "moral pollution" resulting from "people telling lies from one end of the country to the other." He added that if social problems in the United States were faced honestly, they could be solved.

Concerning Vietnam, GREGORY stated "You guys are gonna die under the false pretense that you are creating democracy," and later added "with my political beliefs, if I tried to volunteer, the government would tear up my draft card." He characterized the Vietnam war as a genocidal war against a country without an air force, and regarding whether he would fight, stated "I'm the same guy who ran around last summer and told colored folks not to throw bricks."

WALTON added that GREGORY spoke for about two hours and presented a program which contained many of

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the routine jokes and comments heard previously on television appearances.

GREGORY, in closing, stated "We'll burn this country down; we're not gonna take these insults; what we want is what you've got--the United States Constitution."

No incidents occurred during GREGORY's presence in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

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Via AIRTEL

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-1865) *O(C)*  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
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Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
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Summary of Complaint:

Remytels 2/23 and 28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

Also enclosed for Chicago are five news clippings of GREGORY's appearances.

Information copies are furnished OSI, NISO, MI, Secret Service, Philadelphia, and USA, EDPA., of the above LHM.

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ACTION: *USAB*

☐ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDPA.

☐ LHM being submitted

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

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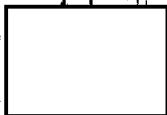


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The following informants are utilized in LHM: ~~X~~ (U)

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ inasmuch as information received from PH T-1 and PH T-2, if disclosed, would tend to identify informants of continuing value whose identity, if disclosed, would adversely affect the internal security of the United States. ~~X~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
March 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As DICK GREGORY

Confidential Informant PH T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised February 23, 1968, that he had learned that GREGORY would be in Philadelphia on the evening of February 27, 1968, where he would appear at the Nixon Theater, 52nd and Locust Streets in West Philadelphia, which is a predominantly Negro area. GREGORY would speak and obtain signatures on petitions for the coming Pennsylvania primary election to be held in April 1968. GREGORY was seeking to get on the ballot as a candidate for President of the United States. ~~(S)~~

On February 28, 1968, PH T-1 and PH T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised the appearance of GREGORY at Philadelphia on the previous day had been sponsored by the Pennsylvania Peace and Freedom Party for the purpose of obtaining signatures to place GREGORY's candidacy for President on the Pennsylvania primary ballot. There were an estimated 250 people at the rally. Instead of the Nixon Theater, the rally was held at the Antioch United Church of God, 11th and Huntingdon Streets, Philadelphia. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Among the things that GREGORY said during his talk was that if elected President, he would paint the White House black and bring the boys home from Vietnam. The Negro does not want integration, he wants liberation. He was quite well received by the audience.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO:CHICAGO.

REMYTEL THIS DATE.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE,

ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, ADVISED HE ATTENDED SUBJECTS SPEECH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE, ON MARCH TWENTYONE LAST AND WAS WITH SUBJECT DURING SUBJECTS SPEECH AT TEN A.M., THIS DATE UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE. [REDACTED] STATED THE SPEECH TODAY WAS IDENTICAL WITH SUBJECTS LAST NIGHT SPEECH AND TEXT OF SPEECH WAS NOT CHANGED.

SUBJECT DEPARTED ALBUQUERQUE AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. THIS DATE, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] AND WAS RETURNING TO CHICAGO.

NO INCIDENTS. LHM FOLLOWS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: *WJW* SAC, HOUSTON (157-1184)  
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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re CGairtel to BU, 1/11/68 and Notel to BU, 3/20/68.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] (established source),

[redacted] Houston, Texas advised that DICK GREGORY was scheduled to appear at UH on 3/20/68 at 8:00 PM where he will speak in the Houston Room of the University Center. This speech was scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes with question and answer period following. Source advised the capacity of the room is 1200 and attendance is restricted to UH students who will be issued tickets on presentation of their UH student identification cards.

Source advised GREGORY was scheduled to arrive in Houston at approximately 5:30 PM, 3/20/68 and will stay at the Airport Inn Motel while in Houston.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] Airport Inn Motel, 7777 Airport Boulevard, advised a reservation had been made at the motel for DICK GREGORY for 3/20/68 with his approximate time of arrival shown as 5:30 PM. He advised the reservation was for a single room and indicates GREGORY was traveling alone.

On 3/20/68, [redacted] supra, advised GREGORY spoke as scheduled at the UH with his speech and the following question and answer session lasting until approximately 10:45 PM. Source stated approximately 1000 persons were in

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attendance and no incidents occurred. He stated GREGORY's speech was pro black power and also attacked the present administration and the Vietnam war policy. He stated GREGORY made several remarks concerning the surveillances of himself, CARMICHAEL and BROWN by the FBI and CIA but at no time were obscenities used in this regard. He stated GREGORY's speech was well received by the audience.

On 3/12/68 the Daily Cougar, official student newspaper of UH reported GREGORY's speech at UH was being sponsored by the University Center Program Council in cooperation with the lecture-artist series.

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Will furnish any additional pertinent information obtained concerning GREGORY's speech.

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TO: Director, FBI (

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-2107)

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY,  
BENTON HARBOR, MICHIGAN,  
3/8/68  
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*100-440423-203*  
Re Detroit airtel 2/14/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning a speech in Benton Harbor, Michigan, of DICK GREGORY, comedian and civil rights worker, on 3/8/68, which was without incident.

Source utilized in the LHM is 

Two copies of the enclosed LHM are furnished G-2 and Secret Service, Detroit and one copy of the LHM is furnished the USA, Detroit.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Detroit, Michigan  
March 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Re: Appearance of Dick Gregory,  
Benton Harbor, Michigan,  
March 8, 1968

On March 9, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights worker, spoke on the racial situation in the United States at the Benton Harbor High School gymnasium, Benton Harbor, Michigan, to an audience, predominantly Negro, of an estimated 1,350 on the evening of March 8, 1968. The speech was without incident.

Gregory, a self-styled presidential candidate, commented that Negroes are engaged in an irreversible revolution, that the Kerner Report on Civil Disorders may "keep it cool" in many fights this summer if whites examine it, although in his opinion it does not go far enough. Gregory claimed politicians are responsible for 90 per cent of the problem and said he wants to create an atmosphere through demonstration in Chicago that will keep whites out during the Democratic National Convention August 26, 1968.

He predicted that commencing the last week in May, 1968, or the first of June, 1968, marches will start in Chicago on an 12 hour basis and gradually escalate to an around the clock basis by the 4th of July.

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URGENT 3-19-68

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND NEW ORLEANS  
FROM TAMPA

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, CHICAGO ORIGIN.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE MARCH FIFTEEN LAST.  
GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT ROLLINS COLLEGE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA  
MARCH NINETEEN INSTANT CANCELLED.  
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 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 (RABBLE ROUSER INDEX) RM  
 (OO: Chicago)

Re HOairtel, 3/21/68.

Attached for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM re  
 captioned subject and speech subject delivered at University  
 of Houston, Houston, Texas on 3/20/68.

Two copies of attached LHM are being furnished  
 Chicago for information.

Copies furnished to MIG, Secret Service, OSI,  
 NISO, Houston, NISO, New Orleans.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Houston, Texas  
March 22, 1968

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

[redacted]  
[redacted] Houston, Texas advised on March 20, 1968 that Gregory was scheduled to appear at UH on March 20, 1968 at 8:00 PM, where he was scheduled to speak in the Houston Room of the University Center. This speech was scheduled to last approximately 90 minutes followed by a question and answer period. [redacted] advised the capacity of the room is approximately 1200 persons and attendance is restricted to UH students who will be issued tickets on presentation of their UH student identification cards.

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[redacted] advised that Gregory was scheduled to arrive in Houston at approximately 5:30 PM, March 20, 1968 and is scheduled to stay at the Airport Inn Motel while in Houston, Texas.

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On March 20, 1968, [redacted] Airport Inn Motel, 7777 Airport Boulevard, advised that a reservation had been made at the motel for Dick Gregory for March 20, 1968 with his approximate time of arrival shown as 5:30 PM. [redacted] advised that the reservation was for a single room.

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On March 20, 1968, [redacted] supra, advised that Gregory spoke as previously scheduled at the UH. Following his speech a question and answer session was held which lasted until approximately 10:45 PM. [redacted] advised there were approximately 1,000 persons in attendance and there were no incidents. [redacted] stated that Gregory's speech was pro black power and he also attacked the present administration and the Vietnam war policy in his speech. [redacted] stated that Gregory made several remarks concerning the surveillances of himself, Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown by the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) but at no time were obscenities used in this regard. [redacted] advised that Gregory's speech was well received by the audience.

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DATE 1-10-80 BY 2842 PMV/JAR

Re: Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matters

On March 12, 1968 the Daily Cougar, official student newspaper of UH, contained an article indicating that Gregory's speech at UH was being sponsored by the University Center Program Council in cooperation with the Lecture-Artist Series.

On March 21, 1968, the Houston Chronicle, daily newspaper, Houston, Texas, carried the following article regarding the speech given by Gregory on the night of March 20, 1968.

# -U.S. 'Insane Nation,' Gregory Says at UH

BY TED D'ANDRIOLE  
Chronicle Reporter

American college students have inherited "the most morally polluted, insane nation on earth," says comedian and civil rights militant Dick Gregory.

"You youngsters have got to bring sanity back to a nation gone mad. College students have become the number one moral force in the world," Gregory told more than 600 predominantly white students in a 2½-hour speech at the University of Houston Wednesday night.

The general reaction to Gregory's bitter denunciation of and jokes at the American government and social system ranged from stammering applause to uncomfortable silence.

Most of the enthusiasm came from the estimated 40 Negroes in the audience. "Like a bomb," said one student, "he blew the lid off the lid of the lid." There was no heckling.

"When will this country be honest and stop playing games with us?" asked Gregory. "If you're going to take away the guns and ammunition from the blacks, we expect you to take away the ammunition from the minutemen."

"America's attitude toward crime and violence wasn't upset until it came to black crime and black violence."

"Fort Lauderdale has been torn up by white kids every year for the last 10 years and none of them has been shot," said Gregory.

He called Dr. Martin Luther King the "greatest moral force" in the country, but said he does not "appreciate Dr. King telling black folks to be nonviolent while not telling white folks the same."

Gregory said the country must face the fact that America, both black and white, is the number one racist country on earth.

"The shame is that the German who killed my daddy in 1942 can come to this country and move into a white neighborhood his son can't live in," said Gregory.

"What disturbs me is that if these same social problems existed in any other country, America could solve them."

Gregory aimed his strongest diatribes against the U.S. war effort in Vietnam.

"Nobody in his right mind will ever again ask America to help get rid of communism after what we've done to Vietnam," said Gregory. "It's like destroying this university with bombs to get rid of rats and cockroaches."

"If our democracy is as good as we say it is, why do we have to run all over the world trying to run it down everybody's throat?"

"Where were we when democracy fell in Greece?" he asked.

"Your parents are siding with the federal government against their kids and the kids are gunning for them from the right," about the Vietnam war, he said.

"If a government inspector came to your door and asked to take the family dog or cat down the street to help fight communism and perhaps he killed, your parents would fight against it."

"But the government can just send a letter asking them to send their son to Vietnam where he might be killed and they just send you off with no questions asked."

"Your parents are sick," said Gregory.

He defended black power militants Stokely Carmichael and

Rapp Brown as men who "have dared to become as bitter as Patrick Henry."

He said America laughed when Khrushchev proclaimed "we will bury you."

"Rapp Brown hasn't got any armies or missiles and yet the most powerful nation on earth is afraid of him," he said. "When a whole nation hates two men (Brown and Carmichael), there's nothing wrong with those men, but that nation is insane."

Gregory mildly criticized UH basketball star Elvin Hayes for favoring Negro participation in the Olympics.

"If America needs its Negro athletes to win, Gregory said, a Negro should be placed on the Olympic Committee."

His talk was sponsored by the UH Program Council and Lecture-Artist Series.

Photo by Blair Pittman, Chronicle staff  
**DICK GREGORY**  
Calls Parents 'Sick'

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

MAR 20 1968

FBI NEW ORLS

TELETYPE

4:5XXX4:38PM URGENT 3-20-68 MMW

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 CHICAGO 157-347, AND HOUSTON 157-  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 157-6951 3PGS

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO: CHICAGO.

*RACIAL MATTER*

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RE CHICAGO TEL TO DIRECTOR, MARCH NINETEEN LAST. AND

NO TEL CALL TO BUREAU INSTANT DATE.

RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED SUBJECT GAVE SPEECH  
AT TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEW ORLEANS, LA., ON NIGHT OF MARCH NIN  
TEEN LAST. SUBJECT STATED NEGRO IN AMERICA BLAMELESS FOR HIGH  
CRIME AND LIVING CONDITIONS IN NEGRO NEIGHBORHOODS. HE STATED  
SUCH WERE PRODUCTS OF WHITE RACISM AND FORCED UPON NEGROES.  
HE CASTIGATED UNITED STATES INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM AND REFERRED  
TO US GOVERNMENT AS "ROTTEN AND FILTHY", STATING EVERY NATION  
WAS GOING TO HATE UNITED STATES. HE SPOKE OUT AGAINST THE FBI  
FOR COOPERATING WITH WHITES IN SUPPRESSION OF NEGROES AND  
DESCRIBED FBI AGENTS AS "SLIMY, FILTHY, AND LOUSY"; REFERRED  
TO J. EDGAR HOOVER AS "THAT OLD QUEER". SUBJECT STATED UNLESS  
NEGROES WERE GIVEN WHAT THEY WANTED, THEY WOULD "BURN THIS  
COUNTRY DOWN HOUSE BY HOUSE AND TEAR IT DOWN BRICK BY BRICK"

GREGORY URGED ALL STUDENTS IN AUDIENCE TO PARTICIPATE  
IN NAACP-PROTEST MARCH IN NEW ORLEANS MARCH TWENTYTHREE NEXT.

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MR. DELOACH FOR THE DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT PRAISED POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN. TULANE UNIVERSITY SECURITY POLICE ESTIMATED CROWD AT TWELVE HUNDRED, MAINLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS. NO INCIDENTS BEFORE, DURING, OR AFTER SPEECH.

SECOND CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED DURING SPEECH, GREGORY STATED "JOHNSON IS A PIG" AND SAID US GOVERNMENT WAS INSANE AND ON A DESTRUCTIVE COURSE. GREGORY STATED US GOVERNMENT MUST BE DESTROYED IF IT IS GOING TO DESTROY US (NEGROES).

SPEECH WAS CONSTANT TIRADE AGAINST US GOVERNMENT. GREGORY STATED THIS COUNTRY NOT DEMOCRACY. IF THERE IS NO CHANGE, IT WILL BURN DOWN. GREGORY TOLD AUDIENCE HE WOULD BE SERIOUS CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY OF US AND OFFER VOTERS "A REAL CHOICE."

GREGORY SPOKE TO REPORTER FROM WDSU TV, NEW ORLEANS, LA., BEFORE SPEECH AND STATED HIS AIM IN CHICAGO IS TO HAVE ARMY CALLED OUT AND POLICE, CONSTANTLY OCCUPIED BY DEMONSTRATORS PROTESTING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. HE DESCRIBED DEMONSTRATORS AS "HALF A MILLION HIPPIES". THIS, STATED GREGORY, WOULD  
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RESULT IN THE UNITED STATES LOSING TEN BILLION DOLLARS IN  
FOREIGN INVESTMENT, EMBARASS THE US GOVERNMENT IN INTERNATIONAL  
RELATIONS, AND CAUSE DOMESTIC POPULATION TO FEEL THE US  
GOVERNMENT WAS CORRUPT.

GREGORY HAS DEPARTED NEW ORLEANS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO VIA  
HOUSTON.

GREGORY HAD DEPARTED PRIOR TO THE RECEIPT OF THIS SUMMARY  
OF HIS SPEECH THROUGH INFORMANTS, THEREFORE, <sup>Unless Advised To Contrary By BUREAU,</sup> WAGB, HOUSTON  
AND/OR CHICAGO, SHOULD DESIGNATE TWO EXPERIENCED SPECIAL  
AGENTS TO CONTACT GREGORY, INFORM HIM THAT THEY ARE AWARE OF  
HIS SCURRILOUS ATTACK ON FBI AGENTS AND THE DIRECTOR AND THAT  
THESE LIES ARE NOT APPRECIATED AND FURTHER, BUREAU AGENTS  
WILL NOT TOLERATE SUCH SCURRILOUS REMARKS.

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/21/68

Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, is Negro comedian allegedly involved in civil rights movement. Gregory is a loud mouth, scurrilous liar.

Attached states Gregory made speech, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 3/19/68, castigated American Vietnam policy, described FBI Agents and Director, FBI, in derogatory terms.

Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, recommended Gregory be confronted by FBI Agents and admonished for his attack on the Director and FBI Agents. While we admire the spirit of Special Agent in Charge, New Orleans, and agree Gregory is a dastardly character, New Orleans, Houston, and Chicago Offices were instructed to not confront Gregory as such action could only lead to unfavorable national publicity. We will not forget Gregory's remarks, are following his activities closely, and will recommend appropriate counterintelligence measures against this low-life, un-American nonentity, when indicated.

Pertinent information in attached is being dissemination to the Inter-Division Information Unit and will be included in today's teletype summary to the White House and interested agencies.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/22/68

Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian and militant black nationalist has been on a speaking tour appearing before college groups where he has castigated U. S. Vietnam policy and on occasion described FBI Agents and the Director in derogatory terms. He is a loud mouth, scurrilous character and no purpose would be served in confronting him regarding his statements. Since all charges are baseless and of no particular interest to other agencies, it is recommended that no dissemination of attached be made.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) P 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO CHICAGO.

RE HOUSTON TELEPHONE CALL MARCH TWENTYONE LAST AND CHICAGO  
TELETYPE TO ALBUQUERQUE DATED MARCH TWENTYONE LAST.

SUBJECT APPEARED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, ALBUQUERQUE,  
NEW MEXICO, DURING THE EVENING OF MARCH TWENTYONE LAST; AND, IN  
ADDITION TO SUBJECT'S USUAL COMMENTS ON RIGHTS AND VIET NAM,  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO POLICE OFFICER [REDACTED] FURNISHED  
THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS OF SUBJECT:

"WHY ISN'T THE FBI HELPING GARRISON IN NEW ORLEANS INSTEAD OF  
FOLLOWING H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL?"

"IN GREENVILLE THE FBI KNEW OF TWENTY OR SO KILLINGS AND DID  
NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

"WHEN SUBJECT IN CUSTODY IN BIRMINGHAM, THE JAIL WAS SEGREGATED  
AND ACROSS FROM HIS CELL WAS A GROUP OF YOUNG GIRLS WHO WERE  
MOLESTED AND THE FBI DID NOT DO ANYTHING."

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"H. RAP BROWN AND STOKELY CARMICHAEL SAID 'NEGRO GET A GUN' AND THE FBI GOT ALL SHOOK."

"I WOULD HEAD A DEMONSTRATION IN CHICAGO FROM APRIL TO NOVEMBER THAT WOULD MAKE THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY CONVENTION SEEM UNDEMOCRATIC AS THEY WOULD HAVE TO CALL OUT THE ARMY."

"FBI AGENTS IN HOUSTON ON MARCH TWENTY LAST TRIED TO RECORD HIS STATEMENTS."

"CIA FOLLOWED STOKELY CARMICHAEL AROUND THE WORLD AND RECORDED ALL OF HIS SPEECHES."

SUBJECT MADE A COMMENT TO THE FBI AGENTS IN THE AUDIENCE; HOWEVER, SOURCE DID NOT HEAR THE EXACT TEXT OF HIS WORDS. NO INCIDENTS AND SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT TEN A.M. MARCH TWENTYTWO INSTANT AT UNIVERSITY OF ALBUQUERQUE. LHM FOLLOWS. AM COPY FURNISHED TO HOUSTON.

OTHER OFFICE ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CHICAGO)

*R. P. King*

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 3/19/68; New Orleans teletype to Bureau, 3/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. It should be noted that GREGORY's scurrilous remarks regarding the FBI and its Director have not been quoted.

The first confidential source is ☐ New Orleans, Louisiana. The second confidential source is ☐ - RELIABLE. The third confidential source is ☐ ~~(U)~~

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A more detailed LHM concerning GREGORY's stay in New Orleans will follow.

One copy of this LHM is being disseminated locally to U.S. Attorney, MIG, Secret Service, and NISO.

Two copies are also enclosed for Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana  
March 21, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, that subject spoke at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on the night of March 19, 1968. This speech was given to a gathering of approximately 1200 people at McAlister Auditorium on the Tulane Campus. The title of Gregory's speech was "Civil Rights - Black Power." This speech lasted approximately two hours and concentrated on attacks against the United States Government. Gregory stated American Negroes were blameless for high crime, illegitimacy, and poor living conditions found in Negro neighborhoods. He described all such conditions as products of white racism and were forced upon the Negroes. According to Gregory, a history of violence by whites toward Negroes was the cause of urban rioting. Gregory severely criticized the United States Government. He referred to that Government as "rotten and filthy" and stated that every nation in the world was coming to hate the United States. He castigated the United States role in Viet Nam. Gregory criticized the Federal Bureau of Investigation and used scurrilous remarks to describe Federal Bureau of Investigation Agents and the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, J. Edgar Hoover.

Gregory stated the white population of the United States owed a very large debt to the Negro community and unless Negroes were given what they wanted, they would "burn this country down, house by house, and tear it down brick by brick."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory urged all students in the audience to participate in a protest march on the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) to be held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 23, 1968. Gregory urged all young people to work in the present "revolution" to save the country.

Gregory praised policemen and firemen, stating they were the most important people in the country. He stated that soon everyone in the country would apologize to them for their poor salaries and the disrespect shown them. Gregory believed all policemen should be paid a minimum salary of \$10,000 per year.

Most of the audience appeared to be composed of university students. Gregory's presence on the Tulane Campus was without incident.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, that during his speech, Gregory characterized President Johnson with abusive remarks and described the United States Government as insane and on a destructive course. He stated the United States Government must be destroyed if it was going to destroy us (meaning the Negro race.) Gregory also strongly implied the United States Government was in fact attempting to destroy the Negro race. Gregory also stated this Government was no longer a democracy. He felt if the Government did not reform itself quickly, the country will be burned down. Gregory was given a standing ovation for approximately 10 minutes after his speech. During his speech he was interrupted by applause on numerous occasions. The audience was composed of approximately 25 percent Negroes, many of whom were from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, but some came from as far as Bogalusa, Louisiana.

A third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1968, when Gregory spoke to the audience he directed some of his remarks at the Negroes in the audience and called them "niggers." He stated they should not be in a white college, that they should go to Negro colleges. Gregory stated "A white man is afraid of you" and that Negroes should use this fear to their advantage. Gregory stated birth control pills passed out by the United States Government in Negro communities were very dangerous and the Government knew this but was concealing that. Gregory

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

approved of a boycott by Negro athletes stating the Negro should stop being an animal for the white people while the white people take credit for the Negroes' accomplishments. According to Gregory, any Negro soldier who fights a foreigner he does not know is a fool because he should be in Mississippi fighting "cracker rednecks." Gregory stated the Negro is echoing the words of Patrick Henry when he said "Give me liberty or give me death."

Before Gregory's appearance he spoke to a reporter from WDSU-TV, New Orleans, Louisiana. Gregory stated he intends to disrupt the forthcoming democratic convention in Chicago and hopes to have the Army called out and the police tied up coping with large numbers of demonstrators. Gregory stated that these demonstrators would be "half a million hippies." The result of this, according to Gregory, would be the United States being embarrassed abroad and cause this country to lose ten billion dollars in foreign investments. Also he felt this would make it appear the United States Government was close to collapse. The United States public would then feel the present Government was corrupt.

While in New Orleans Gregory stayed in Room 11 of the Mason Motel, on Melpomene, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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To: Director, FBI  
 From: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) -RUC-  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
 Dick Gregory.

ATTENTION:

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

~~Summary of Complaint~~

Reference Kansas City airtel to the Bureau  
 dated 11/13/67.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for  
 Chicago seven copies of self-explanatory letterhead memor-  
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No local dissemination is being made of this LHM  
 by the Kansas City Division. Any appropriate dissemination  
 should be considered by the Bureau and the Chicago Office.

It is noted subject is on the Rabble-Rouser  
 Index of the Chicago Office.

ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☒ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

AGENCY: ACSI, PHS, OSI, SEC. SERV.,

DATE: 3-21-68

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

March 18, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to prior memorandum dated  
November 13, 1967.

On the afternoon of March 15, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Law Enforcement Intelligence Unit, Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department, informed that a recent article in the "Antioch Shopper", a community news sheet, North Kansas City, Missouri, indicated that Dick Gregory would speak in the Park College gymnasium, Parkville, Missouri, on the night of March 16, 1968; that there is no indicated potential for violence in connection with Gregory's scheduled appearance, but that for security reasons the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Department would cover Gregory's scheduled appearance to determine whether Gregory might spend the night, after his speech, in Kansas City, Missouri. [redacted] said he had determined [redacted] through law enforcement officials at Parkville, Missouri, who had contacted officials of Park College, that Gregory's contract for appearance at the college banned any recording of Gregory's speech.

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Subsequently on Sunday morning, March 17, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] informed that [redacted] a Negro detective on [redacted] staff, had orally reported the following coverage of Gregory's speech and that such oral report would be formally reported later in the week; [redacted] said that after Gregory's speech at Park College the night of March 16, 1968, Detective [redacted] had visited with Gregory in Kansas City, Missouri, for several hours, early Sunday morning, and had transported Gregory to the Municipal Airport

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Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

where Gregory explained about 4:00 A.M. to return to Gregory's home in Chicago, Illinois:

[ ] reported that Gregory spoke at Park College from about 8:20 P.M. to 10:20 P.M., March 16, 1968. Gregory mentioned he is a presidential candidate as other candidates present only an evil choice for voters. During his speech, Gregory exhibited two books he had authored, namely, "Nigger" and "The Shadow That Scares Me", and referred to a third publication, "Sermons".

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Gregory said he spends about 90 per cent of his time before similar type college audiences; that youngsters must give sanity to an insane nation, and, in effect, oppose their parents, the older generation, public leaders and government, which lie to and betray youngsters. He decried parents who protect their dogs and pets but think nothing of a government taking their children for military service and killing them. He said the fact that 18-year olds are not old enough to vote but are old enough to be drafted and killed is "insane".

Gregory said he was on the 17th day of his second 40-day fast, that he wears work clothes, has stopped cigarette smoking, will not shave or have his hair cut, and will continue his civil rights work until the Vietnam war is stopped and American soldiers come home.

Gregory's remarks were interpolated with mimicry, humor, and sarcasm. He said police and firemen are necessary for our society and for order and protection, but are paid "like dogs" and "act like dogs". He said he is not for killing or hurting anyone, and, in effect, that he is not for violence; that Negroes do not hate whites but do hate the white American system; that if Negroes continue to be insulted, the nation will have to be brought to its senses, for it is man's nature to be free, and Negroes will have equality now as they are tired of lies and empty promises.

Gregory decried the public's concern about five youths burning their draft cards, about desecration of the American flag, and fear of two "niggers", Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown. He said actually draft cards are scraps of paper, flags are rags, and Carmichael and Brown are only two niggers; that what people should be concerned about is an "insane war", what the American flag should stand for, and

Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

the fact that Brown and Carmichael speak the truth. He displayed a shopping bag, he had used in London, which bore on it a printed "British Union Jack". Gregory said if people understood what Brown and Carmichael and SNCC had been through, when 20 civil rights workers were being lost a week in the South, the people would understand that Brown and Carmichael are doing only what they must in telling the truth.

Gregory said he had seen a lesbian loosed on children in a southern jail cell across from Gregory's jail cell after arrest for peaceful civil rights activity in the South.

There follows a copy of an article dated March 17, 1968, in the "Kansas City Star", daily newspaper, Kansas City, Missouri:

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Dick Gregory Decries Racism Before Park College Crowd

By Nancy Milner

(A Member of The Star's Staff)

**D**ICK GREGORY, author, comedian, lecturer and civil rights worker, stood on a makeshift stage in the center of the Park college gymnasium last night and told his mostly young, mostly white audience that he didn't care what they thought of him.

He said a lot of things that he has said before—that America is the most racist country in the world, that the Negro had a hungry stomach 20 or 30 years ago but now he has a hungry mind, and that moral pollution is a greater threat than air pollution.

## Just Saying 'Nigger'

In a speech mixed with sarcasm, passion, irony and conviction, Gregory charged that the term "crime in the streets" is the new American way of saying "nigger."

"What about white crime?" he asked. "Those kids that go to Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and tear up the town every year—they don't get shot at."

"And what about the crime syndicate? Is it too white for the government?"

Gregory charged that the United States was the most morally polluted, most insane nation that ever existed on the earth. Again and again, he returned to Vietnam.

"It is insane in Vietnam when we say that we have to wipe out a city to save it," he told approximately 400 persons gathered on bleachers and chairs in the gymnasium. "Who would want this country to come to



ARRIVING IN KANSAS CITY last night on his way to speak at Park college, Dick Gregory, lecturer, comedian and civil rights worker, was met by John Sabatini, chairman of the social committee of the Park college student council, at the Municipal Air Terminal.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Kansas City Star

Kansas City, Mo.

Date: 3/17/68

Edition: Main

Author: Nancy Miller

Editor: Richard B. Fowler

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their country to wipe out communism after what we've done in Vietnam?"

Negroes, Gregory said, are tired of white people talking about what they can do for them.

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"When are the white folks going to start talking about what we can do with you?" he asked.

"Yeah, we're hard on northern white liberals, because northern white liberals have become obsolete in the Negro cause. What we need are white radicals.

"With democracy comes a lot of responsibility, and one of these days, you are going to have to stop telling us that and start listening yourselves. We're tired of this country playing

games with us. We aren't asking America to change its ways, just to be honest with us."

Gregory told the crowd that he hadn't come to impress them, but only to inform, and that when he left, he couldn't care less what they thought of him.

"Some of you may walk out of here angry or upset — but understand that I didn't fly all the way to this town to make you mad. It isn't my intention to come here and try to change your views or cure your hang-ups. I only came here to inform," he said.

No One Left the Gymnasium.

In one of many attacks on the administration, Gregory said that Lyndon Johnson was probably one of the sickest tyrants

that ever lived since Julius Caesar.

"You young folks are fighting to survive," he said. "This country is after youth . . . you have a tremendous problem, the problem of giving sanity back to an insane nation."

The riots, he said, haven't hurt the Negro cause. They should have hurt the cause, he said, but in a country as insane as this one, they've helped.

On the lighter side, Gregory said that he had been tempted to fly to Africa to get a white heart, but pointed out that the only successful transplant that has worked involved a "black heart."

"Maybe this has proved that we've got rhythm in something other than our feet," he said.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (P)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 1-14-80

Re Chicago letter, 1/17/68, and airtel and letterhead memorandum, [redacted] which set forth the itinerary of subject.

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Subject's appearances at Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, and Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio, made before small and almost all-white audiences on February 20, and 21, 1968, as scheduled with no incidents. Subject's appearance at University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, on February 26, 1968, before approximately 3,000 persons, again an almost all-white audience and without incident.

All three appearances were advertised as affairs which would feature comedy during the first half of the program, and a serious discussion of black power by the subject, during the latter half of the program. Each program, however, was mostly comedy with very little serious discussion by the subject regarding black power or civil rights. [redacted]

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Representatives of the Peace Action Committee of Toledo (PACT), a local organization opposed to the war in Vietnam attended the appearance of subject at Bowling Green, Ohio, on February 20, 1968, and according to [redacted] a couple of members of the group talked to subject briefly, but reported no information regarding subject's future travel plans or his racial or civil rights activities. (U)

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[ ] reported that members of PACT planned to hold a small reception for subject following his appearance at the University of Toledo on March 26, 1968, but their plans failed to materialize and the reception was not held. [ ] also advised that he was unable to develop any information regarding the future plans of subject in regards to travel, or racial or civil rights activity. ~~(U)~~

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In view of the lack of any significant information developed to date, Cleveland will hold in abeyance the submission of an letterhead memorandum until after subject's scheduled appearance at Tiffin, Ohio, on May 4, 1968.

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AT TIFFIN, OHIO

Will arrange coverage and furnish details regarding subject's appearance at Heidelberg College, on May 4, 1968.

AT TOLEDO, OHIO

Following subject's appearance at Tiffin, Ohio, will prepare letterhead memorandum containing data regarding subject's appearances at Bowling Green, Defiance, Toledo, and Tiffin, Ohio.

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (P)

SUBJECT: DEMCON  
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BUFILE (157-8589)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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CHICAGO FILE (157-347)  
BUFILE (100-440423)

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re: Chicago tel to Director, New Orleans and  
Tampa dated 3/19/68 captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
aka."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
dated and captioned as above. An information copy of this  
LHM is being furnished the New Orleans and Tampa Divisions.  
In view of the information set forth in the LHM concerning  
DICK GREGORY's attempts to force Chicago City Administration  
Officials to call up Army and GREGORY's planned vigil at the  
White House during Easter Week, two copies of this LHM are  
being furnished to Springfield Division and WFO.

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This LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Chicago, US Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The confidential source in LHM is [redacted] and a source of racial information. Chicago is attempting to obtain from [redacted] and other sources [redacted] GREGORY, a revised itinerary setting forth GREGORY's future speaking engagements and entertainment appearances. Appropriate Divisions will be advised upon receipt of this information.

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Chicago Division will also attempt to obtain further details concerning GREGORY's announced vigil in front of the White House, Washington, D.C. during Easter Week and will set forth appropriate communication to WFO.



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Chicago, Illinois 60604

March 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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157-347

POSSIBLE RACIAL INCIDENTS  
DURING DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum  
dated March 13, 1968.

On March 19, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory held a press conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 East Walton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on March 19, 1968. During this press conference Gregory announced that he is planning to begin massive demonstrations commencing at the end of May and running throughout the summer in an attempt to force Chicago City Administration Officials to "bring in the Army". Gregory stated that the purpose in doing so is to disrupt the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Gregory indicated he wanted to "create a type of atmosphere where 'they' will either cancel the Convention or bring in the Army".

Gregory stated that he planned to lead marches 12 hours a day from the end of May to July 4. After July 4, the marches would be stepped up to 24 hours a day. Gregory further stated that he would organize 40 to 50 simultaneous non-violent demonstrations to be held in various sections of Chicago in an effort to disrupt the Democratic National Convention.

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AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

During the press conference, Gregory stated that he still considers himself to be a write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States on the "peace ticket."

Gregory also announced his plans to hold a vigil in front of the White House in Washington, D.C. throughout Easter Week in the company of [REDACTED]. Gregory stated that the purpose of his vigil is to protest the United States policies in Vietnam.

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The above information is being furnished to the following Agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/29/68

FROM : SAC, PHOENIX (157-25) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CG

Re CG letter to Bureau, 1/17/68; and PX letter to Bureau, 2/27/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are five and three copies respectively of a letterhead memorandum re captioned subject.

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Subject was surveilled upon his arrival at Sky Harbor Airport at 8:45 p.m., 3/27/68, to ASU campus and then to the Westward Ho Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona, at 2:30 a.m., 3/28/68. Subject was observed boarding Western Airlines Flight 700 which departed for Denver, Colorado, at 2:45 p.m., 3/28/68. Denver Division notified by telephone.

On 3/28/68 Sgt.  (NA), Phoenix PD, Special Investigations Division, advised that while GREGORY was at the Westward Ho Hotel from 2:30 p.m. 3/28/68 until 1 p.m., 3/28/68, he received no visitors and made nor received any phone calls.

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March 29, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
AT ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY  
TEMPE, ARIZONA  
MARCH 27, 1968

On March 28, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Arizona State University (ASU), Tempe, Arizona,  
furnished the following information:

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Richard Claxton Gregory appeared at 9:00 p.m.,  
March 27, 1968, at Grady Gammage Hall, ASU, before a crowd  
estimated at 750 people, which was composed mostly of ASU  
students. [redacted] advised that Gregory spoke from 9:00  
p.m. until 11:00 p.m. and was very critical of the President  
of the United States, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the United  
States involvement in Vietnam, the Executive and Legislative  
Branches' futile efforts to correct crime in the street  
and such departments' placing all the blame of such crime  
on Negroes. [redacted] stated that Gregory was extremely  
critical of parents of teenagers for permitting their sons  
to serve in Vietnam, and he called the Americans the Number  
One racist nation in the world.

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[redacted] further stated that although Gregory  
professed to ascribe to the philosophy of non-violence,  
he did use several analogies in the talk, the interpretations  
of which were "if the white people don't come around, there  
would be more 'burnings to the ground'".

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[redacted] stated that Gregory's attempts at humor  
were well received by the audience, but that his philosophy

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of Black Power was not enthusiastically accepted. [redacted] concluded that from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m. Gregory had a question and answer period at which time he stated that it was his intention to have demonstrations around the clock in Chicago, Illinois, from May 30, 1968, until the Democratic National Convention and the purpose of such demonstrations was to exhaust the police department which would result in the calling in of the National Guard outfits, which would cause extreme embarrassment to the United States.

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On March 28, 1968, PX T-1, a reliable source of information in the past, advised that in addition to the above comments, Gregory further stated that the younger people of today should boycott the purchase of Dow Chemical domestic products, give up smoking cigarettes and the purchase of new clothes. The effects of such boycotts would arouse the manufacturers of these goods to place pressure on the government of the United States to withdraw from the Vietnam conflict.

PX T-1 stated that when Gregory was queried by a young man on whether or not he, the young man, should accept draft, Gregory advised him to be inducted and to go to Vietnam but refuse to shoot any weapons at the enemy. At this point Gregory stated that he would rather kill [redacted] than permit him to perform acts of violence in such places as Vietnam in the future.

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PX T-1 advised that after the question and answer period from 11:00 to 11:30 p.m., Gregory had a private newspaper conference until midnight.

Following is the March 28, 1968, morning edition of the ARIZONA REPUBLIC newspaper article on Gregory's appearance at ASU:

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"DICK GREGORY THINKS 'SOMETHING IS WRONG'

"TEMPE--Dick Gregory, a comedian and civil rights crusader, said last night that America is depraved, corrupt, inept and the number one joke in the world today.

"Gregory, who addressed a crowd of 1,000 persons in Grady Gammage Auditorium at Arizona State University, lampooned President Johnson and this country's foreign policy.

"He also accused parents of betraying their teenagers by permitting them to serve in Vietnam.

"Although he criticized the federal government, America's handling of racial problems, and life in general, Gregory offered no solutions.

"His diction, coupled with the acoustics in the auditorium, rendered many of his comments unintelligible.

"Hundreds of persons leaned forward in their chairs to try to understand his remarks. Particularly when he used a falsetto voice for emphasis.

"'America is the most violent country in the world,' he said. 'I can't hit a white boy but I can shoot foreigners all over the world with the U.S. Army. I'm not going to be violent anywhere, anytime.'

"Gregory, who said his book 'Nigger' has sold 2 million copies, urged teen-agers to suspect their parents.

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"Parents are rubber stamps for the government which drafts their sons, he said.

"'Watch out for your parents,' Gregory said. 'If the government knocked at your folks' door and asked to take their parakeet to fight Communists, they'd make a big stink. But parents don't flick an eyelash when their sons are drafted.

"'Something is wrong in this country when the life of a parakeet would be questioned, but the life of a teenager is not.'

"Gregory described President Johnson as a hopeless bumpkin stumbling around with barbecue sauce on his mouth.

"'After LBJ had an operation, he showed the barbecue sauce on his scar on national TV,' he said. 'We should thank God he didn't have a hemorrhoid operation.'

"'America becomes concerned about the increase in crime only when the Negro is mentioned as a contributor,' he said.

"'A crime in the street is a new way of saying 'nigger,'" Gregory said. 'LBJ of all people is talking about crime. If Bobby Baker had been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of LBJ, both of them would have been in jail by now.'

"He called America the number one racist nation in the world and he said Negroes and whites are to blame. Both races tend to lack compassion and understanding, he said.

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"Gregory observed that a Negro's heart was used in a successful heart transplant.

"That teaches the whole world that black folks have rhythm in their hearts as well as their feet,' he said. 'But we want you white folks to assure us that we are not going to become your spare parts.'"

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/30/68

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: Chicago

Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

On 3/29/68 through established sources ...  
Portland confirmed that subject will be in the Portland  
area for public appearances as follows:

4/8/68 - University of Portland, Portland, Oregon

4/9/68 - Linfield College, McMinnville, Oregon (vicinity  
of Portland).

Portland will follow and furnish Bureau and  
Chicago with any pertinent information concerning his  
appearances.

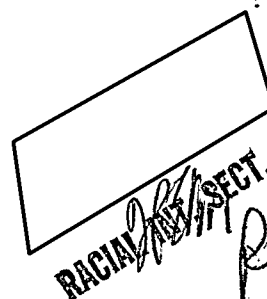
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Date 3/19/68

Attached relates to press conference held by Negro comedian Dick Gregory 3/19/68 at Chicago, Illinois.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished White House, Attorney General, Military, Secret Service, and other appropriate agencies by memorandum.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

RELIABLE CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY  
HELD PRESS CONFERENCE INSTANT AT KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, ONE  
SIX THREE EAST WALTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. DURING  
PRESS CONFERENCE GREGORY ANNOUNCED HE WILL COMMENCE WITH  
DEMONSTRATIONS BEGINNING END OF MAY AND RUNNING  
THROUGHOUT SUMMER IN ATTEMPT TO FORCE CHICAGO CITY  
ADMINISTRATIONS TO "BRING IN THE ARMY". GREGORY INDICATED  
HE WOULD LEAD MARCHES TWELVE HOURS A DAY FROM  
END OF MAY TO JULY FOURTH. JULY FOURTH MARCHES  
WOULD BE STEPPED UP TO TWENTY FOUR HOURS A DAY. GREGORY

FURTHER STATED HE WOULD ORGANIZE FORTY TO FIFTY SIMULTANEOUS  
NON-VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS TO BE HELD IN VARIOUS SECTIONS  
OF CHICAGO IN AN EFFORT TO DISRUPT THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
CONVENTION TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO DURING AUGUST, NINETEEN  
SIXTY EIGHT. GREGORY INDICATED HE WANTED TO "CREATE

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TYPE OF ATMOSPHERE WHERE 'THEY' WILL EITHER CANCEL THE CONVENTION OR BRING IN THE ARMY".

GREGORY STATED DEMONSTRATIONS AND MARCHES WOULD BE CALLED OFF ONLY IF CITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS WOULD MEET THE FIVE DEMANDS PREVIOUS<sup>LY</sup> ISSUED. GREGORY REPEATED HIS DEMANDS AS FOLLOWS: INACTMENT OF STRONGER OPEN HOUSING ORDINANCES IN CHICAGO; REMOVAL OF AN INJUNCTION AGAINST MARTIN LUTHER KING, WHICH HAS BEEN IN EFFECT SINCE AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY SIX; PLACEMENT OF NEGRO IN TOP ECHELON OF CHICAGO PD; POLICE PROTECTION FOR JESSE JACKSON, HEAD OF OPERATION BREADBASKET, THE ECONOMIC ARM OF SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE; AND, IMPROVED SALARIES FOR CHICAGO'S POLICE AND FIREMEN. GREGORY STATED IF ABOVE DEMANDS WERE NOT MET, THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION WOULD BE HELD IN CHICAGO OVER HIS " DEAD BODY".

GREGORY STATED HE STILL CONSIDERED HIMSELF AS A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE "PEACE TICKET".

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GREGORY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD A VIGIL IN FRONT  
OF THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C. OVER EASTER WEEK IN  
THE COMPANY OF [REDACTED]  
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REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR, NEW ORLEANS AND TAMPA MARCH FIFTEEN  
LAST, SETTING FORTH ITINERARY RELATIVE TO POSSIBLE APPEARANCE  
OF GREGORY IN TAMPA AND NEW ORLEANS DIVISIONS MARCH NINETEEN  
INSTANT. AS INDICATED ABOVE GREGORY IN CHICAGO THIS DATE.  
NO INFORMATION RECEIVED CONCERNING FUTURE ITINERARY OF  
GREGORY. CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE REFERRED TO IS [REDACTED] <sup>RACIAL INFORMANT</sup>

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[REDACTED] AND SOURCE OF RACIAL INFORMATION.  
THIS SOURCE ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN CURRENT OR REVISED ITINERARY  
OF GREGORY. MILITARY ADVISED. <sup>Memo</sup> LHM FOLLOWS. COPIES LOCALLY  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)  
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
 RM  
 OO - CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 1/11/68, and Chicago letter to Bureau, 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM reflecting investigation at Commerce, Texas. Seven copies are designated for Chicago, 00 in the captioned matter, as that office may desire to make local dissemination. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to U. S. Secret Service, and MIG, Dallas; and one each to OSI, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma, NISO, New Orleans, and USAs Fort Worth and Tyler, Texas.

Investigation was conducted by SA DEL D. DRAKE, JR.

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, [redacted] is known to be very reliable and is just completing his first year as [redacted] of East Texas State University. It is not believed that GREGORY will appear at East Texas State University in view of how [redacted] feels about this matter, but he wants the student committee to make the decision on its own.

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AT COMMERCE, TEXAS: Will maintain contact with [redacted]  
 C. C. [redacted] at ETSU.

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Dallas, Texas  
March 29, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 14, 1968, [redacted] East Texas State University (ETSU), Commerce Texas, advised that the university had a committee entitled "Ideas and Issues Committee", and this committee, with the approval of the Dean of Students as well as himself, could hire outside speakers for the benefit of the student body. He said that he had been advised that this committee had received a letter from the American Program Bureau, 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts, in regard to the consideration of Richard Gregory as a lecturer on the ETSU campus. He stated that he understood that Gregory was to be in the area of Commerce, Texas, about May 1, 1968, and that this had been a suggested date made by the American Program Bureau.

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[redacted] both advised that there had been no commitment made to Gregory or the Program Bureau, and that actually the school officials did not expect any to be made or sent to the school officials for consideration, since this student committee was not in a majority in wanting Gregory on the campus. [redacted] said that he was leaving this matter in this status since he wanted the students to make up their own minds and did not want them to say that the university officials ruled against allowing Gregory to speak on the campus. He pointed out that he had not found it necessary to step into any such matters previously and did not think it would be necessary in this case, but that if it were necessary he would take issue. [redacted] stated that Gregory's fee for the campus appearance had been quoted at \$1900.00 for the one night and that as far as he was concerned, and he understood this was the feeling of the majority of the committee, that such a fee was entirely too much for such a program when only a "handful of students would attend."

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[redacted] stated that in the event anything more was heard of from the committee about Gregory he would advise but he felt that the matter was a closed issue and it had not been necessary that the university officials make an issue of it.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (RUC)  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RACIAL MATTER

Re Albuquerque teletype to Bureau dated 3/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of a  
letterhead memorandum and three copies for Chicago, which  
are self-explanatory.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albuquerque, New Mexico

March 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

GREGORY appeared at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, during the evening of March 21, 1968; spoke to an audience of 1,300; and, in addition to GREGORY's usual comments on civil rights and the war in Vietnam, University of New Mexico Police Officer [redacted] furnished the following comments of GREGORY:

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The Negroes will "burn this country down house by house if you whites don't stop this nonsense of insulting us."

"What we want is constitutional rights . . . We hear of civil rights legislation. This is nothing. Why don't white people live under it? We want to live under constitutional rights."

"Why isn't the FBI helping Garrison in New Orleans instead of following H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael?"

"In Greenville the FBI knew of twenty or so killings and did not do anything about it."

"When I was in custody in Birmingham, the jail was segregated and across from my cell was a group of young girls who were molested and the FBI did not do anything."

"H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael said, 'Negroes get a gun,' and the FBI got all shook."

"I will head a demonstration in Chicago from April to November that will make the Democratic Party Convention seem undemocratic as they will have to call out the Army."

"FBI Agents in Houston on March 20, 1968, tried to record my statements."

"CIA has followed Stokely Carmichael around the world and has recorded all of his speeches."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico, advised that he attended the GREGORY speech at the University of New Mexico on March 21, 1968, and was with GREGORY during his speech on March 22, 1968, at the University of Albuquerque.

[redacted] stated the speech of March 22, 1968, was identical with GREGORY's speech of March 21, 1968, and the text of the speech was unchanged.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/3/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies  
of an LHM suitable for dissemination. A copy of this  
same LHM is enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential source referred to in LHM is

Canton, New York, Police Department.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York  
April 3, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, Negro comedian, appeared at the State University Agriculture--Technical College, Canton, New York, on February 18, 1968. He stated that GREGORY appeared with the "Box Tops", a rock and roll band, at Madill Hall. His appearance was sponsored by the Winter Carnival Committee and arrangements for Mr. GREGORY's appearance were arranged by [redacted] [redacted] American Programs, Boston, Massachusetts.

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The source continued that GREGORY's appearance at the University was confined strictly to entertainment and he did not in any way express any comments regarding racial matters. Confidential source stated he had determined when GREGORY appears as a comedian, he confines his activities to comedy routines and does not indulge in racial matters.

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Page 33153. Senator Eyrd, (D) West Virginia, pointed out that the Washington Post today commented quite pointedly and quite sensibly on comedian Dick Gregory's plans to disrupt the 1968 Democratic nominating convention in Chicago this summer. Such disruptions of the democratic process as Gregory plans cannot be tolerated. He included the editorial entitled "Gregory's Threat" with his remarks.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MAR. 22, 1968

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in:

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MAR. 21, 1968 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/2/68

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (P)  
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 (RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
 RM  
 OO: CHICAGO

*Richard  
Claxton Gregory*

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 3/29/68.

The Toledo Blade, 3/27/68, contained an article regarding subject's appearance in Toledo the previous day as well as results of an interview with him.

During this interview the subject had the following comments regarding marching and demonstrations against the Democratic convention in Chicago: The article quotes him as follows:

"Chicago has got to go. We just scheduled marching plans for that city.

"I'll be demonstrating there because the city is corrupt, and has done nothing to help find a solution for the race situation. I'll be demonstrating against the Democratic convention because the Democrats had no business honoring a city like Chicago with the convention."

"Gregory said that marching will start May 30 for 12 hours a day, lengthening gradually to 24 hours a day by July 4,

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and continuing through the convention in August.

"We'll be able to send 10, 12, 14 parades out in different directions and it will be too much for the police to handle. Then they'll have to call the army in."...

The above is being submitted for the information of the Bureau and Chicago in view of subject's quoted comments regarding the planned demonstrations in Chicago. This as well as other pertinent information re subject's appearance in Toledo will be subsequently furnished in an LHM.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: Chicago

DATE: 4/5/68

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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68, Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68, Los Angeles letter to Bureau dated 1/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a Letterhead Memorandum and three copies are being furnished to Chicago who is Office of Origin in this matter.

The enclosed Letterhead Memorandum sets forth details concerning a rally at California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, on 3/29/68, featuring GREGORY.

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San Luis Obispo.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California

April 5, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Reference is being made to Chicago's Memorandum dated January 11, 1968, captioned, "Richard Claxton Gregory; Racial Matter."

On March 8, 1968, page one of the "Mustang Daily", college newspaper for California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, an article appeared captioned, "Comic - Annotator slated to appear" which indicated that Dick Gregory a comedian turned political critic, ~~who would~~ appeared on the college campus, March 29, 1968, in the Mens Gym at 8:00 p.m. The article further related that Gregory would draw a capacity audience and numerous churches and civic organizations were sending large delegations.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on April 1, 1968, indicated that Gregory spoke at California Polytechnic College before approximately 1,500 college students, a mixture of mods, war protestors and hippies. The rally went without incident and Gregory's comments were mainly concerning civil rights problems and statements against the war in Vietnam.

In the March 30, 1968, edition of the Santa Maria Times, Santa Maria, California, an article appeared on page one entitled, "Gregory" written by George C. Flowers, Santa Maria Times Newspaper Editor related substantially the following:

Negro Comedian Dick Gregory was loudly applauded by 1,600 young people at the California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, on Friday night, March 29, 1968, when he spoke concerning riots and violence that have helped the American Negro. He related "I would be sick if I told you I advocate violence" but further stated that "black man in Watts and in Detroit and everywhere has made some big gains since he began to riot."

Gregory related he was on his 31st day of a protest fast, but his speech lasted approximately two and a half hours during which time he defended H. Rap Brown and STOKELY Carmichael

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

and suggested a boycott of Dow Chemical products and told the audience "half you young men here will be dead in 18 months if we don't stop the war"; rapped Bobbie Kennedy; and said that if American's problems are not solved in the next three years, "there won't be any problems."

Repeatedly he criticized America as an insane nation, and he was repeatedly applauded by the audience. The height of the insanity, Gregory said "is the war in Vietnam."

In reference to the Negroes avoiding the Olympic games, Gregory said "I wouldn't have said anything. I would have qualified, and then I would have dropped the baton."

He related, "I can't understand why white folks are dumb enough to pay me \$1,500 so that I will explain black power to them. Look it up in the dictionary, that's where it will tell you what 'black' and 'power' means."

Gregory called President Johnson, "The greatest tyrant since Caesar" and was loudly applauded.

He said Americans had a double standard about violence. "Americans pay little attention to violence as long as it's white violence. But when it's black violence they get very upset."

Gregory characterized himself as a racist. He urged the white people to work among the poor white people and the black people to work with the black people. The article terminated by saying that "Gregory avoided obscenities in his public speech at Poly, but used them liberally in the semi-private press conference that followed."

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Date: 4/4/68

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-2185)BLACK STUDENT ALLIANCE,  
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY,  
EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN  
RMRe Detroit airtel to the Bureau, dated 3/11/68,  
captioned "APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AT MICHIGAN STATE  
UNIVERSITY, EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, 3/8/68, RM".Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, Philadelphia  
two copies, and Columbia one copy of an LHM dated and  
captioned as above.One copy of LHM also being disseminated to  
Secret Service, Grand Rapids, Mich., MIG, Detroit, OSI,  
Dayton, Ohio, and ONI, Chicago, Ill.Referenced airtel contained information regarding  
the formation of the Black Student Alliance at Michigan  
State University.

Sources utilized in LHM are as follows:

DE T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (by request)

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DE T-2 is [REDACTED]

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Michigan State Police,  
East Lansing, Michigan  
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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ to protect the identity of DE T-1 and DE T-2.

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Search indices regarding [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and furnish Detroit with any pertinent information contained therein.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Detroit, Michigan

April 4, 1968

Re: Black Student Alliance,  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

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An article captioned "Gregory in Great Issues" appeared in issue dated March 7, 1968, page one, of the "Michigan State News", the official Michigan State University (MSU) student publication. This article states that Dick Gregory, comedian turned Black Power spokesman, will speak in the MSU Auditorium at 3:45 PM, March 8, 1968, as part of the "Great Issues Series".

DE T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 9, 1968, that Dick Gregory, while at MSU on March 8, 1968, met with members of the "Black Student Alliance", a student organization which was organized during the fall of 1967 and is presently a recognized student organization. The "Black Student Alliance" has not held any demonstrations or participated in any disruptive activities as of this date. They have advocated that a special Negro history course be taught in the American Thought and Language Department.. Some of the members are advocating that Negro students be housed in separate dormitories.

An article captioned "Work Shops Cover Black Revolution" appeared on page ten of the "Michigan State News", issue dated April 3, 1968, and is as follows:

"Black Expo One, sponsored by the Black Student Alliance, will be held in the Union Building, Saturday (April 6, 1968). Steve Moore, South Carolina State College Senior,

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Re: Black Student Alliance,  
Michigan State University  
East Lansing, Michigan

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"will speak on 'The Orangeburg Massacre and Its Implications' at 3:00 PM in 35 Union.

"Two work shops will be presented:  
'Education and the Black Revolution' at 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM in 35 Union, featuring Robert L. Green, Associate Professor of Education and 'Africans and Afro-Americans: Identity or Conflict?' at 1:00 to 2:30 PM in 38 Union, featuring African and Afro-American students.

"Norman Brown's display of African and Afro-American art will be shown from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM in the Union Parlors."

An announcement, which appeared on page ten of the "Michigan State News" issue dated April 5, 1968, states that the Black Student Alliance will hold its first meeting tonight at 216 Berkey Hall, Michigan State University.

On April 3, 1968, DE T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the [redacted] of the Black Student Alliance is [redacted] of Philadelphia. He has a sister, [redacted] who presently resides in Philadelphia.

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The November, 1967, Student Directory, Michigan State University, lists [redacted] Student Number [redacted] as residing [redacted] East Lansing, Michigan. His home address is listed as [redacted] Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2410)  
SUBJECT: DEMCON  
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(Bufile 157-3539)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM - BMT  
(CG 157-347)  
(Bu file 100-44023)

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In a discussion with the SAC of the Chicago Division,

[redacted] advised that [redacted]

[redacted] racial tensions within Chicago, Illinois, and suburbs during the summer of 1968, and various civil rights and peace demonstrations which might be held in conjunction with the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Illinois during 8/68. According to [redacted] two of whom are Negroes, who have access to many locales and meetings in the Chicago area from which Caucasians are denied entry. (U)

[redacted] expressed concern for the future of our nation as a result of possible demonstrations in Chicago this summer and offered to make available, to the FBI, on a confidential basis, any information which might come to his attention bearing on any possible demonstrations or

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disturbances. [ ] has been cooperative with and favorable toward the FBI in the past and is considered to be a stable, reliable individual. [ ] emphasized the necessity of maintaining his identity as a source strictly confidential since [ ] are not aware of the fact that he is making information available to the FBI. [ ] indicated that should this become known to anyone outside of the FBI, both [ ] and any future use as a source would be compromised and it would be extremely embarrassing to him, to [ ] and to the Bureau. ~~(U)~~

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In view of the foregoing, the Chicago Division is opening [ ] as a confidential source - racial, UACB. ~~(U)~~

Further in view of [ ] position as [ ] a credit and criminal on [ ] is not deemed advisable. ~~(U)~~

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Chicago indices contain nothing pertinent regarding [ ]. ~~(U)~~

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies of a LHM containing data furnished by [ ] who is therein designated as CG T-1. This data was furnished SAs [ ] and [ ] at an interview subsequent to his contact with the SAC, Chicago, CG T-2 in attached LHM is [ ] and was used to characterize [ ], CG 100-41932. LHM is classified Confidential since information from [ ] if disclosed, could result in the loss of this informant as a continuing source. ~~(U)~~

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Local dissemination is being withheld until 3/6/68 to allow the Bureau to make dissemination at the National level first.

Copies of attached LHM are being furnished to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois and the following agencies at Chicago: U.S. Attorney, U.S. Secret Service, NISO, and OSI.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
March 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF AND  
INCIDENTS AT THE DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONAL CONVENTION, CHICAGO,  
ILLINOIS, AUGUST, 1968

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 1-21-80/CI

Chicago T-1 is a source with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, but who for a number of years has been knowledgeable in Chicago civil rights activities and with prominent leaders in that field, such as Dick Gregory, a Negro entertainer comedian and civil rights activist, who has recently threatened to disrupt the Democratic National Convention which will be held at Chicago, Illinois, during August of 1968. (U)

CG T-1 stated that while he believes that Gregory lacks self-discipline and organizational ability, Gregory is currently engaged in a speaking program throughout the United States at various colleges. According to CG T-1, while Gregory is not overtly recruiting individuals from these college audiences to come to Chicago and participate in demonstrations this summer, he frequently comments to the effect that he, (Gregory) will be in Chicago prior to and during the Democratic National Convention, and the implication is that others are welcome to join. (U)

Further CG T-1 noted that at these college talks Gregory emits skillful stage presence and is a spellbinder that captivates the audiences. CG T-1 noted that at one eastern college, at the conclusion of such a talk, what appeared to be a middle-class white coed, approached Gregory to thank him for his talk and that the coed appeared completely

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POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF AND  
INCIDENTS AT THE DEMOCRATIC  
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awe-struck by Gregory's comments and asked what she could do to help. CG T-1 related that while Gregory merely acknowledged her remarks and offered no specific instructions after the coed had departed he stated to the effect that he probably could have given her a bomb and told her to go blow up the police station and that she would have done same. ~~(U)~~

CG T-1 stated that while Gregory has no specific plans, however, he hopes to secure large groups of individuals to demonstrate in Chicago this summer. He does evince plans of commencing with preliminary demonstrations in the latter part of May and that these demonstrations will continue to build in size through June into July, and finally they will reach their peak at the last day of the Democratic National Convention. According to CG T-1, Gregory claims that all demonstrations will be peaceful and non-violent, and will merely be along the lines of using massive numbers of pedestrians, all of whom will obey all laws including traffic regulations, to tie up the streets and sidewalks and to otherwise hinder and impede the activities of the Chicago Police Department. CG T-1 noted, however, that it was pointed out to Gregory that if the demonstrations completely comply with all regulations, they may not obtain the desired results of impeding police activities. In response to this, Gregory, in complete contradiction of the foregoing, is reported to have said that the demonstrators would then lay down in the streets and thus gain the desired results. ~~(U)~~

CG T-1 further related with reference to undisciplined, disorganized thinking by Gregory, with reference to demonstrations that in some conversations Gregory spoke of sending [ ] away from Chicago for the summer. However, in other conversations, when discussing the problem of attracting the attention of the police, Gregory indicated that, if necessary, he would lead marches to various Chicago suburbs such as Cicero, and that [ ] would be at his side during these marches. ~~(U)~~

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POSSIBLE DISRUPTION OF AND  
INCIDENTS AT THE DEMOCRATIC  
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According to CG T-1, Gregory indicates that he plans to climax the summer-long Chicago demonstrations on the final day of the Democratic Convention when Lyndon B. Johnson accepts the Democratic Presidential Nomination. Reportedly the theme of this final demonstration will be "The Funeral of the Democratic Party" and the major objective of this final effort will be to embarrass the President and Mayor Richard J. Daley of Chicago. However, as to whether Gregory has the ability to carry out such grandiose plans, CG T-1 was uncertain in view of Gregory's lack of capacity for organization, self-discipline and administration of given programs. ~~(U)~~

In addition, CG T-1 was in receipt of information concerning [redacted], also known as [redacted], who is allegedly now in Chicago working to organize a coalition of anti-war groups to demonstrate against the Democratic National Convention in August. [redacted] is characterized by CG T-2 as presently one of the leaders of the Joint Community Union, formerly known as Jobs or Income Now, which is the community action organization in Chicago for the Students for a Democratic Society. ~~(U)~~

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According to CG T-2, during the latter part of 1967, [redacted] visited North Viet Nam where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front. ~~(U)~~

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CG T-1 advises that this coalition, as yet unnamed, will meet somewhere in the middle west around the latter part of March to make specific decisions concerning these demonstrations. Reportedly [redacted] feels that the disruption of the convention would not achieve widespread endorsement and the possibility of an alternate ticket, born out of a counter convention, to be called by the coalition, will be considered. ~~(U)~~

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[redacted] indicates that some of his associates believe that mass demonstrations at the convention could play into President Johnson's hands and result in a blood bath. [redacted] explained that Mayor Daley of Chicago would take firm police action against the mass demonstrators and that this would reflect favorably towards the Democratic Party, in that Democrats would appear to be able to handle mobs in the streets. Further [redacted] noted that as a result of such street action the cream of the leadership of his coalition might become casualties and the anti-war movement would be crippled. ~~(U)~~

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ILLINOIS, AUGUST, 1968

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According to [ ] at this point only disciplined and coordinated non-violence demonstrations are planned, and there would be no laying siege to the Amphitheater Building or massive confrontations. [ ] further indicated that the coalition plan to hold a series of rallies and hearings in Chicago in the days prior to the convention, with prominent speakers discussing such topics as the causes of riots, genocide and the legality of the United States' role in the conflict in Viet Nam. According to [ ] these rallies and hearings would serve to present an indictment of the Democratic Party with particular emphasis on the alleged failure of the Democrats in both the area of foreign and domestic issues. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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[ ] indicated that decentralized demonstrations would be planned throughout the city and would be at locations such as welfare offices, urban renewal offices, schools, universities, draft boards, Federal buildings and various firms that supply the United States with war material for Viet Nam. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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Specifically, [ ] indicated that during the first day of the Democratic Convention, credentials of delegates will be challenged on the claim that these delegates had not been freely elected. [ ] stated that these challenges will be preceded by the institution of legal proceedings in the various delegates' districts with charge that the delegates had not been legally elected. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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[ ] advised that during the second day of the convention, the previously mentioned decentralized demonstrations would be initiated. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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On the third day of the convention, according to [ ] a rally at either Soldier's Field or Wrigley Field in Chicago was proposed to highlight the coalition's previous indictments of the Democratic Party. Finally, a Funeral March to the Amphitheater at 43rd and Halsted Streets in Chicago, the site of the convention, by 500,000 persons was proposed by [ ]. It is planned that this march will be led by various military figures and clergymen who oppose the war in Viet Nam along with other well-known Viet Nam dissenters. Reportedly, the march would be serious, somber and restrained and the theme would be the burial of the Democratic Party as an American institution and a call to the United States for a new social and political force to replace the Democratic Party. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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CG T-1 indicated that [ ] related that he welcomes youth gang members to the demonstration because he believes that they would be some of the most disciplined participants. However, [ ] is concerned about counter-pickets and believes that Chicago's Mayor Daley will use paid provocaters to cause trouble which he (Mayor Daley) can swiftly squelch and thus gain popularity with the voters. Further CG T-1 reported that [ ] has commented on the use of "hippies" to increase confusion in Chicago at the time of the Democratic Convention, and that efforts will be made to organize a "love-in". According to [ ] a large farm, 20 to 25 miles from Chicago, is being considered as a site for a tent city for "hippies".

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]*

SUBJECT: SAC, DENVER (100-9440) *Rec*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM RACIAL MATTER  
OO: Chicago

DATE: 4/1/68

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 10/3/67,  
and Phoenix letter to Denver dated 3/26/68.

Enclosed herewith are 11 copies of a Letterhead  
Memorandum and 3 copies for Chicago re GREGORY's speech at  
Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, 3/28/68.

cc 7/10 enclosures detached + sent to Mr. Sullivan  
4/3/68 S.E.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 100-9440

Denver, Colorado  
April 4, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On March 28, 1968, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed captioned individual arriving on Western Airlines Flight 700 from Phoenix, Arizona, at 4:15 p.m. that date, the plane being 27 minutes late. Gregory was observed to contact Frontier Airlines regarding the flight from Denver to Alamosa, Colorado, and then wandered about the airport for awhile prior to entering a restaurant where he was observed sitting at the counter. Gregory was not met at the Denver airport by anyone but it was observed that some young people spoke to him briefly after they apparently recognized who he was. Gregory left Denver, Colorado, via Frontier Airlines, Flight 583, which was scheduled to arrive at Alamosa, Colorado at 8:13 p.m., March 28, 1968.

On March 29, 1968, [redacted] Adams State College, Alamosa, Colorado, advised that he was in attendance at the college auditorium on the evening of March 28, 1968, when Gregory appeared before a group of approximately 1500 persons, mostly students, which audience was reserved and orderly.

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[redacted] stated that Gregory went into a comedy routine for the first few minutes and then told jokes involving President Johnson. Gregory stated that America was a violent country and that the only way to solve the problems was through violence; however, he said he did not personally condone violence.

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Gregory stated that a great number of the criminal activities in the United States involves whites only and mentioned the Bobby Baker incident and stated that the Government and "LBJ" knew all about it. Gregory stated that the United States was the most mixed up country on earth and mentioned

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that there are soldiers in Viet Nam who are not old enough to vote but old enough to die and stated that the blacks hated the whites. Gregory stated that the CIA had followed Carmichael all around the world and reported on his activities and that Carmichael and H. Rap Brown would be heroes in future history. Gregory told the audience to watch the riots on TV this summer and to have the sound of the TV turned off and then to stand behind the TV and recite the Declaration of Independence. Gregory referred to the coming political convention in Chicago and stated that an effort was being made to stop it. He stated he was serious about running for President and spoke against the United States spending money in Viet Nam when the United States has real need for this money at home.

[ ] stated Gregory wore a wrinkled shirt, purple trousers, and a fancy purple jacket with gold piping around the edges. He had a long beard and looked disheveled.

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948 PM M URGENT 3-1-68 RAG

TO DIRECTOR (CODED)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
FROM NEW YORK 157-1093

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO-CHICAGO

ON INSTANT DATE A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS  
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT GREGORY  
HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE NEW MADISON SQUARE GARDEN,  
NEW YORK CITY, WHICH HE URGED NEGROES TO BOYCOTT THE CHAMPION-  
SHIP BOXING MATCH TO BE HELD MARCH FOUR NEXT AT THE NEW MADISON  
SQUARE GARDEN. HE ALSO URGED THAT ACTIVE PICKETING TAKE PLACE  
AT THE AFOREMENTIONED LOCATION.

ADMINISTRATIVE: CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE MENTIONED IS

BSS, NYCPD, LOCAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, SECRET  
SERVICE, AND USAS TO BE ADVISED. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND WFO (VIA BUREAU) (157-1121)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

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[initials]

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM 00:CHICAGO.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED GREGORY LEFT CHICAGO  
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT ELEVEN FORTY FIVE AM, INSTANT, VIA

[redacted] FLIGHT THREE FIVE SIX AND SCHEDULED TO  
ARRIVE WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT ONE FIFTEEN PM, EASTERN  
STANDARD TIME. GREGORY OBTAINED PASSAGE ON STANDBY BASIS,  
THEREBY ELIMINATING NEED FOR RESERVATION AND NO RETURN RESERVATION  
MADE. ON DEPARTURE GREGORY WORE BLUE DUNGAREES, BEADS AND FULL  
BEARD AND WAS TRAVELING ALONE.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE CHICAGO TELEPHONE CALL TO WFO INSTANT. WFO ADVISED BY  
TELEPHONE. SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED. SOURCE IS

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CORRECTION: LINE SIX, WORD 7 SHD BE "STANDBY"

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TO: DIRECTOR, WFO, AND CHICAGO

FROM: MILWAUKEE (157-226)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO: CG

DETECTIVE SGT. [REDACTED] SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD,

MI PD, ADVISED INSTANT DATE INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATES  
FATHER JAMES E. GROPPi IS POSSIBLY TRAVELING TO WASHINGTON,  
D. C., ON APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT. GROPPi IS ALLEGEDLY TO SPEAK  
AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY EVENING OF APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT.

INFORMATION ALSO INDICATES CAPTIONED SUBJECT MAY ALSO  
BE IN WASHINGTON, D. C., AREA DURING WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN  
DASH FOURTEEN NEXT AND MAY MEET WITH GROPPi.

ABOVE INFORMATION NOT CONFIRMED TO DATE. MI WILL ADVISE  
WHEN CONFIRMATION EXISTS.

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TO: DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO:CHICAGO

RE MI TELETYPE, APRIL ELEVEN LAST.

NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, WASHINGTON, D. C., ADVISE

NO RESERVATIONS LOCATED FOR FATHER GROPPi FOR PERIOD APRIL

TWELVE THROUGH FOURTEEN NEXT FOR TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON,

D. C., (WDC).

INSPECTOR  METROPOLITAN POLICE  
 DEPARTMENT, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT METROPOLITAN POLICE  
 DEPARTMENT SOURCES REPORT GROPPi WILL NOT VISIT WDC  
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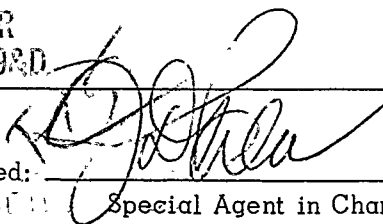
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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423), CHICAGO (157-347), AND PORTLAND  
FROM SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO -CHICAGO.

RE SE TEL APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT.

GREGORY ARRIVED SALT LAKE CITY VIA UNITED AIR LINES FLIGHT  
TWO TWO TWO AT TEN THIRTYTWO A.M., APRIL TWELVE, SIXTYEIGHT, AND  
IMMEDIATELY CHARTERED PLANE TO LOGAN, UTAH, ARRIVING TWELVE ZERO  
FIVE P.M. GREGORY SPOKE FOR AN HOUR AND A QUARTER AT UTAH STATE  
UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE AND IMMEDIATELY  
RETURNED TO SALT LAKE CITY BY SAME CHARTERED PLANE. GREGORY LEFT  
SALT LAKE CITY ON UNITED FLIGHT TWO SEVEN EIGHT TO CHICAGO, LEAVING  
SALT LAKE CITY FIVE TWENTY P.M., APRIL TWELVE SIXTYEIGHT, ARRIVING  
CHICAGO NINE P.M.

AT LOGAN, GREGORY WAS SPONSORED BY ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY. DURING PRESENTATION GREGORY STATED HE IS  
AGAINST VIOLENCE. HE STATED DEMOCRATIC PARTY SHOULD NOT HAVE  
CHOSEN CHICAGO FOR ITS CONVENTION BECAUSE OF RACIAL TENSION AND  
BECAUSE IT IS A "CORRUPT CITY.". GREGORY WAS ACCOMPANIED BY

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NO INCIDENT OCCURRED DURING GREGORY'S PRESENCE IN UTAH.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 4/11/68

We previously received and disseminated information indicating that Dick Gregory, Negro Comedian who has been very active in civil rights demonstrations and in demonstrations opposing U.S. participation in the Vietnam War, planned to hold a vigil in front of the White House during Easter Week.

Attached indicates Gregory currently in Oregon and due back in Chicago, Ill. 4/13/68. Reliable Chicago source stated there is some question as to whether Gregory will go through with plans for vigil at White House in view of announcement by President Johnson that he will not seek reelection.

This information has been furnished to Secret Service Headquarters and to the Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department. A copy has been sent to the Attorney General.

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344PM URGENT 4/11/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, WASHINGTON FIELD, MILWAUKEE AND SALT LAKE CITY

WASHINGTON FIELD VIA WASHINGTON

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 3P

*Racial Matter*  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

GREGORY IS NATIONALLY KNOWN NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO HAS VOCALLY OPPOSED UNITED STATES PARTICIPATION IN VIETNAM WAR.

GREGORY HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT KNICKERBOCKER HOTEL, ONE SIX THREE EAST WALTON AVE., CHICAGO, ON MARCH NINETEEN LAST. GREGORY ANNOUNCED PLANS TO HOLD VIGIL IN FRONT OF WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON, D.C., THROUGHOUT EASTER WEEK IN COMPANY OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] - PURPOSE TO PROTEST U.S. POLICIES IN VIETNAM.

PREVIOUS INFORMATION FROM SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, WAS THAT GREGORY WAS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND, PORTLAND, OREGON, APRIL NINE LAST, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE, LOGAN, UTAH APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT WITH NEXT APPEARANCE SCHEDULED APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT AT LOS ANGELES HARBOR COLLEGE, WILMINGTON, CALIFORNIA.

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SECOND CHICAGO SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT HAD LEARNED GREGORY REPORTEDLY CURRENTLY IN OREGON AND DUE BACK IN CHICAGO APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT. SOURCE ADVISED LEARNED APPEARS SOME QUESTION EXISTS AS TO WHETHER GREGORY WILL GO THROUGH WITH ANNOUNCED PLANS FOR EASTER VIGIL AT WHITE HOUSE IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT JOHNSON'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK RE-ELECTION AND IS NOT CANDIDATE.

CHICAGO <sup>POLICE DEPARTMENT</sup> ~~PD~~ SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT BEST AVAILABLE <sup>INFORMATION</sup> ~~INFO~~ IS THAT GREGORY NOT CURRENTLY IN CHICAGO.

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REMYAIRTEL AND LHM REPORTING TRAVEL ITINERARY FOR GREGORY, COPIES TO RECIPIENTS, [REDACTED] LAST, CHICAGO AIRTEL AND <sup>MEMO</sup> LHM MARCH TWENTY LAST, REPORTING PRESS CONFERENCE REFERRED TO ABOVE, AND MILWAUKEE TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR, <sup>WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE</sup> WFO AND CHICAGO INSTANT DATE INDICATING GREGORY MAY BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA WEEKEND APRIL THIRTEEN AND FOURTEEN NEXT AND MEET WITH FATHER JAMES E. ~~GROPP~~ <sup>WIS</sup> GROPP OF MILWAUKEE, WHO HAS LED OPEN HOUSING MARCHES THAT CITY. SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO ADVISED. WASHINGTON FIELD ALERT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES. MILWAUKEE IMMEDIATELY FURNISH BUREAU AND WFO ANY ADDITIONAL INFO RE POSSIBLE TRAVEL OF GREGORY TO

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WASHINGTON. SALT LAKE CITY IMMEDIATELY ADVISED BUREAU, WFO AND CHICAGO OF ANY INFO DEVELOPED RE FUTURE TRAVEL OF GREGORY FOLLOWING SCHEDULED APPEARANCE LOGAN, UTAH.

FOR INFO INQUIRY RECEIVED FROM SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, RE GREGORY'S WHEREABOUTS IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED WHITE HOUSE DEMONSTRATION.

SOURCES UTILIZED ARE

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IS POTENTIAL [REDACTED] WHO WILL BE IDENTIFIED IN FOLLOWING AIRTEL WITH

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1050PM URGENT 4/12/68 GAB

TO DIRECTOR AND SPRINGFIELD

FROM CHICAGO RACIAL MATTERS

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RACIAL DISTURBANCES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, APRIL FOUR, NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. RM. CG ONE HUNDRED-THREE FIVE THREE FIVE SIX. RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. CG ONE FIFTY SEVEN - THREE FORTY SEVEN.

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CAPTAIN [REDACTED] MAYWOOD ILLINOIS PD, ADVISED

MAYWOOD "GOOD FRIDAY" MARCH OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED BEATNIK TYPE CAUCASIANS LED BY SEVERAL MINISTERS FOLLOWED PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED ROUTE AND TERMINATED TODAY AT THREE PM AT WALTHER HIGH SCHOOL, MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS. NO ARRESTS OR INCIDENTS.

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NOT RECORDED

CHIEF OF POLICE EDWARD BURKE, JOLIET, ILLINOIS PD REPORTS 1968

JOLIET QUIET AND THAT BLACK CITIZENS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE PICKETS FAILED TO APPEAR ON STREETS OF JOLIET THIS DATE. AT SIX PM AS PERVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISES BLACK NATIONALIST [REDACTED] LNU TWENTY SIX TO TWENTY SEVEN YEARS, [REDACTED] LNU, MALE NEGRO, THIRTY, FIVE FEET TEN, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY POUNDS AND [REDACTED] NEGRO RECENTLY RELEASED FOR UNIDENTIFIED JAIL HAVE BEEN HIRING NEGROES DURING RECENT CHICAGO DISTURBANCES TO EXTORT MONEY AND MERCHANDISE

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FROM NEAR NORTHSIDE MERCHANTS, CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

SAME SOURCE STATES DICK GREGORY ATTEMPTED TO OBTAIN POSITION ON EXECUTIVE BOARD, SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP COUNCIL BUT WAS REJECTED BECAUSE OF HIS MILITANT BACKGROUND. AS A RESULT, GREGORY REPORTEDLY PLANS TO "RAISE HELL" IN CHICAGO, THIS SUMMER.

CHICAGO PD SOURCES ADVISE AS OF NINE PM CITY QUIET BUT TENSIONS CONTINUE AND PD REMAINS ALERT.

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FROM SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO - CG.

GREGORY SCHEDULED FOR SPEECH, UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY OF  
AGRICULTURE AND APPLIED SCIENCE, LOGAN, UTAH, APRIL TWELVE NEXT.  
ITINERARY WILL BE ASCERTAINED FOLLOWING APPEARANCE TOMORROW.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE AND SECRET SERVICE,  
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, ADVISED.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO CHICAGO.

RE MITEL AND CG TELS THIS DATE.

SGT. [REDACTED] SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SQUAD, MI PD,  
ADVISED INSTANT DATE, MI PD SOURCE COULD NOT CONFIRM  
WHETHER OR NOT FATHER JAMES E. GROPPi AND CAPTIONED SUBJECT  
WILL BE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., APRIL THIRTEEN DASH FOURTEEN  
NEXT. CONTACT WITH NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES, MI, WISC.,  
INDICATED GROPPi'S RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS ARE MADE THROUGH  
THE WASHINGTON, D.C., OFFICE OF NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES.  
LOCAL AIRLINE OFFICE HAS NO RESERVATION LISTED FOR GROPPi  
AT THIS TIME.

WFO CONTACT NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES AT WASHINGTON,  
D.C., AND DETERMINE IF GROPPi HAS RESERVATION TO FLY FROM  
MI TO WASHINGTON, D.C., DURING WEEKEND OF APRIL THIRTEEN  
DASH FOURTEEN, NEXT.

MI FOLLOWING AND WILL ADVISE WHEN FURTHER INFORMATION  
DEVELOPED.

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SAC CHICAGO (157-347)  
SAC SALT LAKE CITY  
SAC PORTLAND  
SAC LOS ANGELES (MAIL)

FROM SAC SEATTLE (157-511)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM. OO - CHICAGO.

GREGORY SPOKE AT CENTRAL WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE (CWSC), ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON, EVENING OF APRIL TEN LAST AND IS MAKING TWO APPEARANCES AT WESTERN WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE (WWSC), BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON, APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT. SUBJECT TRAVELING TO SEATTLE OUT OF VANCOUVER, B.C., CANADA, VIA UNITED AIRLINES AFTER CONCLUSION OF LAST APPEARANCE AT WWSC, ARRIVING ON UNITED FLIGHT #TWO TWO THREE AT ELEVEN THIRTEEN PM. HAS RESERVATION OUT OF SEATTLE APRIL TWELVE NEXT AT SIX AM TO SALT LAKE CITY VIA UNITED FLIGHT TWO SEVEN SIX ARRIVING NINE TWELVE AM; ON UNITED FLIGHT # FOUR

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NINE ONE ON APRIL TWELVE NEXT OUT OF SU AT SEVEN THIRTY-FIVE PM TO PORTLAND ARRIVING EIGHT ELEVEN PM; AND ON UNITED FLIGHT #ONE FOUR TWO ON APRIL THIRTEEN NEXT LEAVING PORTLAND AT SEVEN FIFTY-FIVE AM AND ARRIVING CHICAGO O'HARE ONE TWENTY PM. ALSO HAS RESERVATION ON UNITED FLIGHT #ONE ONE ONE ON APRIL FIFTEEN NEXT LEAVING CHICAGO, THREE PM, ARRIVING LA FIVE PM. NO SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES AT SEATTLE KNOWN. LOCATION OF PROBABLE SPEECH AT SU NOT CURRENTLY KNOWN. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE INDICATIVE OF ANY PLANNED ACTIVITIES AT PORTLAND DURING PLANE CHANGE THERE, AND NO CONTACT NUMBER THERE AVAILABLE.

SUBJECT ACCOMPANIED AT ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON BY FEMALE COMPANION WHO REGISTERED IN SEPARATE ROOM AT THUNDERBIRD MOTEL THERE AS [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, [REDACTED] NEW HAMPSHIRE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C.

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IN TALK AT CWSC SUBJECT MADE REMARK TO EFFECT, QUOTE A POLICEMAN'S LIFE WILL BE TAKEN FOR EVERY BLACK MAN'S LIFE TAKEN.

APPEARANCES IN WASHINGTON STATE HAVE BEEN WITHOUT INCIDENT. LHM WILL FOLLOW.

GREGORY AND [REDACTED] HAVE RESERVATIONS AT HILTON INN NEAR SEA-TAC AIRPORT FOR NIGHT OF APRIL ELEVEN INSTANT. -P -

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletypes to Bureau, 4/11/68 and 4/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, captioned as above. Information copies are being furnished Los Angeles and WFO. A copy of LHM is also being furnished USA, U. S. Secret Service, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Sources mentioned in enclosed LHM are:

CG T-1 - [REDACTED]  
CG T-2 - [REDACTED]  
CG T-3 - [REDACTED]  
O'Hare International Airport,  
Chicago, Illinois  
CG T-4 - [REDACTED] Police Department,  
Chicago, Illinois, [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
1 - Los Angeles (Encl. 1) (Info)  
1 - WFO (Encl. 1) (Info)  
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Chicago following and Bureau will be immediately  
advised of all pertinent developments.



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Chicago, Illinois

*April 15, 1968*

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist, who has vocally opposed United States participation in the Viet Nam war.

On March 19, 1968, Gregory held a press conference at the Knickerbocker Hotel, 163 West Walton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. He announced plans to hold a vigil in front of the White House in Washington, D. C. throughout Easter week in company with [REDACTED] His purpose was to protest United States policies in Viet Nam.

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CG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was scheduled to speak at the following places on the dates indicated:

University of Portland, Portland, Oregon  
April 9, 1968

Utah State University, University of  
Agriculture and Applied Sciences,  
Logan, Utah, April 11, 1968

Los Angeles Harbor College, Willmington,  
California, April 15, 1968.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 11, 1968, CG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was reportedly currently in Oregon and due back in Chicago on April 13, 1968. He also advised that there is some question as to whether Gregory will go through with announced plans for an Easter vigil at the White House in view of President Johnson's announcement that he will not seek re-election and is not a candidate.

On April 13, 1968, CG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory left Chicago, O'Hare International Airport, at 11:45 AM, that date, by [REDACTED] Flight 356, which was scheduled to arrive at Washington National Airport, at 1:15 PM, Eastern Standard Time. Gregory obtained passage on a stand-by basis and, therefore, did not need a reservation and no reservation was made. On departure, Gregory wore blue dungarees, beads, and a full beard and was traveling alone.

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On April 13, 1968, CG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory arrived at Chicago, Illinois, aboard American Airlines Flight 2305 at 11:00 PM, that date.

The following agencies were furnished the above information:

United States Attorney, Chicago

United States Secret Service, Chicago

Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

DATE: April 22, 1968

Re New Orleans airtel to the Bureau with letterhead memorandum dated 3/21/68.

A further examination of informant reports concerning GREGORY's stay in New Orleans and his speech delivered at Tulane University reveals no further information of any significance is contained in New Orleans files. In view of this, New Orleans will not submit a second letterhead memorandum as previously stated.

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2-Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
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 FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 (OO: CHICAGO)

ReBulet to Chicago, dated 3/19/68.

On 4/9/68, Captain  Commander, Investigations Unit, Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, made available to SA  a copy of a schedule for Impact 1968, Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., for the period of 4/24/68 through 4/27/68. The schedule shows Vice President HUBERT H. HUMPHREY will give the keynote address on the evening of 4/24/68. The other speakers are shown as LESTER KIRKENDALL on 4/25/68, topic "New Morality; Ethical Responsibility or Moral Decay"; ERVIN DUGGAN on 4/26/68, topic "The Great Society; Boom or Bust"; MAX LERNER on 4/26/68, topic "Pax Americana; War or Peace"; ALLEN GINSBERG at 11:00 a.m. on 4/27/68, topic "Free Expression in America; Fact or Fiction"; and DICK GREGORY at 4:00 p.m. on 4/27/68, topic "Black Power; Revolution or Evolution." The schedule shows that ALLEN GINSBERG will arrive Huntington, W. Va., at 4:37 p.m. on 4/26/68, will stay at the UpTowner Motel, Huntington, and will depart Huntington at 11:50 a.m. on 4/28/68, mode of travel not set forth. The schedule shows GREGORY will arrive Huntington, W. Va., at 12:22 p.m. on 4/27/68, and will depart Huntington at 6:30 p.m. on 4/27/68.

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 Pittsburgh will cover the appearance of GREGORY at Marshall University through established sources.

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3. DICK GREGORY TO APPEAR WITH ALLEN GINSBERG AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

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7. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN THE HERALD-DISPATCH HUNTINGTON, W.VA. DATED 11 MARCH 1968, DICK GREGORY IS TO APPEAR WITH ~~ALLEN GINSBERG~~ AT MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.. SPEAKERS TO APPEAR AS PART OF WHAT IS CALLED "IMPACT WEEK", A STUDENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAM TO BRING NATIONALLY KNOWN SPEAKERS TO THE CAMPUS TO DISCUSS MAJOR SOCIAL ISSUES. ALLEN GINSBERG IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK 1100 TO 1400 HRS EST, 27 APRIL 1968 ON "FREE EXPRESSION IN AMERICA; FACT OR FICTION?". DICK GREGORY IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN THE AFTERNOON - TIME AND SUBJECT IS NOT INDICATED.

8. UNKNOWN

9. 1400 HRS (EST), 12 MAR 68

10. LIAISON WITH LOCAL AGENCIES

11. HERALD-DISPATCH NEWSPAPER, DATED 11 MARCH 1968, HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

12. F-3

13. 1030 HRS EST, 12 MAR 68; S/A STULL

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According to the Department of the Army, the "Herald-Dispatch," Huntington, West Virginia, on 3/11/68 carried an article to the effect that Dick Gregory is to appear with Allen Ginsberg at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, on 4/27/68 as part of what is called the "Impact Week," a student organization program to bring nationally-known speakers to the campus to discuss major social issues.

Pittsburgh, through its sources, should attempt to cover the appearance of Gregory at this campus.

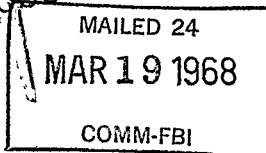
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) — *PVC*RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CG)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and other offices, 4/11/68.

Transmitted herewith for Bureau are eleven copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM regarding GREGORY's appearance at Logan, Utah, on 4/12/68. Copies of this LHM are also being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service and Military Intelligence Group locally.

AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 16, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] Utah State  
University of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, Logan, Utah, ad-  
vised on April 11, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory was schedul-  
ed to speak at that school at 11:30 a.m. on April 12, 1968. The  
appearance was to be sponsored by the student body at the school.

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Special Agent in Charge Robert Grube, U. S. Secret  
Service, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Operations Officer [redacted]  
[redacted] Military Intelligence Group, Fort Douglas, Utah, were ad-  
vised on April 11, 1968, of the above appearance.

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On April 12, 1968, [redacted] advised that Gregory did  
not arrive at the university on schedule, inasmuch as he had miss-  
ed his plane from Seattle to Salt Lake City. He said, however,  
Gregory did arrive in Logan by chartered plane at about 12:05 p.m.  
on April 12, 1968, and spoke before the student body for about an  
hour and fifteen minutes. [redacted] said the appearance was  
orderly and without incident, and during his presentation Gregory  
stated he is against violence. Gregory commented that the Demo-  
cratic Party should not have chosen Chicago for its convention  
because of racial tension in that city and because it is a "cor-  
rupt city." Gregory was accompanied by [redacted]

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Following is quoted a newspaper account of Gregory's  
appearance at Logan:

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Ghetto Negro Wants Rights,  
Dick Gregory Says at USU

"LOGAN (AP) -- The young people have got to wake up and see what is going on in this country, if for nothing but to protest themselves, Dick Gregory told an audience of 2,500 at Utah State University Friday.

"If you kids aren't careful you are going to be in trouble,' he said, 'There are a lot of problems to be solved and nobody can solve them but you.'

"Mr. Gregory told the students that they are facing a crisis that has never been faced before by young people.

"The world has progressed so far in science it doesn't even count,' he said. 'Now it has to develop talents in fields where we can help man live together even when they hate one another.'

"The 'nigger' in the ghetto is not a fool like you,' he said, 'because we are tired of the American system playing games with us.'

"You taught me to be a white man,' he said, 'and to react the same way you react and then you yell nonviolence at me. Don't give us civil rights unless they will work. Give us the constitutional rights same as the white Americans.'

"We want our rights on the Constitution-- no more, no less.'

"The problems between the two races can never be solved until the Negro will trust a white man, said Mr. Gregory, and no 80 million dollars is going to buy this trust.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"He added that the Declaration of Independence should be changed to 'white folks' because that's the way it reads now--it doesn't include all Americans."

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/19/68

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-117) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau with LHM dated  
Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies  
of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Five copies are  
enclosed for Chicago.

The source who furnished information relating to  
appearance of GREGORY at American River College, Sacramento,  
California, is [redacted]

The LHM is classified "~~Confidential~~" because of  
information furnished by a Confidential informant. If  
disclosed, it could reasonably result in the identity of a  
Confidential informant of continuing value and compromise  
future effectiveness.

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AT SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA: Will follow and report  
GREGORY's activities during his appearance at the University  
of California, at Davis, on April 24, 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sacramento, California  
April 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The March 19, 1968, issue of the "Stockton Record," a daily newspaper published at Stockton, California contains an article which reveals that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Civil Rights worker, would appear at the University of Pacific (UOP) Conservatory Auditorium, Stockton, California, at 8:15 PM, on March 30, 1968, and again on March 31, 1968, in the Chapel on the UOP Campus.

On April 1, 1968, [REDACTED] Chief, Campus Police, UOP, advised that Gregory spoke to a near capacity audience of over 1,000 persons, mostly of college age, on the evening of March 30, 1968, in the Conservatory Auditorium. Admission was \$1.75 for adults and \$1.25 for students. Gregory spoke for two hours and was warmly received by the audience.

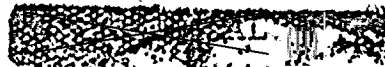
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Gregory mentioned that he was on the thirty-first day of his forty-day fast but did not appear weakened and was vigorous in his speech.

Gregory, during his speech, described Martin Luther King as the number one moral force in our country today and added that he hoped the recent violence in Memphis, Tennessee, would not affect King's work.

Gregory challenged the statement that there are communists in the Civil Rights Movement and inquired as to why the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency had not identified them.

He criticized the double standard in the United States and said that Congress did not get upset over crime in the streets until it became crime by Negroes. He pointed out



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that the syndicate was ten times worse than anything else and if the Mafia was taken over by Negroes it would be stomped out immediately. He stated that Bobby Baker stole eight million dollars while working for "LBJ" yet the boss knew nothing about it. He spoke of "LBJ's" attempts to spread democracy in Southeast Asia, yet some of the biggest crooks are in control of Vietnam and why should the U. S. go all the way to Vietnam to stomp out corruption when we have not set our own house in order.

Gregory stated that the attitude of Congress is what can be done with the Negroes, not what can be done for the Negroes. He suggested that next summer when the television stations are showing cities being burned by Negro rioters, turn off the sound and read the first part of the Declaration of Independence which states that it is the duty of the citizens to revolt when they have been misused for long periods of time.

Gregory urged the white people to understand the attitude of the "Blacks" in order to understand why they riot. He told of his first meeting with Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown in the South about six years ago. He stated that these kids were obtaining their freedom house with nonviolence while the red-necked crackers shot them up and blew them up. He cited Carmichael's recent remarks relating to not wanting any whites in the Civil Rights Movement and then explained that Carmichael does not want "northern white liberals" involved in local situations in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, as this serves to antagonize the southern red necks when these same northern white liberals cannot guarantee civil rights to the Negroes in their own home town up north. He stated that the Negro wants help from the white radicals not the white liberals. HSA

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Gregory ridiculed Congress for passing a bill against burning draft cards within a period of a few days after one had been burned but had not been able to pass anti-lynching law after hundreds of lynchings. Gregory claimed to be opposed to violence and opposed to all war and was especially resentful of the U. S. sending troops to Vietnam to inflict freedom for a bunch of foreigners when there is no enforcement of freedom at home. He repeated that he does not agree with violence but had to admit that progress comes only after riots and as an example cited the recent hiring of thousands of Negroes by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit. He claimed they were hired only because the fires got too close to the Ford Plant.

Chief [ ] advised that on March 31, 1968, Gregory appeared before a group of approximately 150 students and faculty in the Morris Chapel on the UOP Campus. He gave a short speech entitled "Where's The Church, Baby?" He spoke of the failure of the church to meet its commitment and told of his hope that the church would put an end to capital punishment. He told of his disillusionment of the church at an early age because of its hypocritical attitude.

Chief [ ] advised there was no racial activity of any type during the time Gregory spoke in the Stockton, California, area.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Dick Gregory Says Blacks 'Cricket in Whites' Ear'

Negro comedian Dick Gregory is a hungry man.

The hunger is both physical, resulting from a 40-day self-imposed fast in protest to the Vietnam War, and psychological—a burning appetite to insure equal rights to his fellow Negroes in this country.

Both were displayed here Saturday night when the thin, bearded comedian delivered an emotional 2½-hour lecture that brought an applauding audience in University of the Pacific's Conservatory Auditorium to its feet.

## WEAKENED VOICE

"I noticed LBJ left the country and was blessed by the Pope—Now we can't get out, and who's going to bless us?" he chided in an obviously weakened voice.

Then followed the customary jabs at the Establishment:

"Hey, this is a private school, isn't it? That means even Ronald Reagan can't threaten you."

"I'm tempted to fly to South Africa and get me a white heart," he proclaimed. "But, you know, I hate the thought that you white folks'll start assumin' that we gonna start givin' you spare parts."

Gregory said he'd prefer see-

ing integration where it shows, "Like I'd like to see a white cat get a black foot."

An urgent surge of frustration flowed from Gregory's speech. He damned United States involvement in Vietnam, crime in the streets, and government neglect of domestic issues.

## NO BUILDING

On Vietnam: "It's as if I called in napalm on a building to get rid of the rats and roaches. Ain't no rats and roaches left, but there ain't no building either. . . . Now tell me, what other country in the world is going to ask the U.S. to help them achieve a democracy after seeing how we're doing it in Vietnam?"

On race riots: "Crime in the streets has become America's new way of saying 'nigger.' . . . People call on me to come and say something to stop a riot. Well, I didn't heat 'em up, and

I don't know a way to cool 'em off."

On government assistance: "If welfare bothers you so much, then stop callin' it that. Call it foreign aid, 'cause that don't seem to bother you at all."

A self-declared candidate for the presidency of the United States, Gregory stated his aims are "totally non-violent."

He crowned the incumbent "The slickest tyrant that walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar."

Gregory declared his allegiance to black leaders Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael, and H. Rapp Brown.

Unperturbed by the varying views they represent, Gregory cited Dr. King as a "misunderstood man" to whom the country owes a debt of gratitude for keeping the lid on a dangerously boiling vat of violence.

## MILITANT VIEWS

The militant views of Brown and Carmichael were dismissed by Gregory as "completely understandable." He noted their tireless efforts on behalf of the Student Non-Violent Co-ordinating Committee (SNCC), prior to their present preaching of the "get a gun" philosophy.

"Carmichael and Brown," advised Gregory, "have dared to become as bitter as Patrick Henry."

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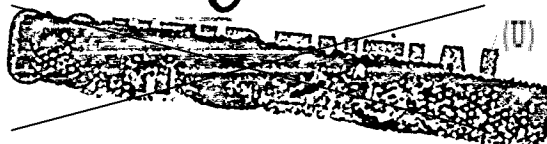
Gregory rasped, "when ol' Khrushchev said he'd bury us, we said, cool as you please. 'come on, baby,' and he had all those missiles and all those destroyers, and now two young men stand up and make a speech and the whole country is terrified."

"And you know what, baby," Gregory shook his head incredulously, "Stokely, he ain't even got one missile. And Rapp Brown, well, he don't even own a canoe."

"But you white folks know we'll burn this country down house by house, brick by brick—that's what they're talking about," he lamented. "We got to give sanity back to an insane nation."

The lengthy lecture led Gregory to the final observation:

"The white folks in this country is the lion, and the black folks is the cricket—and we're gonna jump in your ear every time we get the chance."



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 25, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Fresno State College, Fresno, California, advised that  
Gregory was scheduled to make an address in the Cafeteria at  
Fresno State College at 7:30 PM, on March 31, 1968. His  
appearance was sponsored by the Community Lecture Service.

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The following article appeared in the April 1,  
1968, issue of the "Fresno Bee" daily newspaper:

## Dick Gregory Shows 3 Faces In CC Talk

President Johnson "is the slickest tyrant since Julius Caesar," a man who has become rich in public office and who presides over a "sick, insane nation" in danger of take-over by a "Nazi-Facist" element, says Dick Gregory, the nonviolent but militant civil rights crusader.

However, Johnson's decision not to run may signal an end to an "era of political muscle" and a new period of statesmanship in America, says Dick Gregory, the presidential candidate.

"But we're going to have to watch LBJ — if he leaves the country next week, I'm going to say, 'Bye, you-all!'" says Dick Gregory, the comedian.

Gregory, 35, a former night club comic who has become a preacher for the rights of American minorities, and against what he considers to be the sins of the country, socked it to an audience of a thousand persons at Fresno City College last night, in a two-hour sample of his new, stiff line.

### Wide-Ranging Speech

Wearing a dark-green jump suit and appearing with a beard, which he said will re-

main until America makes peace in Vietnam, Gregory spoke here on the 32nd day of his second 40-day fast in protest of the war. He did not look weak, and in fact used energy enough for two well-fed men in a speech that ranged from off-hand gags to fire-and-brimstone pulpit oratory.

And while he still says some very funny things, Gregory appears to be in dead earnest about his principal theme: America is in bad trouble, sinking fast, and it is up to the youth of the country to pull it out.

Most of what he had to say centered on racism and the situation of the black man in this country, but he also had a word for the Mexican-American, the Indian and "the poor white hill-billy."

One of the blacks' biggest problems has been in remaining too humble in the face of white repression, Gregory said.

"Black people should adopt a

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# Gregory

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policy of being totally militant to the system," he declared. "Nonviolence is my own personal hangup — I won't preach nonviolence, because all that means is black folks aren't supposed to hit white folks."

Before settling into the serious substance of his message, Gregory offered some material like that in his old routines.

He noted that the only successful heart transplant to date involved a black heart (Clive Haupt's, donated to Dr. Philip Blaiberg) in a white man.

"That's the only thing wrong with white folks—they just need a change of heart." After that drew heavy applause, Gregory added: "But the last thing we want white folks to assume is that we're going to be your spare parts."

Speaking as a presidential candidate, which he has declared he seriously is, Gregory said one of the first things he would do is set up a \$50 billion, white-folks "rest plan"—in order to open up jobs for blacks. But he predicted he would incur the wrath of blacks, who would demand to know why he was giving whites "all those checks while they ain't doing nothing but having all those babies."

Most of the balance of his talk was without levity. Much of his comment touched on American violence. "There's no way to discuss America today without talking of violence. America is a very violent nation."

Whites will not understand the powder-keg of the ghetto until they venture from their "lily-white suburbs" and see some of the "mean, evil" Negroes who "don't give a damn about dying," Gregory said in warning about chances of summer violence.

Speaking of the President's riot commission report, Gregory said he thought the \$80 billion proposed for urban ailments "is not going to solve the problem." First, he said, "we've got to get black folks to trust this country."

On crime, Gregory recalled congressional cheers when Johnson called for control of "crime in the streets." White crime or white violence doesn't upset the nation, he said, but when the crime is black, "the country goes crazy."

He warned of the far-right "Minute Men" whose dynamite he claimed may blow up white suburbs, and of the American penchant for guns that sees "grown men go hunting for little-bitty rabbits with a shotgun."

He called college and teen-aged youth "the No. 1 moral force" in the nation, but cautioned that "the system is getting ready to wipe out young folks," by measures such as elimination of deferments from military service for graduate students.

The job of youth, Gregory declared, is to "give sanity back to a nation gone stone mad."

Before his lecture in the City College gymnasium, Gregory met briefly with reporters. Appearing minutes after President Johnson's disclosure he would not seek re-election, Gregory said he was "caught by surprise" by the announcement.

"But I think we have to give the credit to the young kids — I think it's a tremendous victory for peaceful but militant protest."

Commenting on the changed election picture, Gregory said he could not support "any politician," including the announced candidates. America needs "a statesman" which is what he declares he would be if elected.

Asked about his reactions to the riot commission report, Gregory said he was surprised "it was this honest" regarding racism, but added he was disappointed who they put the blame on. Rather than white racism, he stated, the finger should point to "politicians" who have sworn to uphold the constitution.



Turning to implications of Memphis rioting last week, Gregory said it was "very important" the disturbance was checked in one day. He added that police now seem to understand the difference between dealing with "a hoodlum, a thug, and a looter, and with a revolter."

"A lot of things are not going to get out of hand because of advanced police training," he declared.

Will the country solve its racial problems, or will the end be revolution? Said Gregory:

"I have a firm belief in my heart we've gone beyond the point of no return, unless we get a shift in the wind. Tonight may be that shift in the wind, with the President stepping down. . . I think if we don't solve the problems confronting the country in the next three years, that America won't exist — it will be torn apart from the inside."


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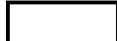
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On March 31, 1968, Sergeant  Police Department, Vallejo, California, advised that Gregory was scheduled to appear at Solano College, Vallejo, California, on April 1, 1968, sponsored by the College.

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On April 2, 1968, Sergeant  advised that Gregory appeared at Solano College as scheduled, before a crowd of approximately 1,000 young people of college age and fifty per cent of whom were Negro.

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During his speech, Gregory concentrated on criticizing the current Government administration and the treatment of minority groups.

The following article appeared in the April 2, 1968, issue of the "Vallejo Times-Herald" newspaper:

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## SPEAKS IN VALLEJO

# Dick Gregory Hits Moral Pollution

The major problem confronting America today is "moral pollution" and it is up to the younger generation to solve this problem created by their elders, Dick Gregory told a crowd of 900 in Vallejo Monday night.

Speaking at Hogan High School, Gregory, an independent candidate for president who has been mentioned as the possible standard bearer for the new Peace and Freedom Party, said: "The number one problem confronting this country is not the

problem of air pollution, but moral pollution. I say to you youngsters, you got to solve the problems the old, morally corrupt generation has presented."

Turning to the Democratic and Republican parties, Gregory said they won't let you vote at 18, but make you wait until you're 21 when you are "thoroughly morally corrupted."

"That's why the Peace and Freedom Party has it all, baby, they're the only way out," Gregory told the crowd. The Peace and Freedom Party is currently circulating an 18-year-old initiative ballot measure.

Hammering away that the younger generation must save

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America from its "insanity," Gregory said. "What's wrong with an 18-year-old saying to his country, damn it, if I'm too young to vote, then I should be too young to die."

#### STAYS ON FAST

Although in the 33rd day of a 40-day fast in protest of the Vietnam war, Gregory entertained and confronted the audience for two and a half hours, interspersing criticisms of America with cutting wit.

He opened his talk by saying: "I just finished crying about LBJ being out of work," but minutes later added if he were elected president, he would "bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over there."

Condemning all aspects of the "establishment," Gregory told the audience: "The biggest job you youngsters have is to give sanity back to the insane nation. The Senate and House debate four months over a clean meat bill. Is clean meat debateable?"

Turning to the failure of Congress to pass the anti-rat bill, Gregory said: "You wiped out the buffalo but you can't get rid of the rat."

#### U.S. POLICY HIT

Attacking U.S. policy in Vietnam, Gregory said if you believe what you read in the newspaper, the Viet Cong Tet offensive "didn't hurt us. We won." But wasn't LBJ surprised when he tried to call the American Embassy and a Viet Cong answered, Gregory said.

Recalling President Johnson's speech Sunday night, Gregory asked: "How do you de-escalate the war cutting back in the bombing and calling up the reserves?" He answered by saying: "When they shot down two \$6 million planes, LBJ decided it's cheaper to lose boys rather than the planes."

With an audience of about 50 per cent black, Gregory spent much of his speech on race problems in America.

He advised young black people, when riots again are televised during the summer, to call their parents to the television, turn down the sound, and read the Declaration of Independence. The section Gregory said to read was:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men. That whenever any form of government becomes destructive to these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."

Gregory continued by saying the Black man has not received these unalienable rights during his 300 years in America. "If you think the civil rights bill is progress, you white people ought to live under it. We want the Constitution."

The problem with America, it refuses to face up to racial violence and it keeps passing the buck, Gregory said. "Someday we will have to admit America is the number one racist country on earth," he said. "If these problems existed in any other country on earth, we could solve them."

#### TOO MANY GUNS

"One day you young kids are going to ask the question — if

democracy is as good as you (adults) tell us it is, why are we running around the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun?

Further commenting on violence, Gregory said he was committed to non-violence but America today is a "violent country."

"I don't go around preaching non-violence because it is the white folks who own the army, planes, and police," Gregory said. "How in the hell are you going to ask a nigger to be non-violent?"

Gregory cited Black Power "committed to non-violence" but leaders Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown of examples of two young men who were non-violent six years ago during the civil rights movement in the south but today "are telling the truth" and have scared the most mighty nation on earth to death."

Commenting on the Black Power speeches of Carmichael and Brown, Gregory said: "When a whole nation can hate two men for telling the truth, there's something wrong with the nation, not the two men."

Gregory concluded his speech by saying we no longer need liberals, but "radicals." Seeing the hope of the country in the young, he concluded: "It's a sick country. It's yours, you youngsters to straighten up or tear down."

  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appearing in the March 25, 1968, issue of "The Sacramento Bee" newspaper revealed that Gregory was scheduled to appear at American River College (ARC), Sacramento, California, on April 2, 1968.

On April 3, 1968, a source <sup>who has furnished reliable information in the past</sup> advised that Gregory appeared at ARC as scheduled and spoke before a crowd of approximately 1,700 persons, most of whom were of college age.

Gregory reviewed the history of the Negro race from the days of slavery to the present so-called Civil Rights legislation. He claimed to be an adherent of nonviolence but has nothing but respect for Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown and invited the white radical students to join the Black minority cause. He also praised Martin Luther King and claimed there would be more severe rioting and bloodshed if it were not for the nonviolent attitude of King.

Gregory also criticized Senator Robert Kennedy and stated that when Kennedy was a statesman about eight years ago, he was a highly respected national leader but now that he is in politics, he "stinks."

Gregory complimented the students throughout the country for their continuous protest against the war situation, the draft situation and certain policies laid down by the Johnson Administration. He gave credit to the student protesters for forcing President Johnson's decision in not accepting the nomination as a candidate during the coming national elections. He urged the students to continue their violent and nonviolent actions against the "rotten establishment." He claimed that the riots which are bound to occur during the coming summer will make last year's riots appear to be insufficient.

  
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The source advised that no incidents occurred in connection with the appearance of Gregory at ARC.

The following articles appeared in the April 3, 1968, issue of "The Sacramento Bee" newspaper and the April 5, 1968, issue of "The Beaver," ARC newspaper, respectively:



## 'We Don't Hate You'

# Gregory Says Whites Have 'Stinking System'

By Art McGinn

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, with wit as grim as the ghetto itself, last night tried to explain to about 1,700 students, mostly white, what it is like to be black in "white America."

"We don't hate you," he told a standing-room-only crowd at American River College. "We hate your stinking white system, and everything it stands for."

### Cites Examples

As an example of the "system," Gregory said:

"If a German soldier had shot my father dead in World War II, he could come to this country today — right now — and live in a neighborhood that my father, who would have died fighting for his country, could never have moved into."

He gave another example:

"A Negro named Charles

Drew gave the world blood plasma. But he bled to death in a hospital where they wouldn't give him blood plasma, his own invention, because he had black skin."

### 35th Day Of Fast

Gregory, on the 35th day of a 40-day anti-Vietnam fast but showing no signs of it in a 2½-hour speech in the Student Center, said the racism and rampant materialism of "the system" have made this country "the most morally polluted, corrupt and insane nation on the face of the earth today."

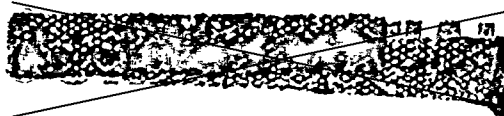
Interrupted by applause several times, Gregory chided the recent report of the President's Commission on Civil Disorder, which recommended a crash \$80 billion program to alleviate riot conditions in the ghettos.

"Baby, you ain't gonna buy this one," Gregory said. "It doesn't cost one nickel to enforce the U.S. Constitution and the U.S. Bill of Rights."

Citing a string of what he called "double-standard practices against Negroes and other minority groups, he charged:

"It's the insults that are driving us crazy."

"And if this nation doesn't stop insulting us, we'll burn this nation down house by house, brick by brick. And don't tell us education is our problem — that's a cheap white cop-out."



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#### Tired Of System

"We are tired of this whole vast system playing games with us. We are tired of a nation that tells us to be 'non violent' when you — the whites — own all the gas, the police, the CIA and the napalm."

Gregory, noting he is opposed to violence, said "We are going to take your own violence and make you destroy yourselves with it."

#### Calls It Youth's Job

Gregory said he spent 98 per cent of his lecturing time on college campuses, because the young persons of the nation "have the job of giving sanity back to an insane nation!"

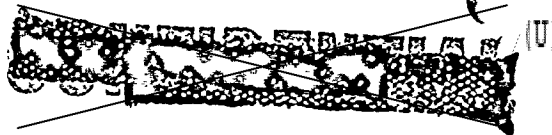
He said they will discover the "No. 1 and the No. 2 men" in the country are "farmers and cops."

"You will find they are both very important, and that if you pay them enough — maybe even overpay them — they can be pretty decent fellows," he said.

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by Marilyn Thompson

"We're tired of your insults . . . Baby, we will burn this nation down house by house and brick by brick if you don't quit insultin' us!" This is the cry of angry frustration, the cry of a man who feels the United States is not living up to the guarantees of the Constitution, a man who is going to do something about it if things are not changed soon.

Whether or not the hundreds of people who crowded into the Student Center at 8 p.m. Tuesday agreed with Dick Gregory, they listened; and when, two hours and 20 minutes later, the Negro leader concluded his speech, they gave him a standing ovation.

"The number one problem in this country," said Gregory, "is moral pollution." And the former comedian implored the young people in the audience to help him eliminate the problem.

He condemned the hypocrisy of the United States for insist-

ing the South Vietnamese government eliminate the corruption in its ranks when America has not cleaned up crime syndicates in her own cities.

He deplored the fact that this is a country where freedom supposedly exists yet where southern Negroes, among them Stokeley Carmichael and Rapp Brown, both one-time advocates of non-violence, pulled guard duty on freedom houses to keep them from being burned by white southerners. And where, only six years ago, as many as 20 civil rights workers were murdered or disappeared within a week's time.

He also told of being locked up in the Birmingham, Ala. jail after a demonstration and having to watch as jail officials allowed lesbians to enter the cell directly across from his and molest the little girls, some no more than 4 years old, who had been among those arrested.

In order to focus attention on the "insanity" of the present system that has allowed so many injustices to occur, non-violent demonstrations have been planned to begin next month in Chicago. The veteran protester stated, "After the Democratic Party announced it would hold its convention in Chicago, I sent letters to the president, party chairman, the mayor and the city council expressing my objection to the selection of Chicago as the site for the convention inasmuch as Chicago has not even tried to solve its problems of racial injustice and economic deprivation. Unless something is done soon, I will begin demonstrations the last week of May. These peaceful non-violent demonstrations will begin on a 12 hour a day schedule and be increased to 24 hours a day by July 4 until dozens of demonstrations will be conducted in different parts of the city simultaneously and continuously."

The purpose of these marches, he said, is to tie up the police force and hopefully force the government to call out the Na-

tional Guard. "If the National Guard is required to maintain peace and order in Chicago, this summer, the United States will have to face the world-wide shame of a democratic government forced to hold a democratic convention we would recognize the situation as evidence of a tumbling government."

In spite of the violence and injustice he has seen, Gregory says, "I am committed to non-violence, just to myself." But he

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## Gregory Hits Moral Pollution

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does not oppose the violent actions of others.

He sees the United States as a country that glorifies violence, where, if you watch Matt Dillon, you learn that it is "a virtue to shoot straight." The civil rights activist pointed out that, "We are sick and tired of you telling us to be non-violent when white folks have all the guns."

On the subject of politics, the write-in presidential hopeful praised young people for opposing the Vietnam war. "You made LBJ quit, baby . . . All you had was young, innocent right, and he had to go . . . It's the greatest victory in the history of the world for non-violent right."

The former comedian also expressed disillusionment with Robert Kennedy because he had come out in support of President Johnson prior to the New Hampshire primary. "He ain't to be believed no more."

Senator Eugene McCarthy fared better in the Negro activist's

evaluation. Gregory commended the Democratic nomination hopeful for challenging the president's war policy, but criticized him for not taking a stand on civil rights issues.


As for why he is seeking the presidency, Gregory stated, "I'm a candidate because a lot of people don't want to vote for the lesser of two evils; I'm giving them a choice."

Poverty programs alone will not help, he feels. And poverty is not what is making Negroes riot. "Insults are what's driving us crazy . . . It won't cost this country one nickel to implement this constitution . . . We ain't never going to solve this problem 'til we can trust you."

Although he was in the 35th day of his 40 day Vietnam protest fast, Gregory seemed almost tireless. At times he stood talking quietly, almost whispering, but in other instances, he would nearly begin to dance and would shout into the microphone.

In summary, Dick Gregory is a revolutionary. He is out to destroy not democracy, he feels, but the moral pollution that keeps this country from being a democracy.

  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 4, 1968, Harold T. Kulbeth, Chief of Police, Merced, California, advised Special Agent  that on the evening of April 3, 1968, Richard Claxton Gregory spoke at the Merced County Fairgrounds Pavilion. His appearance was sponsored by the Associated Students of Merced College, a faculty approved organization at Merced College, Merced, California.

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The meeting was attended by between 200 and 300 persons. Gregory was in the final stages of a forty-day fast and appeared unsteady on his feet as he delivered his speech. Gregory discussed the Civil Rights problem in the U. S.; rioting by the Negro; and crime on the streets. He also denounced President Johnson, Senator Robert Kennedy and Senator Eugene McCarthy.

The audience at this meeting was composed mainly of Negroes but there were a large number of whites present. No disturbance resulted from his speech even though between 50 and 75 persons left the meeting while Gregory was speaking.

The following article appeared in the April 4, 1968, issue of the "Merced Sun-Star" newspaper:

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# Gregory Addresses 250 at Pavilion

By DORIS PIRES

Sun-Star Staff

The fireman and the cop are the best friends you have," Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, presidential candidate and civil rights activist, told the approximately 250 people who gathered at the Fairgrounds Pavilion Wednesday evening.

Gregory, whose appearance here was sponsored by the Associated Students of Merced College, said society has treated both the fireman and policeman like dirt.

"If you want to get rid of crime in the streets," he said, "give dignity and respect back to the policeman, pay him what he's worth. Then you'll have no more problem. Ain't no man going to do something in front of a man that has dignity."

"Garbage collectors can go on strike," Gregory said, "and get higher pay. One of these days, all the firemen and cops are going to wake up and decide not to go to work. Believe me, when you get robbed, raped and your house burns down, you're going to see that they

get decent wages."

Gregory pointed out that young people, as well as adults think it is terrible that our young men must put on a uniform and go to Vietnam to face death.

But, he added, when he dons his uniform each day and kisses his children good-bye, the policeman knows that it may be for the last time.

As for police brutality, Gregory said, "you treat a man like a dog and he acts like a dog."

At the end of the 35th day of a 40-day fast in protest of the war, Gregory appeared weak. His knees buckled almost constantly during the three hours he spoke, giving the appearance of a bobbing and weaving fighter. At times he seemed to forget what it was he wanted to say.

Yet, whether crooning softly, "that's what we're talking about, baby," or booming sonorously from the Declaration of Independence, "all men are created equal, with certain in-

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"Merced Sun-Star"  
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# Dick Gregory

(From Page 1)

alienable rights... and when these rights are denied for a long period of time, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it and institute a new form of Government," Gregory never lost his audience.

Of course, Gregory said, the white fathers of this country did not riot over the same things the black people riot over. "They got up tight over a tea tax! Now you know, we aren't going to riot over a Lipton's tea bag!"

One of the problems in the United States today which bothers him most, Gregory said, is that of moral pollution.

The American attitude toward crime and violence is difficult to understand, he said, in fact, "it is insane."

Crime in the streets is another term for the problem of what to do about the Negro, Gregory said. But almost no attention is paid to white crime.

"We support one of the biggest crime syndicates in the world," he said. "Bobby Baker

stole \$8 million while he was working for LBJ but we're supposed to believe LBJ never saw any of it or even knew it was going on.

"I'll bet you if Bobby Baker was working for Adam Clayton Powell, they'd both be in jail!"

Another example of American insanity, Gregory said, is James Hoffa and Cassius Clay. Clay is fighting induction into the Army, he said, and was stripped of his heavyweight boxing crown before the outcome of that trial was known. "But Jimmy Hoffa remained president of the Teamsters' Union right up until he went to jail! That's what we're talking about, baby, justice."

Gregory insists he is serious about being a presidential candidate.

He denounced both senators Eugene McCarthy and Bobby Kennedy although he said McCarthy was the most honest of the two. "He attacked a tower with a toothpick," Gregory said, "and he knocked it down. Then Bobby out, LBJs, LBJ and says he'll run."

He warned his audience against Kennedy because he is a politician. "Besides that, he looks good," Gregory said. "We saw through LBJ because he didn't look so good so we could see what he was doing, but watch out for Bobby... he's pretty."

Perhaps the most obvious example of America's insanity, Gregory said, is its reaction to Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown.

"Krushchev comes over here and says he will bury us and we say 'Come on, baby,' but Rap and Stokely have scared this nation half out of its mind. That's insane."



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated [redacted]  
Chicago letter to the Bureau dated 1/17/68, and Seattle  
tel to the Bureau dated 4/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies,  
and for the Chicago Office two (2) copies of an LHM cover-  
ing appearances of subject in the Seattle Division.  
Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to United  
States Secret Service, OSI, MIG, NISO, and the United  
States Attorney's Office.

The source mentioned on page 1 of the LHM is  
[redacted] as set forth in re Chicago airtel of [redacted]  
[redacted] The first source mentioned on page 5 of the  
LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted]  
on April 11, 1968; the second source is [redacted]  
[redacted] Sea-Tac Airport, whose identity  
is protected at his request.

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At Olympia, Washington

Will follow developments with respect to the  
outstanding jail sentence against subject, due, currently  
to begin on May 20, 1968.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 25, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☒ is not available.  
☒ may be available through "Seattle Times" or "Seattle Post-Intelligencer"

Very truly yours,

  
 John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure ☒ 1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle

Enclosure(s) 1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Seattle, Washington  
April 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as  
Dick Gregory

On [redacted] a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a projected itinerary for a speaking tour by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on various occasions as a result of his civil rights activities. One talk appearing on this itinerary was shown as scheduled for April 9, 1968, at Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington. The itinerary also listed a talk to be made at Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington, the same date. b7D

On April 11, 1968, [redacted] Olympic College, said that in January, 1968, an effort was made to obtain the services of GREGORY as a speaker at the college, but no agreement with respect to financial arrangements could be made and no firm commitment was ever made. GREGORY did not and is not in the future scheduled to appear at Olympic College. b6 b7C

On April 11, 1968, Sgt. [redacted] Ellensburg, Washington, Police Department, said he had attended an affair at Central Washington State College (CWSC) in Ellensburg on the evening of April 10, 1968, at which GREGORY appeared as a symposium speaker. b6 b7C

[redacted] estimated the audience at the affair, sponsored by the Student Government Association, at about 750-900, of which some 50 were Negroes. Of the latter, more than half appeared to be persons from out of town, or, at least, non-students. There were no demonstrations or disorder of any kind; however, in the text of his speech, GREGORY at one point addressed himself to "any FBI or CIA Agents in the audience" with the admonition to "mark in their book that one policeman's life will be taken for every black person's life lost." He stressed that politicians are responsible for much of the current disorder, remarking "they promise much but do not fulfill their promises." b6 b7C

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY derided the Civil Rights Bill as too slow, and insisted Negroes want all their rights and privileges now. He stressed that on the same day he had heard of the death of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. he also received notice of the affirmation by the Washington State Supreme Court of a 90-day jail sentence which had been imposed upon him by the State of Washington in the past as a result of his involvement there in Indian "fishing rights" demonstrations. He said he would "do his 90 days" quietly, but that the 90 days would probably be something the people of Washington would never forget, hinting that his friends might engage in civil disobedience during his jail term. He inferred this coming summer might be a most difficult time for any persons wishing to visit Washington as tourists.

GREGORY alluded to the assassination of KING as probably "the work of Government Agents," and placed the deaths of President JOHN F. KENNEDY and of MALCOLM X in this same category.

[ ] said GREGORY had stayed in Ellensburg at a local motel and was accompanied by a light skinned Negro woman who registered separately as [ ] [ ] N.W., Washington, D. C. He neither made nor received any telephone calls.

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## RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article covering the talk of GREGORY at CWSC appeared in the April 11, 1968, issue of the Yakima Herald Republic, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Yakima, Washington, as follows:

### Gregory blisters politicians

ELLENSBURG — Negro comedian Dick Gregory was deadly serious in his address to a Central Washington State College audience here last night.

America has got to stop worrying about the methods of Dr. Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown, and start talking about their common purpose, he said.

That purpose is the realization of the principles of the U.S. Constitution for black America,

he said. "It's not the white racist who allows injustice to exist in this country, it's the politician who swears in his oath of office to uphold the Constitution and then doesn't."

Gregory said he will return to Washington State this summer to serve a 90-day jail sentence for violating state fishing laws while staging an Indian fish-in on the Nisqually River last year. That protest was in support of the Indian's right to fish off the reservations without restrictions.

"For the first time, maybe my Indian brothers will get the kind of attention they deserve," he said. "I'm going to do them 90 days with pride. It will be 90 days the state will never forget."

GREGORY spoke on April 11, 1968, at Western Washington State College (WWSC), Bellingham, Washington, and the following article covering this appeared in the April 12, 1968, issue of the Bellingham Herald, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in Bellingham, Washington:

## Gregory Tells College Students They Have Job to Do on Rights

By HUNTLY GORDON  
Of The Bellingham Herald  
"You young kids got a job to do," Negro comedian Dick Gregory told an audience of about 1,200 Western Washington State College students Thursday afternoon.

Gregory, a civil rights leader and announced presidential candidate, appeared at Carver Gymnasium on the 44th day of a 47-day fast.

His fast, a demonstration against the war in Vietnam, may "continue 'til election day in November", he told an audience from which he elicited occasional applause from small pickets of listeners.

### WRONG EMPHASIS

"I spend 92 per cent of my time on college campuses," he said, and hoped they could find the answer to the problem of why men don't put emphasis on how fast man can eradicate man's inhumanity to man rather than how fast he can travel from point to point.

Referring to the State Supreme Court's refusal to strike down a 90-day jail sentence, he said that he would be returning to the state soon to serve the sentence, but warned about the consequences.

"You don't have a Ku Klux Klan in white sheets up here. Your clan wears black sheets and calls itself the Supreme Court," and added, "When I get through with this state this summer, Whitey will be dead or as American as anybody."

Speaking of the Civil Rights bill passed Wednesday, Gregory said: "We don't want a rights bill, what we want is the

rights guaranteed in the Constitution."

### INSTALLMENT PLAN

Noting that provisions of the bill don't go into effect until 1970, he added: "We don't want our rights on the installment plan."

Repeatedly insisting that the white man "is playing games with us" and "that we're tired of games," he launched into a discussion of non-violence.

"What is non-violence?" he asked. "To some it's turn both cheeks, then swing. To others, it's not hitting first. To others it's not getting hurt," he said.

In referring to the late Martin Luther King Jr., he said that non-violence is a method — and only a method — but the purpose is equal rights. Change in method doesn't mean a change in purpose.

### UP TO HISTORY

"History will decide which method is best," he said.

Turning to the American Indian, he said that the highest rate of suicide in the nation and the tuberculosis rate is among Indians.

"As long as he's peaceful, no one gives a damn," he added. "I hope we'll live long enough to be as afraid of injustice as we are of communism," he declared.

He told the students: "Don't let them (older people) tell you that you're weak. You made the

number one man-quit. You've got a thing going."

Referring to the civil rights movement, he said that it no longer needs northern white liberals, it needs white radicals.

"Before you come South, take a nigger home and bug your mom and daddy. We're tired of your picking on our redneck cracker," he said.

In other parts of his speech, he said it is "more honorable to go to jail than to go to Canada," to oppose the draft law; that Negroes should have "qualified, gone to Mexico and dropped the baton" in the Olympics, rather than refused to participate early; and that "money won't buy the Negro's trust."

Saying that a statesman doesn't have to solicit votes, so he wouldn't discuss his presidential candidacy, he said he opposes Sen. Robert F. Kennedy because "he's lied to the world" when he said he hadn't entered the race because he thought it would split the Democratic party.

And of Sen. Eugene McCarthy, Gregory said he still likes him and "he hasn't lied to us yet."

He closed by inviting students down to Tacoma while he's serving his sentence for "the action."

Gregory was on campus to keynote the Associated Students nominating convention Thursday night.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

With reference to GREGORY's talk at WWSC, [redacted] Security Officer, WWSC, who attended the affair, offered the following supplementary remarks on April 11, 1968:

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GREGORY said nothing in the course of his talk about disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he has in the past threatened to do. He talked a good bit about the Indians in the State of Washington and how they have suffered. He referred derisively to President JOHNSON on several occasions, and described him as the "slickest politician since Caesar;" said he originally had a rather high opinion of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but this was before he became "a politician." He now holds him in low esteem. L 4.

GREGORY stated he had met JAMES GARRISON, the New Orleans Prosecuting Attorney, and remarked that they both know something the general public doesn't know--that LEE HARVEY OSWALD was sent to Russia by the FBI to see if the U-2 airplane made contrails at 27,000 feet.

GREGORY read from a paper he held in his hand an article pertaining to the shooting of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., this being to the effect that on a direct line of fire from the window from which the fatal shot was fired to where KING was standing was a tree, but this had been split and bent over, and "only the United States Government would be that thorough and have the foresight to move a tree from the line of fire." GREGORY said the Government also was involved in the shooting of MEDGAR EVANS.

With reference to the 90-day jail sentence imposed on GREGORY by the State of Washington for his actions in connection with the Indian fishing rights matter in that state, subject said he did not intend to appeal the Washington State Supreme Court affirmation of the sentence, but expects to start serving it on May 20, 1968.

At a press conference following his talk, [redacted] said GREGORY was asked whether he is still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention, and he replied "No, I don't have to now; you saw what happened in Chicago."

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[redacted] said there were no disturbances, demonstrations, or disorder of any kind incidental to subject's appearance in Bellingham. He said following his appearance

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY was to be taken to Vancouver, B. C., Canada, airport where he had reservations on a flight to Seattle, Washington.

A source in Seattle, Washington, on April 11, 1968, advised that subject had reservations at the Hilton Inn at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport for the night of April 11-12, 1968; and [redacted] also had a separate reservation there for the same night. b6 b7c

A second source in Seattle advised that subject arrived in Seattle at 11:13 PM aboard United Air Lines (UAL) Flight #223 on the night of April 11, 1968, and departed Seattle on the morning of April 12, 1968, at 6:20 AM aboard UAL Flight #222 en route Salt Lake City via Portland, Oregon, and Boise, Idaho.



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The "Bellingham Herald", issue of April 12, 1968, carried an item pertinent to GREGORY's imminent incarceration and this is reproduced below.

**Group Plans  
Support Sit-in  
For Gregory**

OLYMPIA (AP) — A group supporting Negro comedian Dick Gregory for President plans a sit-in outside the Thurston County jail while he serves his 90-day jail sentence for illegal fishing, Gregory's attorney said Thursday night. *WA SH*

Jack Tanner of Tacoma told the Capital City Press Club the demonstration would be staged by the Peace and Freedom Party, which has nominated Gregory for President in the California primary.

Gregory announced at Central Washington State College in Ellensburg Wednesday night that he would serve his sentence "with pride." The comic's appeal on a conviction arising out of demonstrations on behalf of Indian fishing rights was turned down last week by the State Supreme Court.

Tanner said Gregory did not plan to surrender until after he had asked the supreme court for a rehearing, which he has until May 4 to do. However, Gregory, who was in Seattle overnight Wednesday, said he would be prepared to start his sentence May 20. He plans to ask for an extension of the May 4 date.

A characterization of the Peace and Freedom Party is in the appendix.

APPENDIXTHE PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY OF WASHINGTON

The records of the Secretary of State, Olympia, Washington, indicate that the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) of Washington is a duly constituted minority political party in statutory conformity with the laws of the State of Washington. As a result of a nominating convention held in Seattle, Washington, on September 20, 1966, 276 registered voters qualified as delegates.

A press release issued by the PFP from its office, 512 Wellington Avenue, Seattle, Washington, on September 26, 1966, states the Party's platform is based on opposition to U.S. intervention in the war in Vietnam and declared "that the war is immoral, brutal, and illegal," and asked that American troops be withdrawn. It expressed concern about the grave effects of this war at home; and that preoccupation of the government and the American people with the war in Vietnam is causing the civil rights movement, which the Party supports, to meet with increasing resistance.

On August 24, 1967, a source advised that many communists attended the nominating convention of the PFP upon the urging and insistence of Communist Party leaders and qualified as delegates.

This same source also advised that at the PFP Political Issues Conference held in Seattle on May 7, 1967, Communist Party leaders participated and submitted position papers. A larger number of Communist Party members than at the nominating convention participated and many were elected to Congressional District Committees and representation on the PFP State Committee.

The above source advised on August 24, 1967, that at a meeting of the PFP held in Seattle on August 21, 1967, delegates were selected to attend a conference in Chicago, Illinois.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Seattle, Washington

April 25, 1968

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Dick Gregory

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Reference Communication dated and captioned  
as above at Seattle, Washington.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM. 00: CHICAGO.

[REDACTED] SKOKIE PD, SKOKIE  
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PEACE BEFORE APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED SIXTY TEENAGERS IN HIPPIE  
ATTIRE AT ORCHARD JR. HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE, ILL. THIS DATE. TURN OUT  
CONSIDERED DISAPPOINTING TO SPONSORS SINCE OVER SIX HUNDRED EXPECTED.  
GREGORY ADVISED AUDIENCE THAT "HIS PEOPLE GOING TO BURN DOWN COUNTRY  
BRICK BY BRICK, THAT JEWISH PEOPLE SHOULD WAKE UP AS POLITICANS  
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[REDACTED] ADVISED NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT GATHERING AND GREGORY  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Re Chicago airtel to Director and LHM dated 4/16/68, and Pittsburgh airtel to Director dated 4/19/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished Pittsburgh Division for info purposes. This LHM is being disseminated locally to the USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region 1 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Confidential source referred to in the LHM is [redacted], Skokie, Illinois PD.

Pittsburgh is requested to advise Chicago concerning GREGORY's departure arrangements at the termination of his appearance at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, on 4/27/68.

Chicago will afford GREGORY's appearance, Skokie, Ill., on 4/28/68, appropriate source coverage.

③-Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM) ENCLOSURE

2-Pittsburgh (Enc. 2) (RM)

3-Chicago (1-157-413)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

219 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60604

April 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. CG 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated April 16, 1968. ZIL

On April 19, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an organization known as ~~Politics For Peace~~ is sponsoring a speech by Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, and critic of the United States Vietnam war policy, at the Orchard Junior High School, Skokie, Illinois, on April 28, 1968, at 2:30 PM. Gregory's topic is listed as "Moral Pollution in the United States."

This source stated that Politics For Peace is a continuation of the ~~National Conference for New Politics~~ which was held in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend of 1967. This organization is running a campaign to elect peace candidates for the 13th Congressional District in the Democratic primary to be held in Illinois on June 11, 1968.

This source further advised that there are seating arrangements at the Orchard Junior High School to accommodate 400 people, however, approximately 600 are expected to attend Gregory's appearance.

The above information is being furnished the United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois, United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 4-25-68

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Pages E3292-E3293. Congressman Rosenthal, (D) New York, extended his remarks concerning civil strife and stated "If our knowledge and understanding of the frustration, despair, and rage in our ghettos is limited, we must acknowledge a grave responsibility to give our full attention to those black Americans who can reach us with their words. Dick Gregory has shown us that he can communicate with white America. In an address before Yale College's senior class dinner last winter, he tells it very much like it is, and in exceptionally moving terms." The address was reprinted in the Washington Post on April 14, 1968. Mr. Rosenthal also inserted it in the Record. Gregory in relating the events of school integration in the South stated "You're not only being attacked by the mob, but by the police, - - -. Then you realize today is your turn to die, and you stop being so scared and you start relating with reality and you look around and you see the FBI taking pictures that will never show. You know what I'm talking about, don't you?"

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 4-24-68 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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Date: 4/24/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: Chicago

Re Portland letter to Bureau and Chicago, 3/30/68;  
and Seattle teletype to Bureau, Chicago, et al, 4/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for  
Chicago 3 copies of Letterhead Memorandum re subject's  
appearance at Portland. Copies are being disseminated to  
USA, Secret Service, Military Intelligence, OSI, and NIC,  
Portland.

The source mentioned herein is \_\_\_\_\_

This LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ because data  
reported by source could reasonably result in identification  
of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise  
future effectiveness thereof.

3-Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM) EC-41  
3-Chicago (Enc. 3) (RM)  
(1-157-349)  
(1-POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE)  
(1-FOREIGN INFLUENCE ON  
BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT)  
1-Portland

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AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SEC. SERV. (3, 5b, c)  
DEPT: ISD, CDD, PAS, 1014  
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DATE FORW: 5/1/68  
BY: [Signature]

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Approved: [Signature]

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 24, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☒ may be available through Chicago Police Department

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Portland, Oregon

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 24, 1968

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

The information below was provided on April 22, 1968 by a source who was in a position to be well informed and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

During the evening of April 9, 1968 at a private residence at 3606 N.E. Garfield Avenue, Portland, Oregon, about 50 persons gathered for a meeting of Black Student Union (BSU) members. Persons attending, all non-Caucasian, were mainly college students in the Portland area.

At 11:45 p.m. Dick Gregory, the nationally known Negro comedian, appeared at the residence. He said that he had been in Atlanta, Georgia in the day for the funeral of Martin Luther King and had flown directly to Portland for a scheduled public appearance in the evening at the University of Portland.

In addressing the BSU members, Gregory said that he does not usually talk to gatherings of Black students. Then commenting upon the death of Doctor King, he said: "This is it for this country. I am going to stick around until I see it fall then I am going to leave. I hate this country". He said that his purpose in appearing at colleges is to encourage militancy and revolution among the students. He noted that he is successful in this even among White students. Gregory stated that he is a "write-in" candidate for President of the United States and that after the election he is going to travel to 20 countries to see if they recognize him as a "President-in-exile." Persons present in the group asked Gregory questions about what they could do as students to

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

help the cause of destruction in this country. Gregory said that he would not say anything that would cause him to be guilty of conspiracy, but he replied, "Keep on doing what you're doing". He noted that in Chicago, for example, there is a gas station situated by a freeway and that a pipe to one of the gas storage tanks could easily be broken permitting gas to flow over the freeway and when it was lit, all traffic on the freeway would be stopped. During the course of his talk, Gregory indicated he is opposed to racial violence, but it is the only way for Negroes to gain their manhood.

Gregory left the meeting at 1:15 a.m., April 10, 1968.

The above mentioned source advised that he has no further details relative to Gregory's comments during the BSU meeting.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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APR 26 1968

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FBI CHICAGO

239PM URGENT 4/26/68 JLS

TO DIRECTOR, NEWARK AND PITTSBURGH  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO, PITTSBURGH FILE  
ONE FIVE SEVEN - SIX FIVE TWO.

RE PITTSBURGH AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL ONE NINE LAST,  
AND CHICAGO AIRTEL AND LHM TO DIRECTOR DATED APRIL TWO FOUR LAST.

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT, GREGORY OBSERVED  
DEPARTING O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, INSTANT, ABOARD UNITED  
AIRLINE FLIGHT FOUR EIGHT TWO IN COMPANY OF TWO UNIDENTIFIED  
MALE NEGROES. FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,  
ONE FOUR TWO PM INSTANT EST.

CURRENT ITINERARY REFLECTS GREGORY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK  
MARSHALL UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, FOUR PM,  
APRIL TWO SEVEN NEXT AND ORCHARD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, SKOKIE,  
ILLINOIS, TWO THREE ZERO PM APRIL TWO EIGHT NEXT.

CHICAGO HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THE PURPOSE OF  
GREGORY'S TRAVEL TO NEWARK.

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NEWARK REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT TO FOLLOW GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES  
IN NEWARK ACCORDING TO OUTSTANDING BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING  
MILITANT BLACK NATIONALIST TRAVEL. ADVISE PITTSBURGH RE  
GREGORY'S DEPARTURE ARRANGEMENTS FROM NEWARK.

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TO DIRECTOR 100 440423 CODED

ATT: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

FROM NEW YORK 157 1092<sup>3</sup> 1P

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Mr. Trotter\_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes\_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy\_\_\_\_\_

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RACIAL MATTERS  
BLACK NATIONALISTS, OFFICE OF ORIGIN: CHICAGO.

ON INSTANT DATE, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS  
FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT  
SUBJECT WOULD FLY OUT OF NEW YORK CITY ON INSTANT AFTERNOON,  
EN ROUTE TO HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA, FOR PURPOSE OF  
MAKING A SPEECH. SUBJECT TO FLY BACK TO NEW YORK CITY  
ON INSTANT DATE, TO  
RETURN ABOUT ELEVEN O'CLOCK P.M.

ADMINISTRATION:

REFERENCE NEW YORK TELEPHONE CALL TO BUREAU AND  
PITTSBURGH, APRIL TWO SEVEN, ONE NINE SIX EIGHT.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE IS

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5-26 PM EST URGENT 4-27-68 WRJ

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423, CHICAGO, CHARLOTTE, NEWARK, NEW YORK,

AND WFO

FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

<sup>6</sup>  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. 00: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, APRIL TWENTYSIX, LAST.

*ee* CAPTAIN [REDACTED] HUNTINGTON, W.VA., PD, ADVISED

GREGORY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE TRI-STATE AIRPORT, HUNTINGTON,  
W.VA., TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM, TODAY, DEPART TRI-STATE AIRPORT  
FOR PITTSBURGH, PA., SIX FIFTY PM, TODAY.

SOURCE AT [REDACTED] TRI-STATE AIRPORT, HUNTINGTON,  
ADVISED [REDACTED] FLIGHT SEVEN ELEVEN ARRIVES TRI-STATE  
AIRPORT TWELVE TWENTYTWO PM FROM WASHINGTON, D.C. SOURCE  
STATED [REDACTED] FLIGHT FIVE FOURTEEN DEPARTS TRI-STATE  
AIRPORT FOR PITTSBURGH, PA., SIX FIFTY PM, ARRIVES PITTSBURGH  
EIGHT PM. [REDACTED] SERVING PITTSBURGH  
FROM HUNTINGTON.

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PITTSBURGH, PA., ADVISED GREGORY SCHEDULED TO DEPART PGH.,  
APRIL TWENTYSEVEN, INSTANT AT EIGHT THIRTY PM, VIA TWA FLIGHT  
ONE EIGHTY, ARRIVING NEWARK NINE THIRTY PM. IN ADDITION,

[REDACTED] FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING ITINERARY FOR GREGORY.

ON APRIL TWENTYEIGHT, NEXT, GREGORY WILL DEPART NEW YORK  
CITY FROM LA GUARDIA AIRPORT VIA UNITED AIRLINES FLIGHT  
NINE ZERO THREE ENROUTE TO O'HARE FIELD, CHICAGO, ILL. ON  
SAME DAY, GREGORY WILL LEAVE CHICAGO VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES  
FLIGHT TWO FOUR FOUR FOR NATIONAL AIRPORT, WDC, AND WILL  
DEPART WDC SAME DATE, VIA PIEDMONT AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT ONE  
SEVEN, ENROUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. ON APRIL TWENTYNINE,  
NEXT, GREGORY WILL DEPART FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., VIA PIEDMONT  
AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHT EIGHT FOUR FOR WDC AND WILL LEAVE  
WDC SAME DATE VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE SEVEN  
SEVEN FOR O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO.

PITTSBURGH WILL COVER GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT MARSHAL  
UNIVERSITY, HUNTINGTON, W.VA., TODAY THROUGH ESTABLISHED  
SOURCES. P

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SAC, Sacramento (157-117)

May 7, 1968

Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReSClet and letterhead memorandum (LHM) both dated 4-19-68.

Fourteen pages of referenced LHM consist of copies of newspaper articles relating to public appearances by Gregory in your territory. The practice of submitting verbatim accounts of newspaper articles in letterhead memoranda is undesirable and should be avoided in the future. In this connection, you are referred to the FBI Handbook, Part III, page 154e, which states that pertinent data appearing in newspapers or publications should be concisely summarized in letterhead memoranda. B

Referenced LHM has been classified "~~Confidential~~" (U) because of data received from [redacted] concerning Gregory's appearance at American River College, Sacramento, California, on 4-2-68. As you are aware, Gregory on this occasion appeared before approximately 1,700 persons. It is felt that the possibility of disclosing the identity of this informant on the basis of information furnished is extremely remote and such a classification is, therefore, not considered warranted. Accordingly, Bureau copies of the LHM have been declassified and both Sacramento and Chicago should take similar action. b7D

1 - Chicago (157-347)

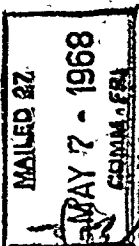
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Date: 5-2-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) - P -

SUBJECT: CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968,  
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS  
(REBEL ROUSER)  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 3-7-68. **B**

On 3-12-68, [redacted] Eastern Illinois University (EIU), Charleston, Illinois, advised that inasmuch as Charleston, Illinois, is a small, rural community, he expected no racial demonstrations or problems of any kind in connection with GREGORY's speech on 5-6-68.

On 3-12-68, [redacted] Security Officer, EIU, stated that he had no reason to believe there would be any demonstrations connected with GREGORY's speech. He advised that as a matter of course and in addition to his being in attendance himself, he is planning to have GREGORY's speech recorded. He offered to discreetly make a copy of the recording available to the FBI. He related that although there would be no display of force by police officers, his officers, city police officers, sheriff's deputies and State Police would be in an area adjacent to the campus in the event of any possibly disturbances.

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 2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
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Approved: **51 MAY 13 1968**

Special Agent in Charge

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RACIAL INT. SEC. DIV.

SI 157-775

On 3-12-68, the following individuals were contacted concerning GREGORY's appearance at EIU:

[redacted]  
Investigator  
State's Attorney's Office  
Charleston, Illinois

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CHARLES TALBOTT  
Chief of Police  
Charleston, Illinois

MIKE CURTIS, Sheriff  
Coles County  
Charleston, Illinois

[redacted] Lieutenant  
District 10, Illinois State Police  
Pesotum, Illinois

Regular liaison has been maintained with above authorities and sources.

On 5-1-68, [redacted] Captain, District 10, Illinois State Police, Pesotum, Illinois, advised that in cooperation with the security police of EIU, Charleston Police Department and Coles County Sheriff's Office, he would have State Troopers available during GREGORY's appearance at Charleston, Illinois. He stated that he would also have plain clothes officers in attendance at the speech.

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In view of the above, no further coverage is being anticipated by Springfield UACB. Bureau will be advised in form suitable for dissemination of GREGORY's appearance.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATION SECTION

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND SPRINGFIELD (157-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OO: CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR AND LHM

LAST AND SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR MAY TWO LAST.

CHICAGO PD SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT INFORMATION OBTAINED  
INDICATING GREGORY TO LECTURE AT MC-KENDREE COLLEGE,  
LEBANON, ILLINOIS, MAY SEVEN NEXT.

REFERENCED CHICAGO LHM SET FORTH ITINERARY INDICATING  
GREGORY TO LECTURE AT MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS,  
MAY SEVEN NEXT.

SPRINGFIELD IS REQUESTED TO AFFORD GREGORY APPEARANCES  
APPROPRIATE COVERAGE.

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Date: 5/2/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletype to Director, New York and WFO  
dated 4/28/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated  
and captioned as above. This LHM is being disseminated locally  
to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I,  
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source referred to in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted], Skokie, Illinois PD.

Chicago continues to follow the activities of GREGORY  
and will keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments.

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DATE FORW: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

C. G. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Sent \_\_\_\_\_

Per \_\_\_\_\_

62 MAY 15 1968  
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

May 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated  
April 24, 1968.

On April 28, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke before approximately 160 teen-agers, described as hippies, at Orchard Junior High School, Skokie, Illinois, that date. Gregory's speech was sponsored by an organization known as Politics For Peace which is a continuation of the National Conference for New Politics which was held in Chicago over the Labor Day weekend, 1967. The turnout at Gregory's speech was considered disappointing to the sponsors inasmuch as over 600 individuals were expected to be in attendance.

During the speech Gregory advised his audience that the Negroes of this country were going to "burn down this country brick by brick" if America did not wake up to its racism. Gregory was very critical of civil rights legislation which has been passed by Congress in recent years. He stated that the only good thing about this year's civil rights bill is that it was tied in with anti-riot legislation. Gregory stated, "This is good because it will force militant Negroes to stop talking, go underground and start doing something."

Gregory was also critical of "white liberals" and referred to them as obsolete. In reference to this, Gregory stated, "Liberals are the kind of people who will talk to you, they might even do something for you, but they always act as if they were doing you a big favor."

Gregory referred to Skokie, Illinois, as an anti-Negro area. He contended that Skokie was not only anti-Negro, but also populated by many crime syndicate figures. Gregory stated, "In this town you won't let a Negro live next to you, but you have syndicate hoods living all over. They are the filthiest snakes that crawl on this earth."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS

Gregory was applauded several times by his audience during the course of this speech. No incidents occurred during or after the speech.

The above information is being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;  
United States Secret Service, Chicago;  
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois



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Date: 4/29/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 OO: Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated [redacted]  
 Los Angeles letter and letterhead memorandum (LHM) to the  
 Bureau dated 4/5/68; and Los Angeles airtel and LHM cap-  
 tioned "PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY AND BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
 SPONSORED RALLY, SUNSET AND VINE, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA"  
 dated 4/18/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM  
 and three copies are being furnished to Chicago, who is  
 office of origin in this matter.

The enclosed LHM sets forth details concerning  
 GREGORY's speaking engagements in the Los Angeles area.

Sources utilized in this LHM are as follows:

Source 1 is [redacted] who furnished information  
 orally to SA FRANCIS G. KAHL on 4/16/68.

Source 2 is [redacted] who furnished information  
 orally to SA [redacted] on 4/17/68.

Source 3 is [redacted] who furnished information  
 orally to SA [redacted] on 4/18/68.  
 C. C. Bishop

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- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)  
 3 - Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 3) (RM)  
 3 - Los Angeles  
 (100-60712)

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AGENCY: ACSI, MDS, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
 DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO, DIA

HOW FORW: R/S  
 DATE FORW: 5-6-68

BY: ERS - j.w.

12 MAY 2 1968

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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April 29, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

Sources utilized in this memorandum have furnished reliable information in the past.

Source 1 on April 15, 1968, indicated that a rally which was being sponsored by the Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) and the Black Panther Party For Self-Defense (BPPSD) (see appendix) will be held at the intersection of Sunset and Vine, Los Angeles, California, on April 16, 1968. The purpose of this rally is to raise funds in memory of Bobby Hutton, who was recently shot and killed by members of the Oakland, California, Police Department. Hutton was a male Negro member of the BPPSD.

The PFP is a legitimate registered political party in the State of California.

Source 1 indicated that the rally would feature numerous well-known Black Nationalists and would include Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian, who is running for President of the United States.

Source 2 on April 17, 1968, related that a rally was held at the Kaleidoscope Club located at the intersection of Sunset and Vine, Los Angeles, California. This rally was sponsored by numerous Black Nationalist organizations in Los Angeles, California. There were approximately 500 persons who attended the rally which went without incident. The featured speakers included Dick Gregory and Bobby Seale, who is connected with the BPPSD.

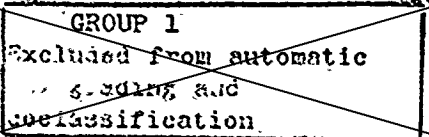
On April 18, 1968, a third source advised that on Tuesday, April 16, 1968, at 8:00 p.m., a rally was held at the Kaleidoscope Club located at the intersection of Sunset

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and Vine, Los Angeles, California. The rally was sponsored by the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the BPPSD, and the PFP. Between 400 to 500 persons attended this rally and of these, approximately 40 per cent were Negro.

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian, was one of several featured speakers and he ridiculed the white race and urged that black men find white girls to love, as all he had ever seen in his life were white people making love. He criticized President Johnson, Robert Kennedy, and both major political parties in the United States.

Gregory Rally  
Ventura College  
Ventura, California

In the April 11, 1968, edition of the "Press Courier", a daily newspaper in Oxnard, California, an article appeared on Page 1 entitled "Gregory To Speak At Ventura College". This article indicated that Dick Gregory, a Negro civil rights leader, comedian, and author, would speak at Ventura College on April 17, 1968, in the college gymnasium. The article related that Gregory would draw an exceptionally large crowd and many groups were coming from outside the Ventura area.

On April 18, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Ventura Police Department, Ventura, California, advised that Dick Gregory was the featured speaker at a rally held at Ventura College gym, Ventura, California, on April 17, 1968. There were approximately 800 people in attendance who were mostly of the young "hippie type" and indicated there were few Negroes in the audience. Gregory criticized everything that was white and stressed how the Negroes had been suppressed by the white majority. This rally went without incident and no disturbances were reported and no arrests were made.

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In the April 18, 1968, edition of the "Press Courier", a newspaper in Oxnard, California, an article appeared entitled "Gregory Apologizes For Negroes' Behavior" written by Bob Denman, which related substantially the following:

"I want to apologize for us Niggers behavior after Martin Luther King was shot because we had no business messing

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up your spring time and your cherry blossom season in Washington because everyone knows the riot season runs from June through August."

"Martin Luther King was our man and in the ghetto when somebody does in your man, you do something."

He criticized the United States as a sick insane country where a man who preaches nothing but good and love can be hated. He said of the civil rights bill passed by Congress after Martin Luther King's assassination, "You can take it and tear it up". "We don't want no special nothing for us. We want our rights under the same piece of paper by which we pay our taxes, the Constitution." He further related that "We'll burn this country down house by house, brick by brick, until you quit insulting us."

In his speech, Gregory criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, poverty, and the white racist structure.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF-DEFENSE (BPPSD)

A source advised that the Black Panther Party For Self-Defense (BPPSD) was formed by HUEY PERCY NEWTON, Minister of Defense, and BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, Chairman, in Oakland, California, in December, 1966, as a militant black nationalist political organization to combat "police brutality," to unite militant black youth, to determine the destiny of black communities, and to educate black people in African history. The political philosophy of the organization was taken from the writings of MAO TSE-TUNG of Communist China and black militant writers.

The official BPPSD publication "The Black Panther - Black Community News Service" indicates the leadership of the BPPSD advocates the use of guns and guerilla tactics in the violent revolutionary program to end oppression and to oppose the drafting of black men to fight in Vietnam.

A second source advised that in early 1967, SEALE, NEWTON, and their associates carried carbine rifles and holstered pistols in plain view on the streets of Oakland and elsewhere while on "defense patrols."

BOBBY GEORGE SEALE was one of the persons arrested by the Sacramento, California Police Department on May 2, 1967, when members of the BPPSD invaded the California State Legislative Assembly in Sacramento while in session, carrying loaded guns to protest restrictions on the carrying of guns.

A Grand Jury of Alameda County, California, Oakland, California, on November 13, 1967, indicted HUEY PERCY NEWTON on charge of murder of an Oakland, California police officer on October 28, 1967, in Oakland, California.

The first source advised that the headquarters office of the BPPSD at 5624 Grove Street, Oakland, California, is closed and that no membership meetings have been held since August, 1967.

The November 4, 1967, issue of "The Sun Reporter," a San Francisco, California Negro community newspaper, states that a HUEY PERCY NEWTON defense fund has been established and that the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE) through the national offices have pledged their complete and continuous support to the defense of HUEY PERCY NEWTON.

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APPENDIX



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Reference Letterhead memorandum  
dated and captioned as  
above at Los Angeles.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/8/68

FROM : SAC, SACRAMENTO (157-117) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO:CG)

Re Sacramento letter and LHM to the Bureau, 4/19/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are nine copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Five copies are enclosed for Chicago.

There is no indication that GREGORY will return to the Sacramento Division in the near future and, accordingly, this investigation is referred upon completion to the Office of Origin.

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BY: [signature]

RACIAL INT. SECT.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan







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Sacramento, California 95814

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the April 24, 1968, issue of "The Aggie," official publication of the University of California, Davis, student body:

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Dick Gregory, famed comedian and civil rights leader will speak tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Freeborn Hall. Gregory is sponsored by Student Forums. Gregory has been mentioned as a write-in candidate for President of the United States. He has come into the news recently for his hunger strikes against the war in Vietnam. Gregory has been arrested many times for his civil rights activities.

Gregory is a man with a message... a message of freedom and equality not only for the Negro but the entire human race. He has spent more time in southern jails, marched in more demonstrations, prevented more racial violence and worked harder for the rights of the Negro than any other entertainer in America. His autobiography, "Nigger" has become a best seller and his new book "Sermons" for Doubleday, looks to be an even bigger success.

But more than a commentator, more than an author, more than a comedian, he is a soldier in a war against hate and bigotry. His weapons include a complete personal dedication of his talent and a razor sharp sense of humor. His home is in five suitcases, a garment bag and a tape recorder. He lives en route, stopping to play countless

benefits, deliver church sermons, lobby in Washington and speak at colleges and universities all over the country. Named as the man most hated by the Ku Klux Klan, he quips, "They're so out of style, I think they're the only people in the country who aren't using colored sheets." A dynamic and communicative man, his message is vital to the fight for equality in this country and his experience is first-hand.

Dick Gregory, in addition to being the great leader in the Negro's fight for equality is a top star of television, stage and motion pictures. He has toured the continent, become an international leader, starred on Broadway and on the major television shows, and made a spectacular motion picture debut in "Sweet Love, Bitter."

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"THE AGGIE"

UNIVERSITY OF  
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DAVIS, CALIFORNIA

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the April 25, 1968, issue of the "Sacramento Bee" daily newspaper:

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## Gregory Places Society's Hopes In Hands Of Young During UCD Speech

DAVIS — Dick Gregory, civil rights leader, presidential candidate, author and comedian, last night placed the hopes of the Negro people and American society in the hands of the college student.

Gregory, who recently halted a 47-day fast in opposition to the war in Vietnam, was the guest of Student Forums on the Davis campus of the University of California.

"This generation of college youth," the 36-year-old entertainer remarked, "is the greatest in history, for you are willing to march, to demonstrate and to oppose the status quo for equality and right."

### Cautions Youth

He cautioned youth to beware of "slick politicians and hackneyed explanations" for major events.

"The assassination of Martin Luther King," he stressed, "must be understood for what it is . . . the killing of an American by an American, not as King, a Negro, having been killed by a racist cracker.

"You young people feel the pain of the death of King," he remarked, "while the older generations feel the shame."

### Tired Of Insults

Black people are tired of being insulted, Gregory continued, and of having to take a secondary position in society.

"Why is it?" he asked, "that a German who killed my father in World War II, making me fatherless for 26 years and my mother a widow, can come to America in 1968 and buy a home us black people cannot own?"

The black people were offended when President Johnson told King's widow he could not attend the funeral because he was too busy with a meeting with Gen. Westmoreland.

"Can this be right," he asked, "that a man with so much love in his heart, who felt so strongly toward equality and right, can be gunned down in the streets by hate, and then to be ignored for a meeting with a man of war as is Westmoreland?"

Gregory called society "sick" if it thinks a Negro soldier can be trained to kill a Viet Cong sniper at 500 yards, a man he does not know, "than return to his Negro community and not fight to liberate his mammy.

"The real problems in the world are in America," Gregory charged. "One has only to go 500 miles in any direction to find them."

He predicted that if any country in the world suffered from the social ills that exist in the United States, "We would surely be able to solve them."

Applause from more than 2,500 persons, capped with a standing ovation, greeted Gregory when he concluded, "America was mighty when she was right!"

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appears in the "Daily Democrat,"  
daily newspaper published in Woodland, California:

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# Gregory wit lashes at politicians, injustices

By Jan Ritter

As a UCD audience convulsed with laughter, comedian Dick Gregory proved in Davis last night he's the world's funniest "36 year old non-violent vegetarian nigger."

Slim-built and slightly bearded, Gregory is a civil rights riot — pun intended — who fights his cause with a rambling and brilliant wit, instead of a gas bomb.

Yet, he can slash through gales of belly laughs, and seriously comment on the power of young people, and the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Gregory is campaigning for the presidency as a write in candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party. Speaking at the UCD sponsored student forum, he apologized for being out of campaign buttons but distributed hundreds of chartruese and orange bumper stickers. An estimated 3,500 persons were on hand for the talk.

"If elected president, the first thing I would do is paint the White House black, and the second thing would be to bring our boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over there with nothing but barbecue sauce," said the candidate.

Gregory considers himself a statesman, as opposed to a politician.

"If you want a politician then vote for LBJ," said Gregory. He added his opinion of politicians saying 98 per cent are lowest only to the American crime syndicate.

Gregory urged his audience not to let "those slick politicians fool you ... LBJ the Hawk, Sen. Eugene McCarthy the Dove and Sen. Robert Kennedy the Chicken."

President Lyndon Johnson, often the basis for Gregory's jokes, was referred to as

the "slickest thing walking this earth since Julius Caesar."

Another politician getting jabs from Gregory was California Gov. Ronald Reagan.

"I dig Reagan. Are you aware that Reagan spelled backwards is nagaer," he chided.

"If Bobby Baker had been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of LBJ, both would be in jail today," said Gregory.

On the same vain, Gregory spoke of Cassius Clay former world boxing champion who lost his title because he refused induction in the Selective Service system. He called Clay, who has taken the name Mohammed Ali as a member of the Black Muslims, the "only man I know who got a divorce because his wife's dresses were too short."

"Clay lost his championship title, yet

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# Gregory talks at UCD

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you allowed Jimmy Hoffa to remain teamster president while he was in jail appealing his case," Gregory said.

The Negro comedian, who said he spends 93 per cent of his time speaking at colleges and universities, made reference to the Negro boycott of the summer Olympics in Mexico City. He said he opposed the boycott at this stage . . . "they should have worked out and gone to Mexico city first."

Gregory said he was close to sports and was the third fastest trackman among the small colleges in 1954.

"I guess its the racism in me," he quipped.

Dressed in green work overalls, pink shirt and blue work jacket with bead pendant around his neck, Gregory explained he has extended his fast, which was supposed to end on Easter Sunday, to election day November 5. Besides his diet of liquids, the peace candidate said he will wear only work clothes, he will not shave or get a haircut nor will he buy a new car or purchase a pack of cigarettes until the war in Vietnam is ended.

"If you young people agree with me, just stop smoking and send an empty cigarette package to the manufacturer with

a short note saying you will not buy, and will encourage your friends not to buy, any more cigarettes until the war has ended. Then watch and see how much power you young people have," he said.

"Speaking of the power of young people in today's society, Gregory attributed it to making "that man (LBJ) quit his job."

Gregory said he has much concern for the burden of the young folk today.

"I wish you young people could make America as afraid of injustices as she is of communism . . . You youngsters must understand this country is sick. Black folks are saying we want you (white people) to stop playing games with us.

"We (black people) are trying to say to this country, just stop insulting us . . . White people have rights under the constitution of the United States but black people have rights under civil rights legislation. That's the same as segregation," he exclaimed.

Gregory made reference to the civil rights bill which President Johnson signed last week saying it only covers 80 per cent of open housing and does not come into full affect until 1970.

"If I were draft age then I would call my draft board right now and tell them you can't have me until 1970, and then you can only have 80 per cent," he said.

He said the same bill provides life in the penitentiary for killing a civil rights worker "and everyone here knows that, just means seven years in jail."

Gregory said the one good thing in the measure is the anti-riot clause. "All you cats who were talking about doing something after Dr. King's death are going to have to shut up now or go to jail."

"You young folks always will feel the pain of Dr. King's murder. Older Americans will feel the shame," Gregory said.

"This is a strange country with a strange atmosphere where men of peace can be hated and shot down in the streets while men of war like Gen. William Westmoreland are loved."

Gregory said it was hard to explain reaction in the black ghettos after King's assassination because "black people are ignorant and close to nature and black and whites don't think alike."

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"This country hasn't woke up yet. Everyone talks about Dr. King's non-violence but nobody wants to talk about his purpose which was equal justice. This is the same purpose the black militants have, the same purpose of H. Rap Brown and Stokley Carmichael, only their approach is different. Each one has his own method of trying to get equal justice," explained Gregory.

"Black soldiers enlist in the military five times more frequently than whites. This shows blacks love to kill for freedom... After you train this black cat to kill and use napalm then you expect him to come home and not kill you for the same type of freedom."

Gregory spoke of the inequities of our selective service system. He said it rejected men who had killed previously because the government preferred to train men how to kill, in other words the government does not want experienced men.

On the lighter side, Gregory talked about the recent medical advances in transplants.

"One thing I don't want is for white people to forget that black people also

need spare parts. However, what I don't want to see is a white cat with a black foot.

On the heart transplants... "there's nothing wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't help."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated  
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Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago will follow and report all pertinent  
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DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE  
DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION  
AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer, and civil rights activist, in a press conference on April 15, 1968, advised he was cancelling all previous arrangements to demonstrate against the Democratic National Convention scheduled for late August, 1968, in Chicago, Illinois.

Gregory stated that in view of the disturbances and violence which occurred in Chicago following the murder of Martin Luther King, he did not believe nonviolent marches could be held in Chicago. He also stated that as a citizen he did not want to be responsible for the possible death of anyone who might participate in such demonstrations.

An article in the "Chicago Tribune," a major Chicago Newspaper, dated April 16, 1968, cites that Dick Gregory called off plans for a civil rights protest here this summer and warned Negroes to "put aside emotionalism" arising from the death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Continuing, Gregory said at his press conference which was held in the Knickerbocker Hotel "a peace march in the wake of frustration of Doctor King's

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AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

death could easily top off major rioting; I cannot be responsible for leading upset Negroes and whites thru this city."

Gregory originally notified Mayor Daley and the City Council that he was going to stage daily marches of 12 hours each beginning in May in protest against holding the Democratic Party's National Convention in Chicago, August 26, 1968. The marches were to be an effort to switch the convention to another city and "embarrass Chicago into improving housing and economic conditions for Negroes."

Gregory said "but the attitude of the Negro community must change before we can resume peaceful nonviolence in the name of human rights."

Gregory emphasized that white politicians must recognize the "despair of ghetto Negroes following the death of King."

"While little has been done to improve conditions here, it must be conceded" Gregory said "the attitude of police and fire departments has broadened considerably since the peak period of civil rights protests 18 months ago."

The article cited that Gregory considered the passage of the Federal open housing bill a "step in the right direction" which should be supplemented by renewed interest and economic assistance from the white business community. "Taking proper steps at the proper time can do much to ease tensions and eliminate hostilities."

He said he notified numerous civil rights organizations across the country to "stay away from Chicago this summer and work rationally, not emotionally, for civil rights." He said that only a tightly controlled well-organized group could handle a peace march here without bloodshed.

RE: DEMONSTRATIONS AT THE  
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AUGUST, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He said he would march peacefully in organized protests planned here by the Southern Christian Leadership conference "but I cannot in good conscience lead them." Gregory also said "I used to demonstrate emotionally and it worked but I am afraid of that now."

Gregory described his chances for election as a write-in candidate for president as "about equal to the chances for becoming Pope."

Gregory indicated that he would continue campaigning and urging white leaders to pursue "statesmanlike-unpolitical" policies towards minorities. He will continue an all-liquid diet begun last November in protest against the war in Viet Nam until the November elections.

He said "My purpose is to demonstrate the kind of dedication and self-sacrifice needed to preserve our democracy."

One copy of the letterhead memorandum has been furnished the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA *Racial Matter* RM 00: CHICAGO

DICK GREGORY, NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST,  
IN PRESS CONFERENCE INSTANT DATE STATED HE IS HEREBY CANCEL-  
LING ALL PREVIOUS ARRANGEMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE DEMO-  
CRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION SCHEDULED LATE AUGUST NEXT IN CHICAGO.

GREGORY STATED IN VIEW OF DISTURBANCES AND VIOLENCE WHICH  
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HE DID NOT BELIEVE NON VIOLENT MARCHES COULD BE HELD IN  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
Attention: Domestic Intelligence Division

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Pittsburgh teletype to Bureau dated 4/27/68.

On 4/29/68, Captain [ ] Huntington, W. Va., Police Department, advised that RICHARD GREGORY appeared as scheduled at Marshall University, Huntington, W.Va., on 4/27/68.

Captain [ ] advised that GREGORY's speech was recorded on a tape recorder and that he could make available a copy of the transcription when it is transcribed. Captain [ ] stated GREGORY's appearance did not produce any demonstrations or violence of any kind at Huntington.

On 5/2/68, and 5/6/68, Captain [ ] advised that GREGORY's speech had not yet been transcribed, but he would attempt to have it transcribed within the next few days.

Pittsburgh will maintain contact with Captain [ ] and obtain the transcription of the speech of GREGORY when available.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-775) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

SOURCE SHOWN TO BE RELIABLE IN PAST ADVISED GREGORY SPOKE  
MONMOUTH COLLEGE, MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, MAY SEVEN LAST, TO AN  
AUDIENCE OF SEVEN TO EIGHT HUNDRED, MOSTLY COLLEGE STUDENTS.  
GREGORY'S SPEECH WAS WITHOUT INCIDENT. NO ARRESTS OR DISTURBANCES  
OCCURRED. SPONSORED BY STUDENT CONVOCATION LECTURE SERIES -  
NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT. GREGORY DISCOURAGED VIOLENCE AND ENCOURAGED  
ECONOMIC BOYCOTT.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE TO BE IDENTIFIED IN AIRTEL TO FOLLOW. DETAILS  
FOLLOWING IN LHM. MI, SECRET SERVICE, LOCAL POLICE ADVISED.

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To: Director, FBI  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775)  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
Dick Gregory  
(OO: CG)

ATTENTION:  
☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
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☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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## Summary of Complaint:

ReCGairtel dated 1-11-68 with LHM

Enclosed for Bureau are original and 10 copies of LHM suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed are 2 copies FD-376. Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies above-mentioned LHM.

Source mentioned in LHM is \_\_\_\_\_ (protect identity) former \_\_\_\_\_ presently \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Ill. \_\_\_\_\_ attended GREGORY's speech on 5-7-68 and furnished his notes to SA \_\_\_\_\_ on 5-8-68. REC-108

Copies of LHM furnished local Secret Service and OSI, Chanute AFB, Ill.; 1134 MI Group, Evanston, Ill. and NIC, Chicago, Illinois. MAY 10 1968

1 - Bureau (Enc.-12) (RM) 2 - Chicago (Enc.-2) (RM)  
 ACTION: UACB: 4 - Springfield (2: 157-775) (1: 157-298)

☐ No further action being taken and JRR:blw (7)  
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☐ LHM being submitted  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 8, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☐ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

May 8, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as  
Dick Gregory

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On May 7, 1968, RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, in conjunction with the Student Convocation Lecture Series - 1968.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that GREGORY spoke in the college gymnasium and that 700 - 800 people attended. The source advised that there were between 25 - 50 Negroes present and that there were few, if any, outsiders present.

Source advised there was no disorder of any type and the speech was humorous, but lacking in depth. The general text was based on the effect college students can have on the economy in their prospective influence as leaders. GREGORY stated students could best demonstrate against the war in Vietnam, not by carrying signs, but by economic effects such as (1) stop smoking so taxes will not go to the Government; (2) stop buying clothes; (3) stop buying new cars; (4) don't buy products of the Dow Chemical Company; and (5) stop shaving.

GREGORY made no threats and did not encourage rioting, but said that July and August is the riot season. GREGORY's statement was not militant as indicated when he stated that he had planned to be in Chicago for the National Convention, but now has changed his plans. GREGORY stated that if the U. S. would live by the Constitution

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and the Bill of Rights, communism would be defeated, and that there would be no race problem.

Chief of Police, HAROLD TINDER, Monmouth Police Department, Monmouth, Illinois, advised there was no problem in conjunction with GREGORY's speech, and that he had his entire Department available in the event of any problem.

TINDER advised that officers were utilized to direct traffic and this was the extent of their utilization.

U. S. Secret Service and 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois, advised of above information.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/7/68

Attached relates to speech made by Dick Gregory, humorist, at Lebanon, Illinois, 5/7/68.

Pertinent parts of attached to be furnished interested Divisions of Department, Secret Service, military, and other interested agencies.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-775) 3PP

Also Known As

↑ RACIAL MATTER

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM.

ON MAY SEVEN, SIXTYEIGHT, [REDACTED] CRIME SECTION,  
ILLINOIS STATE POLICE, DISTRICT ELEVEN, MARYVILLE, ILLINOIS,  
FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

ON THE MORNING OF MAY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT, DICK GREGORY,  
HUMORIST AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, SPOKE  
FOR TWO HOURS AT MC KENDREE COLLEGE, LEBANON, ILLINOIS. HIS  
AUDIENCE OF ABOUT TWO HUNDRED TWENTYFIVE PERSONS WERE LARGELY  
COLLEGE STUDENTS WHICH INCLUDED ABOUT TWENTYFIVE NEGROES. THERE  
WERE NO DISTURBANCES AND NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

GREGORY'S SPEECH CONSISTED OF A HUMORIST - NON-VIOLENT APPEAL  
TO WHITE PEOPLE TO GRANT EQUAL RIGHTS AND RECOGNITION TO NEGROES.

GREGORY INDICATED THAT IF THE WHITE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY  
WERE IN THE SAME POSITION AS THE NEGROES ARE IN NOW, THEY WOULD  
WOULD REVOLT IN THE SAME WAY THEY DID AGAINST THE BRITISH IN

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THE AMERICAN REVOLUTIONARY WAR. THE REVOLUTIONARY QUOTATIONS BEING USED CURRENTLY BY STOKELY CARMICHAEL AND RAP BROWN WERE NOT INVENTED BY THEM, BUT ARE QUOTATIONS FROM THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY.

GREGORY INDICATED SYMPATHY FOR THE YOUNG MEN WHO TRIED TO AVOID FIGHTING IN THE IMMORAL VIET NAM WAR. GREGORY SAID HE HAS MORE ADMIRATION FOR CASSIUS CLAY, WHO IS ATTEMPTING TO AVOID THE WAR BY FIGHTING IN THE U.S. COURTS THAN HE HAS FOR THE MANY THOUSANDS OF WHITE BOYS WHO ARE AVOIDING THE WAR BY FLEEING TO CANADA.

GREGORY SAID RE-ENLISTMENTS IN THE U.S. ARMY ARE RUNNING ABOUT FIVE NEGROES TO ONE WHITE. GREGORY SAID THE WHITES ARE TEACHING THE BLACKS TO KILL IN VIET NAM AND MANY OF THOSE BLACKS WHO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES WILL CONTINUE TO BE KILLERS. GREGORY STATED THAT THE WHITE PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY HAVE GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED THE RISE IN CRIME IN THE UNITED STATES TO NEGROES BUT GREGORY FEELS THAT MORE ATTENTION

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SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO WIPING OUT THE WHITE ORGANIZED CRIME SYNDICATES IN THE U.S.

GREGORY INDICATED THAT HE FEELS THAT IF PERSONS EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE ARE OLD ENOUGH TO FIGHT IN VIET NAM THAT THE VOTING AGE SHOULD BE LOWERED TO EIGHTEEN. GREGORY STATED HE IS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE VOTERS WILL HAVE A CHOICE. HE SAID THAT BARRY GOLDWATER HAD LOST THE LAST ELECTION BECAUSE HE TOLD THE TRUTH AND THAT THE STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE FOOLED BY BOBBY KENNEDY IN THIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

*ATTORNEY EASTERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS*

USA, EBF, EAST ST. LOUIS; MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, EDWARDSVILLE, ILLINOIS AND SECRET SERVICE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI ADVISED OF FOREGOING.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE SPRINGFIELD AIRTEL MAY TWO SIXTYEIGHT.

*MEMO*

LHM FOLLOWS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED BY SEPARATE COMMUNICATION RE GREGORY'S MAY SIX SIXTYEIGHT APPEARANCE AT EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS. P.

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## Summary of Complaint:

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM captioned as above setting forth investigation conducted by SA JOHN W. LEWIS. Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, EDI, East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; MI, Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

The Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

ENCLOSURE

1 - Bureau (Encs. 13)

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2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)

(1:157-298) (1:66-1967)

ACTION: UACB:

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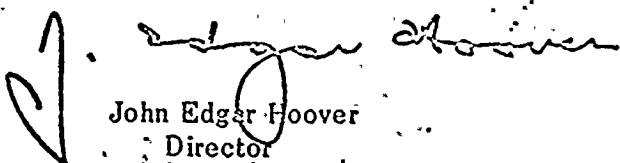
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Springfield, Illinois  
May 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory

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The May 1, 1968, issue of "Belleville News Democrat," a Belleville, Illinois daily newspaper, carried an item reflecting that DICK GREGORY, comedian and civil rights activist, will speak at McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois, at 9:30 A.M. on Tuesday, May 7, 1968. GREGORY will address himself to racial problems in the United States.

No violence is anticipated.

The foregoing information has been furnished to the Lebanon, Illinois Police Department; St. Clair County Sheriff's Office, United States Attorney, East St. Louis, Illinois; Secret Service, St. Louis, Missouri, and Military Intelligence, St. Louis, Missouri.

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AND RIVERSIDE DRIVE, NYC, AT NINE FIFTY FIVE PM  
WHERE PLAY WAS IN PROGRESS. PLAY WAS STOPPED AND  
GREGORY ADDRESSED THE THREE HUNDRED PRESENT,  
STATING HE WAS IN SYMPATHY WITH STUDENT STRIKE  
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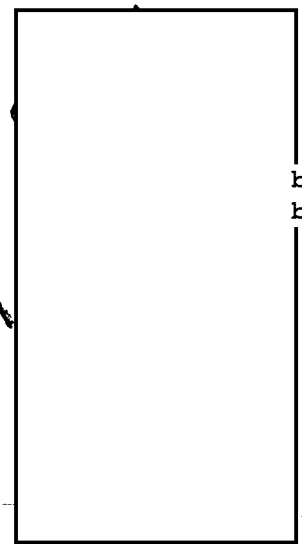
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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Contact with [redacted] and Lt. [redacted] handled by SA ROBERT M. STEVENSON. Inquiries at Lumberton, N. C., and contact with Lt. Col. [redacted] handled by SA [redacted]. Contact with Secret Service, Charlotte, N. C., handled by SA [redacted].

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May 6, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also  
known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 29, 1968, [redacted] Security Officer, St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Laurinburg, North Carolina, advised captioned individual had been invited to speak at the college by the Christianity and Culture Department of the college. The speech was scheduled to be from 9:00 A. M., to 11:00 A. M., April 29, 1968.

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According to [redacted] GREGORY arrived via private chartered airplane, arriving at the Lumberton, North Carolina, Municipal Airport early on April 29, 1968, and arrived at Laurinburg by automobile.

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Lieutenant [redacted], Laurinburg, North Carolina, Police Department, advised on April 29, 1968, that GREGORY appeared at St. Andrews College as scheduled and made a speech from a portable rostrum set up in front of the library building on campus. There were approximately 200 people present, including some Negro students from Laurinburg Institute, a predominantly private Negro school at Laurinburg, North Carolina. The speech was made outside and the students mingled around the speaker.

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GREGORY's speech was humorous and consisted of many jokes. His theme seemed to be to ridicule the white race and the white people in general. He spoke of the Negro race as

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RACIAL MATTERS

being a minority group and he spent considerable time explaining the reason why the Negro race should be equal to the white race. He did not encourage violence or riots but advocated that he was against any type of violence.

GREGORY's speech commenced at approximately 9:25 A.M., and terminated at 11:00 A. M., April 29, 1968. He departed the St. Andrews College campus at approximately 12:05 P. M., April 29, 1968, for Lumberton, North Carolina.

Lieutenant [ ] stated there were no unusual incidents during GREGORY's appearance on the St. Andrews campus or in the Laurinburg area as a result of his appearance.

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Inquiries at the Lumberton, North Carolina, Municipal Airport disclosed that GREGORY arrived by a chartered Astec aircraft bearing Number 5977 Y from Washington, D. C., at 8:40 A. M., April 29, 1968, and he departed in the same aircraft for Washington, D. C., at 1:15 P. M., April 29, 1968.

Information concerning GREGORY's appearance was furnished to appropriate state and local authorities, military intelligence and Secret Service agencies.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
Speech on 5/6/68  
Charleston, Illinois  
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Officials of Eastern Illinois University made available a complete tape recording of GREGORY's speech, contents of which will be furnished at a later date.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 7, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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Director

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

May 7, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY  
SPEECH ON MAY 6, 1968  
CHARLESTON, ILLINOIS

✓ [redacted] Security Officer, Eastern Illinois University (EIU), Charleston, Illinois, advised on May 7, 1968, that Gregory spoke on the subject of civil rights - black power, from 8:10 P.M. till 10:00 P.M. on May 6, 1968, to an audience of about 2200 students and residents of the local community in the Lantz Gymnasium on the EIU Campus.

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Prior to Gregory's speech; Dr. Quincy V. Doundna, President of EIU, announced to the audience that there had been an anonymous phone call received that evening, concerning a bomb in the building. Doundna expressed his disbelief that a bomb was planted and stated he was going to stay and hear the speech. The event continued without further incident.

In his speech, Gregory referred to himself as a "36 year old Uncle Tom Nigger". In commenting on the war in Viet Nam, Gregory stated "any black cat who goes to war for America got to be crazy to free some foreign people when their mommy and papa haven't yet been liberated". He expressed opposition to the new civil rights legislation stating that the Civil Rights Bill was "good only for 80% and not until 1970".

After the speech, Gregory informally spoke to a small group of students, mostly colored, in the lounge of the Lantz Gymnasium and left Charleston, Illinois, about 12:05 A.M. There were no racial demonstrations of any kind.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
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Confidential source is [REDACTED]

This LHM is being classified "~~Confidential~~" because of information furnished by [REDACTED] the unauthorized disclosure of which could have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
May 13, 1968

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Richard Claxton Gregory

On May 9, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a "Salute to Dick Gregory", negro comedian, will be held at Fillmore Theatre, New York City, on June 2, 1968. This source stated that he believes that the purpose of this program is to raise money for Gregory, since it is rumored that Gregory is some \$40,000.00 in debt. This source stated that the following persons are among the members of the committee sponsoring this program:

1. [redacted] of the Village Gate Night Club, New York City.
2. Ossie Davis, Hollywood movie star.

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3. Sidney Portier, Hollywood movie star.
4. Sugar Ray Robinson, former professional boxing champion.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

OO: Chicago

DATE: May 16, 1968

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated [redacted] enclosing letterhead memorandum setting forth subject's itinerary.

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are thirteen copies of letterhead memorandum regarding GREGORY's appearance at University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa, on 5/3/68. Two copies of letterhead memorandum enclosed for Chicago.

For the information of Chicago, recordings were made of GREGORY's comments at Cedar Falls, Iowa, on 5/3/68, and are available for office of origin, if desired.

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Omaha, Nebraska  
May 16, 1968

Richard Claxton Gregory

The April 30, 1968, issue of "Northern Iowan," student newspaper at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI), Cedar Falls, Iowa, carried an article on page five, stating Dick Gregory is scheduled to speak in the gymnasium on Friday, May 3, 1968. The article describes Gregory as "the man most hated by the Ku Klux Klan," and said he would be a speaker on the Controversial Speakers Program of UNI.

On May 6, 1968, [redacted] Security Office, UNI, stated he had been with Dick Gregory at the Controversial Speakers Program on May 3, 1968. He said he would estimate about 4,500 to 5,000 persons attended Gregory's talk, and said no incidents occurred, nor was there any problem arising from Gregory's remarks or presence at UNI.

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He said a number of Negro residents from Waterloo, Iowa, located adjacent to Cedar Falls, Iowa, had attended the talk in the gymnasium, which was held from about 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, May 3, 1968. He said that Waterloo Negroes had invited Gregory to attend a luncheon and give a short talk in Waterloo, and tried to make arrangements with Gregory for this second appearance before Gregory arrived in Cedar Falls, Iowa. Gregory reportedly declined to make a second appearance at Waterloo, unless the group wished to pay him \$1,000.00 for that appearance and talk.

[redacted] said Gregory arrived in Cedar Falls, Iowa, by automobile, and is believed to have been driven from Mankato, Minnesota, to Iowa. He left the Cedar Falls - Waterloo area on May 3, 1968, in mid-afternoon by Ozark Air Lines en-route to Chicago, Illinois, and his home.

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[redacted] stated that the "Northern Iowan" newspaper at UNI, issue of May 7, 1968, carried a long article on Gregory's comments on May 3, 1968. He said that the newspaper article is an accurate summary of Gregory's comments during his talk at UNI.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

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Attached hereto are pertinent pages of "Northern Iowan" UNI student newspaper, issue of May 7, 1968, carrying the information on Gregory's talk.

# Over 5,000 Hear Gregory Criticize LBJ, Rights Bill

by IOWAN Staff Writer

More than 5,000 persons Friday jammed the inside, corridors and area in front of the Men's Gym where speakers had been set up to hear the comedian and civil rights leader Dick Gregory criticize the new Civil Rights Bill, LBJ and American white society in general.

The over-capacity crowd consisted primarily of UNI students and faculty with a number of people from the Waterloo-Cedar Falls community including a large delegation from Waterloo's East High, a predominately Negro school.

Prior to Gregory's speech, Dr. Edward Thorne, head of the speech department and a member of the Controversial Speakers Committee, told the audience that committee chairman Jim Heller would be absent from the talk because he was being detained by the Armed Forces Induction Center in Des Moines "because he is a member of the Controversial Speakers Committee." (See last story).

DWIGHT BACKMAN, Jr., in speech, introduced Gregory as his "black beautiful brother" and said that a 10-minute conversation with Gregory would end the racial strife in the country.

The bearded Gregory had just finished a 47-day fast in protest of the Vietnam war. In his two-hour talk interspersed with humor to emphasize his points, Gregory told the audience other ways in which he protested included wearing only work clothes, in order to stifle the clothing industry; not smoking (saying taxes from cigarettes go for buying weapons and bombs); refusing to be shaved or get a haircut, thus rattling the barbers of the country; and refusing to buy many other American products.

An attache case on the stage next to Gregory's chair carried a sticker proclaiming "Dick Gregory For President." Gregory has announced himself as an independent candidate for the presidency.

He TOLD THE audience a common question he had come across in his lecturing was "What would be the first thing you would do if you were elected president?" He simply said that he would "paint the White House black" and then "bring the soldiers

back home from Vietnam after sending LBJ over there with a barbeque gun!"

In a most serious manner he told the audience that the present educational system is "anemic" whites as well as blacks. "The corruption of the system has gotten to the black people, but now with such things as the new draft law prohibiting graduate deferments, it is getting white students, too," he said.

"THE MAJOR problems confronting Americans today can only be solved by you, the young people," Gregory told students. The older generation made the problems and then passed the

burden to the younger generation for their sins."

"Moral pollution is the country's greatest problem and young people must be responsible for it," Gregory said. "You must tell the old people."

"I hope you are all strong young people," Gregory told the students. "It is your time to act."

He said that the major problem of America's future is "the spending of 80 billion dollars, but creating an atmosphere of fear by freezing the national group" (continued on page 2).

"THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL is a new form of segregation," comedian Dick Gregory told an audience of 5,000 Friday.

ed Forces Induction Center in Des Moines.

# America Prone To Killing'

(continued from page 1)

in this country so black people trust the whites."

The problems could be solved "if politicians would obey their oaths of office and uphold the Constitution," Gregory pointed out.

Concerning the new Civil Rights Bill, he explained that he felt it was a bit unfair in idea. "The whites get judged under the Constitution while blacks have to be judged under Civil Rights legislation."

"We don't want the Civil Rights bill—we want civil rights under the same sheet of paper we pay our taxes—under the same one black boys are drafted," Gregory said.

"THE CIVIL RIGHTS Bill is just a new form of segregation. We don't want a graded segregation. We're fighting for liberation and an end to segregation. That's what we're going to get."

Gregory went on to say, "I think the black cat is insane to go to war, after the Civil Rights Bill was passed I would have to call the War Department and say, 'Don't call me 'til 1970 and then call only 80 percent of me.'"

Gregory refers to similar stipulations in the recently passed bill.

TOUCHING BRIEFLY on the area of housing, Gregory asked, "Why should a Negro go to Vietnam to free the Vietnamese from tyranny and give them a new home when back home he him-

self won't be able to get a home except on some long, complicated installment plan?"

Gregory also expressed the opinion that he felt the anti-riot legislation in the bill to be "ridiculous" since all it accomplishes is to prohibit anyone from talking about riots.

"The way to do it now," he said, "is not to talk about it, but just go out and do it."

He said the anti-riot sections do not eliminate persons who incite riots but merely push them underground, and indicated that there persons are much more dangerous underground.

"WHITE KIDS HAVE been going to Fort Lauderdale, tearing up the town every year for ten years. Better not try it now," he said, pointing out that the anti-riot bill now covered such things.

Gregory expressed the feeling that "America is a country prone to killing." He cited the assassination of Martin Luther King as "an American killed by an American," and told students particularly that what happened to Dr. King affected them more than it did the older generation.

"You feel the pain," he said. "Older folks only feel shame."

Gregory criticized the current government and administration under Lyndon Johnson severely throughout his speech.

"IF OUR DEMOCRACY is as good as they tell us it is, why are we running all over the world

trying to force it down people's throats with guns? If we make it work right, they'll steal it from us."

Gregory admitted being non-violent and made a humorous apology for Negro reaction and behavior after the assassination of Dr. King.

"They know the accepted riot season is July to August," he said.

Gregory also mentioned the high re-enlistment rate in the Armed Forces among Negroes and deplored the fact that the government was teaching them to kill.

"YOU BETTER teach the police—they need a lot more training. It is one thing to deal with a 13-year-old throwing fire bombs at a tank and quite another to deal with a trained killer who comes back from Vietnam, an expert sniper at 500 yards."

Gregory said that Dr. King did not die for non-violence as most news media have said he did.

"He died for equal justice for all," Gregory said. "Non-violence was only his method."

GREGORY TOLD the audience that the Negro is "tired of playing games."

"Crime in the streets, which all the politicians say they are going to eliminate, actually refers to the Negro."

"Why not knock out the white crime syndicate. That would be an accomplishment!"

The way things are today, Gregory said, "I would just as soon live under a dictatorship with whites and blacks both together underground singing 'We Shall Overcome.'"

"Twenty or thirty years ago the Negro had a hungry stomach and didn't want to learn except how to fill himself. Today he has a hungry mind and wants to get his share of knowledge."

GREGORY CONCLUDED by saying that the mistake arose when everyone was so busy learning how to make a living, that they forgot to find out how to live.

The former nightclub and television entertainer was the fourth person to appear in this year's Controversial Speakers Series.

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# Memorandum

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DATE: May 20, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CG

Re Seattle letter and LHM 4/25/68 and Bureau letter to Chicago 5/13/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for the Chicago Office two copies of an LHM containing information supplementary to that in relet and LHM. Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376 and to MIG, NISO, and OSI by FD-342.

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At Olympia, Washington

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

May 20, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that contained in the memorandum under this caption dated April 25, 1968, at Seattle.

On May 14, 1968, [REDACTED], Assistant Thurston County Prosecutor, Olympia, Washington, advised that GREGORY's attorney has filed a petition for a rehearing by the Washington State Supreme Court of the sentence outstanding against subject which the Supreme Court earlier had affirmed and which was scheduled to begin on May 20, 1968. [REDACTED] said this action will delay the start of subject's sentence until action on the new petition is taken by the Supreme Court. No tentative date for this has as yet been set.

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An article titled "Black Power Leaders May Visit for GREGORY Sit-In," in the May 10, 1968, issue of "The Bremerton Sun," a daily newspaper of general circulation published at Bremerton, Washington, quoted JACK TANNER, identified as subject's attorney, as stating:

"Black Power advocates H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL and the Rev. RALPH ABERNATHY just may show up in Washington State in a protest demonstration against the jailing of Negro DICK GREGORY.

"He knows them all and I wouldn't be surprised if they weren't included in demonstrations that are being planned," GREGORY's lawyer, JACK TANNER of Tacoma, said here yesterday....

"TANNER has petitioned for a rehearing of the case but did not express much hope it would be granted....

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"In the meantime demonstrations are planned, TANNER said, by members of the Peace and Freedom movement, of which GREGORY is to be the presidential candidate this year.

"I understand they have already sent telegrams around the country urging a boycott of Washington products, apples and Rainier and Olympia Beer, he said.

"The Peace and Freedom movement is no small thing, he said. There are 106,000 registered members in California alone.

"Delegations are going to come up and help him serve time, stay with in sympathy, TANNER said.

"And knowing how GREGORY's friends BROWN, CARMICHAEL and the Rev. Mr. ABERNATHY operate, he said, he expects them to sit-in.

"As for the case, it does not make any sense to him GREGORY could be convicted of violation of fishing laws when he contends that any fish he handled were dead. They were cold storage fish, so how could somebody be convicted of catching a dead fish?"

A characterization of the  
Peace and Freedom Party is  
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Dick Gregory  
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OO: CHICAGO

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Minneapolis, Minnesota  
May 17, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on May 13, 1968 Richard Gregory would speak at the Student Center, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota on the night of May 13, 1968 at 8:00 p.m.

This source advised on May 14, 1968 that he attended the talk by Gregory which was attended by an estimated 1400 to 1500 people, mostly students at the University of North Dakota. The audience consisted predominantly of white students. There were no incidents as a result of the speech. He advised that an account of the speech in the Grand Forks Herald, a daily newspaper published at Grand Forks, North Dakota, summed up the speech by Gregory. Source stated that Gregory remained in Grand Forks overnight and left via Northwest Airlines at approximately 7:00 a.m. May 14, 1968. It is noted a Northwest Orient Airlines flight schedule shows they have a plane leaving Grand Forks, North Dakota at 7:25 a.m. for Fargo, North Dakota and Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The article appearing in the Grand Forks Herald in its issue of May 14, 1968, is as follows:

"Gregory Hits N.D. Politicians

"Negro comedian and civil rights worker Dick Gregory Monday night blasted the actions of some North Dakota politicians who have attempted to keep American Communist Party boss Gus Hall from speaking at the University of North Dakota.

"Gregory addressed an overflow crowd of 1,400 in the University Center ballroom and almost immediately became involved in the statewide controversy concerning Hall and the question of his scheduled speaking engagement.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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"Talks on Freedom

"Gregory talked about freedom of expression in the U.S. Constitution.

"'You kids are getting it first hand here,' he said. 'You tell those old fools (some state politicians) that they better do what the Constitution says. Even a communist can speak here,' Gregory said.

"'Why do we have to go around shoving democracy down people's throats?'

"He talked about the plight of the Indian in America and the Indian in North Dakota, pointing out that the highest suicide rate in the nation among the young occurs on Indian reservations. So does the highest rate of tuberculosis, he added.

"Given Standing Ovation

"'If the Indians could upset the politicians as much as Gus Hall did, the Indians would be in good shape,' shouted Gregory. A standing ovation followed.

"Gregory estimated that he spends 98 per cent of his time on college campuses.

"'If we solve the great problems in our country,' he said 'we'll solve them through you. You must solve problems you didn't even create . . . they won't be here when you leave.'

"Says He's Non-violent

"Gregory called the civil rights bill just part of the game 'white America' has been playing with the Negro for 400 years, and 'now we are going to stop playing this game,' he said.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"He asked the audience why they thought Negroes should be non-violent.

"'I'm non-violent,' he said, 'but I'd be out of my mind to go around preaching it in a country where Matt Dillon comes into the room every week.'

"Some of his other comments were:

"--'The biggest breakthrough in the civil rights was in Texas last year. We got our first colored hurricane - Beulah.'

"--'The only heart transplant now working is a black heart. . .but we don't want it to work too good. The last thing we want is you white folks thinkin' we're going to be your spare parts.'

"--'The first thing I would do if elected president would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ with nothing but his barbecue gun. And I'd have Eartha Kitt call him every morning saying 'We're working on peace feelers, baby.'"

"--'If the problems here are not solved in three years, America will not stand.'

"--'We don't want you to do a damn thing but get out of the way of that United States Constitution. We don't want integration, we want liberation.'

"--'Progress is Americans getting killed by Americans. I'd much rather see American cities go up in flames than bomb cities around the world . . .maybe then they'd wake up.'

"--'We never draft murderers into going to Vietnam. You've got to be a good Christian to make the best killer.'

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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"--'When we see that the Constitution works right, that's the day we can bring our guns home.'

"--LBJ is the biggest tyrant to walk the face of the earth since Julius Caesar.'

"--'Those black athletes should have qualified for the Olympic team, gone to Mexico City and then dropped the baton.'

"--'First you have to create an atmosphere for Negroes to be able to live and cut all those cats loose. If you don't do that, you can take that \$80 billion appropriation and buy the biggest guns you can find cause you're going to need them'".

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Date: May 17, 1968

To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) BY  
DATE 1-30-80

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REASON FROM II, 1-2.4.2.3  
DATE OF REVIEW 5-17-88  
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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past recently advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, a nationally known comedian, entertainer and a civil rights activist

The purpose of [redacted] a Negro movement directed against the Democratic National Convention scheduled to be held in Chicago, Illinois, during August, 1968. Gregory has since made public statements that he will not participate in any movement against the convention.

In view of this Bureau's continuing interest in the foreign influence factor in the Black Nationalist Movement, any information concerning [redacted]

Further, so that the foreign support may be more specifically established, this Bureau would be interested in knowing the origin of the [redacted] and any guidance or direction being afforded concerning these [redacted]

- 2 - Chicago (157-347)
- 1 - [redacted]
- 1 - Foreign Liaison Unit
- 1 - Foreign Influence in the Black Nationalist Movement (Russell)

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The [redacted] has been furnished the above information and is contacting the appropriate security services to receive any pertinent information they may develop. (S)

NOTE FOR SAC, CHICAGO:

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Reference is made to your airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 3/1/68 under the Gregory caption. These communications furnished data that your source obtained the information concerning the above referred to [redacted] and that this same source was [redacted] Gregory during [redacted] and [redacted]. You should follow the matter [redacted] Gregory very closely reporting all pertinent data in this regard to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum. (S) (U)

NOTE FOR [redacted] (S) (U)

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 3/8/68 under the Gregory caption which relates to this matter. This communication is being furnished to you for your information.

NOTE:

Gregory is included in the [redacted] Agitator Index. He is a nationally known comedian and a civil rights activist. Information has been received from our Chicago Office that Gregory stated that he received [redacted]

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[redacted] has been advised of this matter and is attempting to develop information concerning [redacted]. It is felt, however, that a communication should be written to CIA specifically requesting any information concerning this matter. This communication is classified "~~CONFIDENTIAL~~" inasmuch as its contents may reveal the identity of a source of continuing value which would be detrimental to the best interests of U.S. (S)

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Date: 5/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P/)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Remytel 5/6/68.

*Just*  
*Re*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) re GREGORY. Information copy is being sent Springfield.

LHM is being furnished USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source is Potential Confidential Source - Racial

[Redacted]

Activities of GREGORY continue to be followed and Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 12)  
1 - Springfield (Encl. ) (Info)  
4 - Chicago  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois

MAY 14 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On May 10, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised an Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Gregory's comments in a May 9, 1968, speech at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois, concerning riots in major cities throughout the United States which will occur on election day in this coming November, tie in with previous private comments of Gregory in which Gregory has stated that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Source related that Gregory claims that [REDACTED]

According to source, it would appear that Gregory [REDACTED]

Source stated that since Gregory [REDACTED]

Source stated that [REDACTED]

In addition, source reported that Gregory claims that [REDACTED]

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished  
the following agencies:-

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois;

Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND NEW YORK (157-1093)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

ARTICLE APPEARING IN "CHICAGO SUN TIMES", MAJOR CHICAGO  
DAILY NEWSPAPER, ON MAY TWENTYONE, INSTANT, REFLECTS DICK  
GREGORY TO TRAVEL TO NEW YORK CITY MAY TWENTYONE INSTANT.  
PURPOSE OF TRIP IS TO MEET WITH EDITORS OF "TIME" MAGAZINE  
AND EXPLAIN HIS PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN.

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NEW YORK DIVISION WILL ALERT SOURCES TO GREGORY'S  
APPEARANCE AND AFFORD COVERAGE ACCORDING TO OUTSTANDING  
BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO MILITANT BLACK NATIONALISTS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : *fly* SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

00: Chicago

DATE: 5-27-68

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Re Chicago let 1-17-68, Chicago airtel 2-6-68  
and Cleveland airtels dated 3-29-68 and 4-2-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum regarding appearances of captioned  
subject at Bowling Green State University, Defiance College,  
University of Toledo and Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.  
Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

As previously indicated all of subject's appearances  
proceeded without incident and nothing of pertinence came  
out of his appearances at the above four schools with the  
exception of the data contained in Cleveland airtel dated  
April 2, 1968, about plans to demonstrate at the Democratic  
convention in Chicago which is also included in the letter-  
head memorandum.

The source mentioned in letterhead memorandum is



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  - 1 - Cleveland
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AGENCY: ACSI, SEC. OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
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BY: EMJ/nrb

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May 27, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appeared in "The B-G News", Bowling Green State University (BGSU), Bowling Green, Ohio, student newspaper, issue dated January 19, 1968:

Dick Gregory, comedian and military leader, will speak from 8 to 9 p.m., February 20 in the Grand Ballroom. His speech during the first half hour will be a comedy reflection the racial situation. The second half hour will be more serious, as Mr. Gregory will speak on advocating black power.

At Yale University in a speech similar to the one he plans to give at the University, Mr. Gregory received a standing ovation.

After appearing at the University of Florida at Gainesville, a student said, "Dick Gregory was good. I was expecially impressed with his cordiality towards us."

At Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, students said, "Dick Gregory is an outstanding performer. The speech was both interesting and informative and was ended with a standing ovation. Every aspect of his visit was enjoyable. It was a pleasure to have him visit our campus."

Dick Gregory is a commentator, an author and a comedian. In addition to being a leader in the Negro fight for equality, he has appeared on the stage, on television and in motion pictures. He has made national as well as international tours, and is presently touring the country visiting college campuses.

On February 21, 1968, [redacted] BGSU advised that Richard C. Gregory had appeared at BGSU the previous evening under the auspices of a student body organization before an audience of approximately 1200 people. [redacted] stated that the

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audience was almost all white and Gregory stayed with comedy almost entirely throughout the program and gave very little serious discussion on black power, although his talk was previously advertised as being half comedy and half a serious discussion on black power. He advised that the program went quietly with no incidents.

On February 23, 1968, Donald Brechler, Chief of Police, Defiance, Ohio, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory spoke before a small almost all-white audience at Defiance College on the evening of February 21, 1968. He stated that Gregory made jokes about the Vietnam war, the selective service system and government operations in general, but gave no serious discussions about black power. Chief Brechler stated there were no incidents of any nature connected with the visit of Gregory.

On March 27, 1968, [redacted] University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio, advised that Richard Gregory spoke there before an audience of approximately 3000 persons, mostly students the night of March 26, 1968, without incident.

The following article appeared in "The Times", Toledo Ohio daily newspaper on March 27, 1968:

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, sporting a beard and a blue denim work jacket, urged University of Toledo students Tuesday night to stop smoking and buying new cars in an effort to halt the Vietnam war.

"By doing this you will avoid payment of taxes" which finance the conflict, Gregory told a student group.

Gregory, in the 28th day of a 40-day fast to protest the war, also said the Government is being embarrassed by students who are protesting inadequate draft laws.

He said the recent lifting of deferments for some graduate students and other young persons was proof of this.

"You young white kids are so honest and embarrassing to the country that they are fixing to give you all to the Viet Cong," he said.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He added that the fate of the country rests in the hands of today's youth.

"Youth can save this country if it hasn't already gone beyond the point of no return morally," he concluded.

On March 27, 1968, a Confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that several members of the Peace Action Council of Toledo a local group engaged in opposing the war in Vietnam had planned to hold a small reception for Gregory following his appearance at the University of Toledo, but their plans failed to materialize and the reception was never held. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On May 6, 1968

[redacted] Ohio, a [redacted] Ohio, advised that he was present on the night of May 4, 1968, at Seiberling Gymnasium on the Heidelberg Campus when Richard C. Gregory, a Negro comedian was the principle speaker before approximately 300 students and local citizens. Also appearing with Gregory was the Mitchell Negro Trio, a vocal group. Gregory was introduced by a Negro student from Heidelberg College.

According to [redacted] Gregory's appearance was before an almost all white audience, and was without incident. There was no serious discussion of Black Power by the subject, and the subject poked jokes at the CIA and the Government in general.

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory  
Speech on May 20, 1968  
At Galesburg, Illinois (OO: CG)

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## Summary of Complaint:

Forwarded herewith are the original and 10 copies of a LHM captioned as above, setting forth investigation conducted by SA [redacted]. Also enclosed are 2 copies of an FD-376. Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies LHM.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated to USA, SDI Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; MI, Evanston, Illinois and NIS, Chicago, Illinois.

1 - Bureau (100-440423) (Encs. 13) (RM) 2 - Chicago (Encs. 2)  
 4 - SI (157-775) (1:157-298) - SS(50), OSI, ACST (157-347)  
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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

Approved: C/D  
 66 JUN 4 1968 Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

May 22, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

May 22, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As  
Dick Gregory  
Speech on May 20, 1968  
At Galesburg, Illinois

On May 22, 1968, Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] Police Department, stated that DICK  
GREGORY, comedian and civil rights leader, made a speech  
on Monday evening, May 20, 1968, at Knox College, in  
Galesburg, Illinois.

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According to Detective [redacted] GREGORY had  
been invited to make the speech by the Knox Student  
Senate and he appeared in the Fine Arts Center, Knox  
College Campus, Galesburg, Illinois. [redacted] estimated  
the attendance to be between 800 and 1000 people.

The speech was concerned with ending discrimination  
in this country and also in ending the war in Viet Nam.  
He also commented on racial discrimination on the Indian  
reservations and GREGORY stated that he had demonstrated  
for the rights of young Indians.

GREGORY told the students that they had more  
power and influence than they are aware of. He advocated  
more student participation in anti-war demonstrations around  
the country.

[redacted] stated this speech was low key and GREGORY  
did not advocate any violence or extreme militant activity.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[ ] stated there were no fights or demonstrations or violence of any kind in Galesburg, Illinois, as a result of the speech given by GREGORY.

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Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; United States Attorney, Springfield, Illinois; and Military Intelligence, Rock Island, Illinois, were advised of the above information:

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# Memorandum

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP(S)  
DATE 11/30/84 *Class*

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : Legat, London (157-99) ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

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Re New York City airtel 2/2/68, Bureau letter  
3/8/68 to Legat, London and Bulet 5/17/68 to CIA. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Above submitted for information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-445006)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-2209) (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM  
BLACK NATIONALIST - HATE GROUPS  
RACIAL INTELLIGENCE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re Bureau letter to Chicago dated 4/23/68 instructing Chicago to develop counterintelligence measures to neutralize GREGORY noting he has traveled all over the country preaching black nationalist extremism, hatred and violence.

Concerning GREGORY it may be noted that an article appeared in the Tuesday, 5/21/68 edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", newspaper of general circulation in Chicago, in "Kap's Column" (IRV KUPCINET, Chicago newspaper columnist and TV personality), which states "Dick Gregory calls a temporary halt to his write-in campaign for President next week when he reports to the state of Washington to serve that 90-day sentence for civil disobedience".

It is also noted that the 5/14/68 edition of the "Chicago Daily News", also a daily newspaper of general circulation, reported the Illinois Appellate Court upheld a 1966 conviction of comedian GREGORY on charges of battery and resisting a police officer during a 1965 civil rights demonstration. GREGORY in his appeal charged he was denied a fair trial because of a "systematic exclusion of Negroes from the jury". The Appellate Court in ruling on his appeal, said GREGORY failed to prove the charges.

GREGORY had been fined \$200 for each of 2 counts of battery and \$500 on each of 2 counts of resisting arrest and was ordered to serve 5 months in the County Jail. 100-440423

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AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will ascertain if GREGORY surrenders himself to serve the above referred to 90 day sentence and immediately advise the Bureau and Chicago of same. If GREGORY confined, arrange to be advised of his release advising the Bureau and Chicago.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue to follow proceedings against GREGORY relative to above local charges in Chicago and keep the Bureau advised of developments.

Chicago is exploring possible means to discredit GREGORY in the extremist black nationalist movement and Bureau authority will be requested prior to instituting any counterintelligence action.

Chicago is also exploring possible counterintelligence activity against GREGORY relative to his recent remarks attacking organized crime and hoodlums connected with same.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/28/68

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 1/11/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six (6) copies of an LHM and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM concerning subject's speech at State University College at Cortland, Cortland, New York, on 5/8/68, sponsored by the House of Delegates, student governing body at that college.

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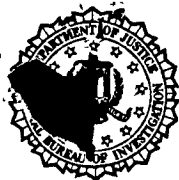
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

May 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On May 9, 1968, [redacted] State University College at Cortland, Cortland, New York, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY fulfilled his speaking engagement at the State University College at Cortland on the evening of May 8, 1968, at the health and physical education building. GREGORY was sponsored by the House of Delegates, student governing body at the State University College at Cortland and was introduced by [redacted] House of Delegates. He stated that there were approximately 500 to 600 students and a few faculty members at the meeting. He stated further that the meeting was orderly and was not marred by any incidents.

On May 13, 1968, [redacted] Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI), New York State Police, Homer, New York, advised that he was in attendance at the speech given by GREGORY on May 8, 1968. [redacted] furnished the following information:

GREGORY quoted passages from history books and the Bible to justify the actions of his black brothers today. He was not recruiting and his remarks, though shaded with bitterness, were not inflammatory. GREGORY severely criticized President JOHNSON and indicated that the United States was without a leader at this time. GREGORY attempted to get the message across to the students that there is a problem and although they did not create the problem, they will have to be the ones to solve it. GREGORY also commented that we never draft murderers to go over and kill the Viet Cong, but rather we take good Christians and train them to become the best murderers in the world, killing people they have never met.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[ ] advised that GREGORY was well received by an audience of 500 to 600 predominately white college students and some faculty from State University College at Cortland. He said that this meeting was very orderly and that there were no incidents of any kind.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: May 27, 1968

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of a newspaper article appearing in the May 10, 1968, issue of "The Kilikilik," Heidelberg College Campus Newspaper, published at Tiffin, Ohio, where subject made a recent appearance. Two copies are also being enclosed for Chicago.

The paper was made available to SA [redacted] on May 24, 1968, by Seneca County [redacted] a [redacted]

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## Gregory's Comments After Show Reveal Bizarre Political Views

by Brent Carson

tary will then take power. In response to Dick Gregory's performance, many Heidelberg students have, at least temporarily, found a new hero with whom they can identify. Mr. Gregory's flashy lapel buttons are even rivaling the Senator McCarthy buttons in popularity. Before allowing ourselves to be carried away in the "Gregory for President" movement, perhaps we should have a closer examination of his beliefs. Following the program Mr. Gregory, the Mitchell Trio, and a small group of students were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Colbert. At that time "Candidate" Gregory gave some enlightening projections of what the future will hold for our country. First, he stated that the Democratic Convention will be bombed on the second day of its meeting this summer. Mr. Gregory also prophesied that there will never be another Presidential election. He believes that on the next election day, riots will break out across the nation (including Tiffin), and stop people from going to the polls. According to his predictions, the military will then take power. Through this chain of events Mr. Gregory believes that the nation's twenty richest families will exert the pressure needed to put himself in as President of the United States. As President, Mr. Gregory said that he would be the closest thing this nation has had to a dictator. For example, since Mr. Gregory is a vegetarian, the whole country would have to give up eating meat. On the subject of Civil Rights, Mr. Gregory believes that any white person who would not sell his house to a Negro should be shot. For those students wearing the "Gregory for President" badges as a joke—the joke has lost its humor. In regards to those people who are wearing the badges in a serious vein—I feel that Mr. Gregory's statements portray his illogical thinking. Dick Gregory ended his performance by praising our generation. I, too, praise our generation's actions and will continue to praise them so long as we remain intelligent enough to refute the illogic of such men as Dick Gregory.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE KILIKILIK  
(Tiffin, Ohio)

Date: 5/10/68  
Edition: ----  
Author:  
Editor: Jim Unger  
Title:

Character:  
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Submitting Office: Cleveland

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Date: 5/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2722) RUC

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Chicago letter to Bureau dated 1/17/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination. Two copies of this LHM are being forwarded to Chicago. Copies of this LHM being disseminated locally to 109th MI GP (4), NISO, OSI, Secret Service and USA, Baltimore.

LHM is being classified confidential inasmuch as disclosure of information contained therein could lead to the identification of the source and thereby impair future effectiveness and in turn be detrimental to the national defense.

Source mentioned in this memorandum is [redacted]

[redacted], an established contact who did not personally attend DICK GREGORY's appearance at MSC, obtained this information from his own source at MSC.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
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Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

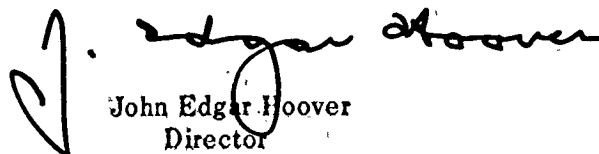
Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

May 29, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Also Known As

A source advised on May 27, 1968 that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY appeared at a regularly scheduled student assembly program held at Murphy Auditorium, Morgan State College (MSC), Baltimore, Maryland on May 16, 1968. The Cultural Arts Council was the sponsoring organization and about 700 students were in attendance.

GREGORY is a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist who has been arrested on numerous occasions relative to his civil rights activities.

The source advised that GREGORY was the main speaker at the regularly scheduled assembly program. GREGORY's speech was along his usual pattern, giving emphasis on white racism in America. He did not talk on any one subject but used profanity throughout the program. After the regularly scheduled assembly, a smaller group of about 50 to 75 students assembled in the Student Union Building where GREGORY answered questions. GREGORY left the MSC Campus about 5:30 P.M. No incidents were reported.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Baltimore, Maryland

May 29, 1968

Title            RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
                 Also Known As

Character

Reference      Memorandum dated and captioned  
                 as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: June 10, 1968

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle teletype to Bureau, 6/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM covering subject's surrender to Washington State authorities at Olympia, Washington, on June 7, 1968.

Copies of this LHM are being made available locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376, and to MIG, NISO, OSI, and the USA, Seattle, by FD-342. Local MIG was orally advised of the information in the LHM on June 7, 1968.

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SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Olympia, Washington

Will follow any developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago Office advised.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 11) (REG)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. **SE 157-511****June 10, 1968**

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, **Seattle (REG)**

Enclosure(s) (1)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

June 10, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. SE 157-511

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this caption dated at Seattle May 20, 1968.

On June 7, 1968, [redacted]

[redacted] Olympia, Washington, advised subject had that date, at about 2:00 p.m., surrendered himself to authorities to start serving the sentence previously imposed upon him by the State of Washington for violation of State fishing laws. After a short "press conference," which subject was permitted to hold on the steps of the Court House at Olympia and in the course of which he reiterated statements he has made in the past that he will spend his sentence fasting, he was "booked" into Thurston County Jail at 2:15 p.m. Subject was accompanied by [redacted] and [redacted]

[redacted] said the motion for a Washington Supreme Court rehearing of subject's case, which had been entered by his attorney, has been withdrawn. It is estimated subject will have to serve at least 75 days of his 90-day sentence unless the Governor intervenes.

At booking, according to [redacted] Thurston County Jailer, subject had on his person \$480 in Traveler's Checks and \$305.44 in cash. He also had with him six plastic gallon jugs filled with what was said to be distilled water and was permitted to take one of these to his cell with him.

Upon GREGORY's arrival in Olympia from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, there was only a scattering of people at the Court House, mostly individuals from the press, radio, and TV. There were no incidents, disturbances, or demonstrations of any kind.

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Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date June 8, 1968

Attached reports Richard Gregory surrendered to Olympia, Washington authorities 6/7/68 to start serving sentence for violation of state law concerning fishing. This violation occurred as a protest to state regulations of Indian fishing practices.

Prior to departure from Chicago, he held news conference and criticized Federal Government for denying him Secret Service protection.

Copy of attached furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department and Attorney General.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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JUN 7 1968

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F B I SEATTLE

458 PM URGENT 6/7/68 JJD

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM SEATTLE (157-511) 2P

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, *RACIAL MATTER* RM. OO: CG.

RE SEATTLE LETTER TO BUREAU, MAY TWENTY LAST.

OLYMPIA,

WASHINGTON, ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SURRENDERED HIMSELF TO AUTHORITIES IN OLYMPIA AT APPROXIMATELY TWO P.M. ON JUNE SEVEN INSTANT TO START SERVING THE SENTENCE AGAINST HIM IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON.

HE WAS ACTUALLY BOOKED INTO THE THURSTON COUNTY JAIL AT TWO FIFTEEN P.M. AND WAS THEREAFTER PLACED IN THAT JAIL WHERE IT IS EXPECTED HE WILL SERVE HIS TIME. [ ] SAID IT IS ESTIMATED HE WILL SERVE AT LEAST SEVENTY FIVE DAYS UNLESS THE GOVERNOR INTERVENES.

AT BOOKING, GREGORY HAD ON HIS PERSON FOUR HUNDRED EIGHTY DOLLARS IN TRAVELERS CHECKS AND THREE HUNDRED FIVE DOLLARS IN CASH AND HAD WITH HIM SIX ONE GALLON PLASTIC JUGS FILLED WITH WHAT IS SAID TO BE DISTILLED WATER. HE WAS PERMITTED TO TAKE ONE OF THESE JUGS INTO THE JAIL WITH HIM.

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[REDACTED] SAID THE APPEAL FOR A RE-HEARING WHICH [REDACTED] HAD PREVIOUSLY  
FILED HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN.

UPON ARRIVAL IN OLYMPIA FROM SEATTLE-TACOMA INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, SUBJECT HELD A "PRESS CONFERENCE" ON THE STEPS OF THE  
COURT HOUSE AND THERE WAS ONLY A SCATTERING OF PEOPLE PRESENT AT  
THIS TIME, MOSTLY INDIVIDUALS FROM THE NEWS MEDIA. THERE WERE  
NOT AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN ANY DISTURBANCES OR DEMONSTRATIONS OF  
ANY KING IN OLYMPIA WITH REGARD TO THIS MATTER.

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LOCAL MIG ADVISED. LHM BEING SUBMITTED. DEVELOPMENTS WILL  
BE FOLLOWED AND BUREAU AND CHICAGO KEPT ADVISED.

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FBI WASH DC

cc.  
MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D



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MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM 00: CHICAGO.

[ ] SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY DEPARTED CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, INSTANT EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, TO BEGIN SERVING NINETY DAY JAIL SENTENCE. PRIOR TO DEPARTURE GREGORY HELD NEWS CONFERENCE AT O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, WHERE HE CRITICIZED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR DENYING HIM SECRET SERVICE PROTECTION AFFORDED TO OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOLLOWING ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT F. KENNEDY. GREGORY REFERRED TO THIS AS "RACIAL INSULT". REFERRING TO HIS SEATTLE JAIL SENTENCE, GREGORY STATED HIS NINETY DAYS IN JAIL "WILL DIRECT WORLD WIDE ATTENTION ON PLIGHT OF INDIANS TO WHOM THIS NATION ONCE BELONGED". GREGORY STATED HE WILL FAST WHILE IN JAIL DRINKING ONLY WATER.

[ ] SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED GREGORY [ ]

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ORIG: MR. SULLIVAN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423)

DATE: June 6, 1968

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO 157-347

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-775) -P-

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
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ReSIairtels to Bu, 5-2-68 and 5-7-68.

Enclosed for the Bureau is original and 10 copies of LHM covering excerpts and summary of GREGORY's speech at Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois, on 5-6-68 as a result of a review of a tape by SA [redacted]

Two copies of above-mentioned LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

Source mentioned in LHM, page 1, is [redacted] Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois.

- 3 - Bureau (100-440423) (Enc.-11) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Enc.-2) (RM)
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C. C. Bishop

Approved: TC/ur

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois

June 11, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as  
Dick Gregory  
Speech at Eastern Illinois University  
Charleston, Illinois  
May 6, 1968

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A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, provided a tape recording of captioned speech. The following excerpts and summary are set forth after a review of this tape by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

The first 20 - 25 minutes of GREGORY's speech was purely humorous in nature and dealt only with joke telling and the like.

As the speech progressed, GREGORY stated that he likes the anti-riot portion of the new Civil Rights Bill because "all you radical whites and militant blacks are going to have to keep your damn mouths shut now and just go on and do what you have to do, because if you talk about it any more you can get busted under that new anti-riot section. I'm damn sick and tired of hearing you all talk about it anyway, just go on and do it." (applause) GREGORY said this type legislation would "force people under ground." He went on, "everytime a nigger rises up and says what he's going to do, the FBI can tap his phone." GREGORY further stated this portion of the new Civil Rights Bill is unconstitutional but he hopes no one will attack it.

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GREGORY went on to say America is heading for a dictatorship, stating that the possibility exists that the November, 1968, elections will be thrown out because of riots in major cities. This he said would lead to a military take-over. He stated further, "I wouldn't mind living under dictatorship. I'd love it, because then me and the white folks would all be going underground singing 'We Shall Overcome' and 'What We Going To Do With All Them Soldiers.'" GREGORY made the statement, "I am non-violent" and said that America is sending black boys into the Army to learn how to be killers and some day "they'll come back to the United States and we'll regret it." GREGORY went on to say America is more concerned with "black crime in the streets" than it is with the crime syndicate. He said further that when Washington, D. C. tells Saigon to clean up its corruption, Saigon should say, "When you clean up Chicago, we'll clean up Saigon."

GREGORY described President Lyndon B. Johnson as "probably the slickist tyrant that has walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar." He said, "Had Bobby Baker been working for Adam Clayton Powell instead of L.B.J. they'd both (Powell and Baker) be in jail tonight."

GREGORY went on to cover such topics as the 1968 Summer Olympics, American history, white christianity, lowering the voting age, education, income taxes and discrimination in housing. Pertaining to the housing issue he said, "I was 10 years old then and had a German kill my Daddy in '42. I am 36 years old tonight, Baby. How would you talk, if that same German that killed your Daddy in 1942 can come to your Daddy's country and live in a neighborhood you couldn't live in. Baby, we'll burn this damn country down to the ground house by house and brick by brick." (applause)

GREGORY further stated, "The biggest threat to communism is for a democratic society to make our constitution work right Baby, that's all. You don't need no tanks to wipe out communism."

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GREGORY went on to talk about what changes the younger generation could make in American society and advocated, among other things, economic boycotts. Specifically, he advised, "Please understand your power; and for you new young voters with this new political year coming up please don't get caught in the same trick we (GREGORY's generation) got caught in." He continued, "We need statesmen with guts, not politicians with money." Referring again to the younger generation, he said, "You will solve the problems in the next three years, or the problems will solve you."

Concerning the problems that face the country today, GREGORY asked, "Can America, for a few minutes, quit playing games with us?" Also in his position as a presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, GREGORY listed his priorities as to what he would do if elected and the first would be to "Paint the White House black," and secondly, "Bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send L.B.J. with nothing but a barbecue gun." Further, concerning the war, GREGORY stated, "Any black cat that goes to war for America has got to be insane." He asserted that, "It would be a cold day in Hell before white Americans would go to Vietnam and fight, only to come home and live under the Civil Rights Bill." He also stated that the Declaration of Independence should contain a statement, "For Whites Only."

He continued by saying, "I think I see progress myself. Dr. Martin Luther King got killed in America by an American, I'd rather see America tear up America than tear up a foreign country. I see progress because maybe this will wake us up."

GREGORY's speech concluded with a few words concerning the books he has authored.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 6/21/68

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Re Seattle tel, 6/20/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM suitable for dissemination regarding captioned subject.

Copies are being disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service by FD-376 and to 115th MIG, NISO, OSI, and USA, Seattle by FD-342.

The LHM is being classified confidential since information furnished in the LHM from SE T-1 who is [redacted] could, if disclosed, reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and thereby compromise future effectiveness thereof to the detriment of the national security (U)

The CP members mentioned in the LHM are all SI subjects of the Seattle Division.

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SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Olympia, Washington

Will follow developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1  
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle (REG)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington

June 21, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this caption dated at Seattle, Washington, on June 10, 1968.

On June 20, 1968, [redacted] to Washington State Governor DANIEL EVANS, advised that on June 19, 1968, Governor EVANS had turned down a plea of RICHARD GREGORY for a pardon from his 90 day sentence being served by GREGORY in the Thurston County Jail at Olympia, Washington. [redacted] also advised that a small number of Indians, not over 25, began a vigil on June 20, 1968, across the street from the County Court House on the State Capitol grounds in Olympia in protest of GREGORY's conviction.

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On June 20, 1968, SE T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Indians at the above described vigil at Olympia had been joined by a number of Communist Party (CP) members from both Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, and that the CP was planning on creating another Resurrection City on the State Capitol grounds. The CP members mentioned above, according to SE T-1 are [redacted]

[redacted] SE T-1 further advised that as of this date two tents had been erected across from the County Court House at Olympia. (U)

On June 20, 1968, FRED DERICK, Chief of Police, Olympia, advised that there had been no disturbances or violence in connection with the above described vigil at Olympia.

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June 6, 1968

Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. Bureau 100-440423

Chicago 157-347

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

REFERENCE: Memo dated May 14, 1968

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: Apt. 1030, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 24, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 27, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that an organization at Marshall University, Huntington, W. Va., known as IMPACT, scheduled a series of speakers for the week of April 24 through 27, 1968. The source stated that the Co-ordinator for IMPACT is [redacted] a Marshall University Student, and the Honorary Chairman of IMPACT is Doctor Stewart H. Smith, President of Marshall University. The source stated that five speakers were scheduled to speak with the keynote speaker on April 24, 1968, being Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey. *W. Va.*

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The source stated that two speakers were scheduled to speak on April 27, 1968, with the first speaker on that date being Allen Ginsberg, whose topic is to be "Free Expression in America: Fact or Fiction," and the second speaker on April 27, 1968, is to be Dick Gregory, whose topic is to be "Black Power: Revolution or Evolution."

On April 29, 1968, the source advised that Allen Ginsberg and Dick Gregory appeared as scheduled on April 27, 1968, with an estimated audience of between 600 to 700 persons. The source stated that these two speeches were recorded on a tape recorder. The source stated that portions of the tape recording are somewhat unintelligible due to Dick Gregory moving away from his speaker's microphone, voice inflection, and outside crowd noises.

On May 20, 1968, the source stated that he had not had an opportunity to have the tape recording of Gregory's speech transcribed and he made available the recorded speech of Gregory, which is substantially verbatim as follows:

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"I would like to say thank you very much and just to say good evening.

"You know, when they told me I was going to Huntington, West Virginia, I didn't see anything wrong with that at first. But when they mentioned changin my airline, I got a little suspicious. In all honesty, I did get a little suspicious. And then I still didn't, you know, like really slip off until I called Piedmont Airlines and said, 'What time is your next flight to Huntington?' and the voice said, 'What time can you get here?' At that point, I should have known something, you know? Old stupid me. I just kept thinking, well it sounds normal. You know, I've been on a lot of airlines that, you know, get in a little trouble but Piedmont is the first airline I've been on that looked like it was going to wreck and the stewardess kept serving coffee.

" I just finished a 47-day fast and, you know, a lot of people ask, 'How did you feel on the fast; what's the worst thing about the fast?' And I'd like to inform you that if you ever plan to go on one the worst part about any fast is the dumb stupid questions the eaters keep asking you. Like after 54 days without eatin: 'How do you feel now?' and when you say 'hungry,' you know, they're surprised!

"Let me read a hate letter I got. I always get hate mail, it usually starts out, you nigger this, you nigger that. Can you imagine someone being cold-blooded enough knowin you haven't ate in 46 days? You go to the mailbox and you pull this letter out: 'Dear Mr. Gregory, This is to inform you that yesterday for dinner I had fried chicken with gravy.' That's the first time I realized there's a black cat out there somewhere who hates me. We know you white folks eat a lot of fried chicken but we do know who eat it with gravy. 'Mashed potatoes smothered in butter.'

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"Well, that could go either way. It was this next item that lets you know who it was, 'black-eyed peas with grilled onions.' Now dig, now he tries to fake me out and make me think he's white. 'Jello topped with whipped cream.'

"Well, we have problems. I was sittin on the plane today and there was a white cat sittin next to me and he decided to strike up a conversation and he did it the usual way, you know. 'Wake up, boy.' When you on Piedmont Airlines, you wake up boy. And he wasn't talkin about nothin, but he asked me about black power. I didn't know white folks was still asking about black power, but I didn't explain to him what it was. I just gave him an example of black power and I tried to express to him how all of the heart transplants that had been performed, the only ones that worked is the one with the black heart. Matter of fact, they worked a little too good. But I've always felt that there's nothin wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't help. But I think the heart transplant was too good, not that I didn't want it to work, but I didn't want it to work too good. The last thing us black folks want is when you white folks start assuming we gonna be your spare parts. You know there's a lot of people against heart transplants, religious folks what have you. I'm against heart transplants, but it had nothin to do with religion. I'm against any transplant you can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot, then let him take that to the beach with him.

"You know, the fact that I'm a presidential candidate, I have a lot of people ask me, 'If you were elected President, like what is the first thing you would do?' Seems like a very stupid question 'cause the whole world knows the first thing I'd do if elected President, would be to paint the White House black. Second thing I'd

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"do would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ. I'd send LBJ to Vietnam with nothin but a barbecue cup; have Eartha Kitt call him up every morning and say, 'We're working on de-feller (sic), baby.' The next thing I would do, a lot of people ask, they say, 'Greg, what segment of the people do you think you would have the most problems from if you were elected President?' And, in all honesty, I must say I think I'd have the most problems from the colored folks 'cause you see I do know how black folks would react to some of the things I'd do, and the first things I would immediately do after taking office would be to wipe out the poverty program and set up a fifty billion dollar a year white folks rest program. Yes, I'd take all the good jobs away from you white folks and put you on my rest program and I'd give my black brother a good job for the first time in his life. And I'd guarantee you in about six months, when the black folks really realized I was payin you white folks to rest, there would be a hugh march in Washington. I can just see them standing out in front of my mansion now screaming, 'Nigger! What's wrong with you? We got all these white folks out here not working, sitting on their ass, getting these checks, having all them babies.'

"I really must say to you, it's a pleasure to be here. I guess I spend about ninety-eight per cent of my time on college campuses. The reason I spend so much time on college campuses today is because you young folks have a difficult task of solving the problems. I say difficult task because the problems that this country is confronted with and the problems that you have to solve are problems you didn't even create. These problems were here when you got here. Sometime I meet a lot of young bigots, but they better wake up and realize they ain't doing nothin new. Almost all these conditions was here, but you will have to create an atmosphere to solve these problems. The reason I say you young folks is on the spot like you've never been on the spot before is because if you don't solve the problems



"in the next three years, the problems will solve you and we have never been confronted with this type of ultimatum before. And it's groovy because now even the bigot that wants to be a groovy bigot he has to join us and solve the problem so five years from now there will be someone around here for him to hate. So, I figure youngsters not only have a problem to solve but it's so difficult because of the very things that's goin on. For instance, what I mean, is we have a civil rights bill that was pushed through and there was a lot of groovy white folks that didn't want that bill pushed through and for the first time bigots was walking around hand in hand together for different reasons. But we didn't want no civil rights bill neither. We're tired of this damn country playing games with us. We want our rights under the same piece of paper we pay our income tax by. We want our rights under that same piece of paper that draft black folks in the army. And we want you to realize right now you white and black folks, that don't do us no personal small favors, baby. This is what we're sayin. We want America to go on alert to realize we don't want nothin but the Constitution, baby. Which means white America has a right to call me a nigger. You just exercise your freedom of speech, but you'd better not never, never in your life, spit on me is what we said. In the Constitution, white America has a right to dislike me because I'm black, that's freedom of expression, but you better never, never burn a cross on my front lawn, that's what we said. And we hope this country understands what we are trying to say real good. We are going after that Constitution, the Constitution that gives you a lot of rights. And all those people talking about an atmosphere of love and all that, that's the Bible. We don't want the Bible, baby. We are talking about the United States Constitution, no more and no less and we're tired of games and if you read that civil rights bill you know they were playing a lot of games with us on that because eighty per cent of the housing never comes really into effect until 1970.

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"I wish I were the type of nigger that believed in going to war for this country, and when I say nigger I mean any black man that is silly enough to go to fight for this country all over the world and shoot at people he never met to free some foreigner when his own mammy needs liberation in America, is a nigger. I sure wish I was that type because I sure would call up the State Department and put them on alert, that baby, I don't mind fighting wars for you, but since the civil rights bill didn't pass, don't call me until 1970. Then when you call me, don't expect but eighty per cent of me, and if I live in a slum flat dwelling, don't expect none of me.

"Now you got to understand. First let me explain to you my position. I am a 36 year old Uncle Tom nigger and I will be as good a nigger as this country will let me be comfortable being and when this country makes me uncomfortable I will do everything I can to make America uncomfortable. But now, when it treats me, like don't bug me, I'll try to behave myself and I say that in good faith. Being a 36 year old Uncle Tom nigger, I'm the type of cat who will try to apologize to all white folks for black folks behavior after Martin Luther King was killed. I thought it was just very awful that them black folks did act like that. They know damn good and well that the accepted riot season in America is in July and August. And I'm sayin how you good white folks felt. It just broke my heart too. Niggers gettin so you can't trust them no more. They're gettin so uppity. I know you white folks, I know you got upset. To you I say please accept my humble apologies, and it just really upset me when those niggers in Washington, D.C., had nerve enough to mess up the cherry blossom season. The bad part about their behavior is that even the police department had accepted the riot season and they usually sneak out and take their

"vacation in the spring. They had to come back home. And all them tanks, them tanks they been buyin for us this summer, they hadn't even unwrapped them yet.

"Now, I must say I was disappointed in you white folks. All year long I been readin about that new Chemical Mace that you have, the new thing that was going to control all riots, and I was tryin to tell white folks you got to get something else 'cause Mace don't do no good if you really want to throw a brick. So I say that if white America will kind of band together with the rest of us Toms and kinda guarantee that no more black leaders get shot in the spring, we can almost guarantee you that we can teach black folks how to behave. This country wants to kill any more leaders, try to do it in July because during the accepted riot season niggers are going to riot whether you do something to them or not. We get scared not to have a riot now because you expect it and if we disappoint you, then we'd find it would really upset you. Again I'd like to say I'd like to apologize for reacting.

"I had a black detective come by my house in Chicago and ask me if I'd come out and help cool down the brothers and I said, 'No, I just come out of the house during racial disturbances.' And he says, 'Well this is the black folks.' I said, 'They're reacting to Doctor Martin Luther King,' and I said, 'I don't think that's racial. I think you'd have the same reaction in America only in a different neighborhood had a Baptist killed the Pope.' And he said to me what so many of you have been reading in the newspapers, that the black folks are just hurting themselves and he said, 'You read in the papers that 500 colored folks have no place to live now.' That's true, but they should have wrote the whole story. 500 black folks got burned out but it was three million rats that didn't have no place to live. They'd have to move to the white policeman's 'cause rats aren't prejudiced. They kinda like livin with the colored folks better 'cause we cook a little bit more food. But when the rats ain't got no home, we say, 'We have rats. We will travel.'

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"Now I explained my type of religion and you know my record. I got shot in Watts tryin to keep the colored folks cool so you can call me anytime black folks react. I would like to see them kept in their place, but now I got a condition on how you can call me. I'm sure those of you that's informed and those of you that's not informed better get informed that for every one white boy that re-enlists in the United States Army there's five black boys. I'm sure you can read this because it's been publicized a whole lot. Now you white folks go on record as really speaking out for non-violent niggers. But for some reason you better wake up or check with your State Department and realize that we aren't non-violent. And the record in the army shows it. For everyone of you white boys that re-up, there's five black boys, so you should understand real quick that black folks speak out for killin for freedom. We're better murderers than you white folks are, and I say that in faith. And when that black cat whom you taught with your tax money—you taught him how to drop Napalm indiscriminately, you taught him how to just blow up villages and knock planes out of the sky and blow up railroad embankments and just wipe out whole towns for freedom—and you're silly enough to believe that this black cat will go all over the world being your hired murderer killing foreigners to liberate foreigners and when he come back home this time, he's not going to do the same thing to liberate his mammy, then you are out of your mind. So when your black murderer come back home, starts burnin down your neighborhoods, and blowin up your schools, and knockin your planes out of the sky, don't call me. This is what I'm sayin. And when you call me, the first thing I'm gonna ask you is, 'Is he a veteran?' Because if he's your murderer, I won't have nothin to do with him. If he's just some old silly nigger just killin on his own that hasn't been trained—And also tell your police department they better get a lot of good training because it's one thing shooting a 16 year old black cat throwing a brick at a tank. It's

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"another thing dealing with one of them old black guerrillas you've made. One of them black snipers that been knocking Viet Cong out of the trees from 500 yards back.

"And, so I say you youngsters have a tremendous job to do, a big job. A big job that us poor old moral corrupt Americans could do, but you're facin it in the face. Now you can go home and talk to your mama and you can talk to your daddy, black kids and white kids, you gotta talk. Okay, they'll talk to you, but don't let them put you in no trick, hear? Because it's a mischange(sic) in attitudes in this country today. And there was a time when a white man was the only man that could get mad. But I want to tell you niggers is mad too, baby, and we ain't puttin up with no more of this nonsense and we hope that America can become as afraid and as scared of injustices as she has become afraid of communism. And this is what we tryin to say and maybe you can wipe out these injustices like you're tryin to go all over the world and wipe out communism. But I say you young kids carry the burden. What happened to Doctor Martin Luther King, you young folks will feel this much more than older Americans because you young kids feel the pain of what happened. Most older Americans will only feel the shame of what happened. That's why we got across those civil rights bills because America got embarrassed around the world because Doctor King was killed, so they gave us that little old piece of paper.

"And so I say you youngsters have many, many problems, but I think we got to realize that there's some progress that's being made. I look at what happened to Doctor Martin Luther King and we try to say in America that Doctor Martin Luther King got killed in the South by a red neck cracker racist. No! No! Doctor Martin Luther King got killed in America by an American. You don't have to say no more.

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"One thing about them Nazis, we never tried to say what town he came from. We says you're Nazis and that's all we have to say about America. And let's get groovy now because I feel had Hitler made enough mistakes and killed enough Germans he might of woke up the rest of them Nazis. But I say to you in all honesty what's happening in America now is progress to me because I'd rather see Americans killing Americans than killing foreigners. I'd rather see Americans burn the whole damn country down than burn foreign countries down. In my little sickness, I'd rather see my daughter kill my wife than kill your wife. I'd rather see my son kill me than kill you. I'd rather have my kids burn down my house than burn down your house because I feel I'm responsible for that mess at home. Well, I feel the same way about America. I feel that I'm responsible for this mess and I'd rather see New York, Chicago, and California get together and bomb the hell out of Massachusetts. And see Massachusetts, New York, Chicago, and California get together and bomb the hell out of New York, and maybe what's happening in this country will wake us up to see the sickness that this society is coming to. Maybe, and I say maybe, for you young folks see, because somewhere down the line we are to change.

"Now let me try to explain black folks to you for those of you that need some explaining. For those of you that just don't understand black folks reaction today, just say, 'Niggers is crazy.' That's all, you don't have to say no more, 'cause we are crazy for that United States Constitution. But you see I hate to admit this but I have to admit it. That one of the things, that the reason we can't seem to think alike is because black folks and white folks don't think alike and all the old bigots have been saying that for years. I want to confirm it for you. Black folks and white folks do not think alike. Now, I didn't realize that until I read the American history book, and when I read your American history book, I got the sneakin suspicion that black folks and white folks did not

"think alike. Because here's a white man telling niggers that we got to be non-violent and we got to do this and that and I pick up the damned history book and I read that George Washington and that band of white farmers he had tore up the colonies, whipped the hell out of the British, called it a Revolutionary War. I say, 'What was they fightin over?' He says, 'tea.' And I kept sayin, 'Oh, no, you white folks ain't goin to fight over no damn tea and then tell a nigger he got to behave.' But I went all the way through and that's what your white ancestors went to war over, Lipton tea bags. And then you are silly and sick enough to tell black folks to behave and still run this old filthy book out in my neighborhood bragging about how you whooped the British. And, I tell you I give you the benefit of the doubt. I tried to be over fair. I got all my little black kids, I dirtied them up, put grease on them, tried to make them look as much like a nigger as I could make them look. And I hung a Lipton tea bag next to each one of them and I said, 'Greg, which one of them things is worth killin for? Them tea bags or them little black kids?' You know, them little black kids won out every time. Every time they won out. And I just tried to think. 'No! White folks back home don't think that much different. Let me see something else now.' And I just tried to see if I could fight over tea and I made me a big old tea bag. I took me a big old white sheet and I sowed about twelve of them together and I bought 500 pounds of tea and I put it all in that big white sheet. And I told my wife, 'Hit me with that tea,' and flip, she hit me with 500 pounds of tea. I still couldn't get mad enough. So, you know you never realize how much different white folks think than black folks, till you read this American history book. Boy, this is beautiful here, 'Give me liberty or give me death.' Who said that? Rap Brown! What did Patrick Henry say? Oh, Patrick Henry spoke of peace. He spoke of loving our British brother. Only niggers like Stokely and them would talk about doing somebody in. Oh, yes, this old great white apostle of love talked of getting some Americans together and goin to Boston to help

"the British unload the tea. 'Let's get there quick because 't h e m old niggers might try to throw it in the water.' Patrick Henry talked about we shall overcome. And the British felt the same way about George Washington and Thomas Jefferson as Americans feel about Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael today. Tell you one thing, if all of us out here could freeze ourselves to death and wake up a hundred years from now, you'd be surprised whose birthdays we'd be gettin out of school on.

"You know Rap Brown made a speech last year in East St. Louis, Illinois, where he said, 'Get a gun nigger and watch the police.' And the press got to calling me and said, 'Greg, we know you're non-violent How do you feel about Rap Brown and Carmichael sayin for colored folks to get a gun and watch the police?' And I said, 'Let me get my history book and I'll show you the original statement.' One thing I hate about black militant cats, they ain't got nothing original they're coming out of this old American history book. Oh, here it is right here. During the time when the British was the police, Paul Revere rode through white communities saying, 'Get a gun white folks, the British are coming.' Maybe we should all just read this American history book. It's probably the dirtiest, filthiest piece of literature put on the market. Oh, the first page is beautiful. I love the first page of the American history book. It just brings tears to my eyes. It says here was a white European society which broke the shackles from the King and Queen and find freedom. He would want to find him a new land where he could worship his own God, have freedom of expression and freedom of religion. Can't nobody say there's anything wrong with that page one of the American history book. But, I say to you don't turn the page 'cause it gets dirty from that part on. So, on his way over here to find freedom, he stole us. That's a hell of a prayer meetin you're going to. The more you read this book, the dirtier it gets. Page 51 just really touched me. Not only did he steal



"us, but he came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. And one day you sit down and ask yourself how do you do that. How do you discover something that's already discovered. Like me and my old lady walkin out here tonight. You and your lady are sittin in your brand new automobile and my lady says, 'I sure would like to have that brand new automobile to pray in.' And I say, 'Well, let's discover it.' So I walked up to you and said, 'Get out of that damn car, me and my old lady just discovered it.' And, I'd bet you'd be as surprised as the Indians was.

"And, so we say to you youngsters, you have a tremendous job and sort of a very complex job. When Doctor King was killed, I heard all the radio and television. I couldn't believe that American had really missed the boat. Everybody kept saying that black folks should be non-violent because Doctor Martin Luther King would have wanted this. And I can't believe that during that time I listened to the commentators I never heard nobody mention Doctor Martin Luther King's purpose which was equal justice for all. Everybody talked about his method, which was non-violent, and we don't want to know about methods. We want to know about the purpose. Everybody has different methods of doing things, but it was the purpose that we was unified on. Doctor King, Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, Malcolm X, and all the organizations have the same purpose and I think if America is sincere then she should implement Doctor Martin Luther King's purpose and we'll all blame it on non-violence, if through non-violence we gained our Constitutional rights. But I think if I am non-violent as an individualist. I don't go around preaching it to people. I think America is a very violent country. Matt Dillon comes into your home once a week teaching you it's a virtue to shoot straight. The United States Constitution says you have a right to bear arms and protect yourself and your property.

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"So America is a very violent country. But, I choose to be non-violent as an individualist. I'm a vegetarian. I don't believe animals was put here for us to eat. But, baby, I would never knock a steak off your plate. That's your hang-up. Like being a vegetarian is my hang-up, bein non-violent is my hang-up. I would love to see the world one day committed to non-violence and I'd also love to see the world one day committed to vegetarianism.

"And so I say if America is sincere about respect she has for non-violence, then why don't America rush up to the Indian reservation and get my red brother off of there and give him his full Constitutional rights. Because you can't get no more non-violent than an Indian today. So what we're tryin to say is we hope America quits playing games with us because if we can justify men 13,000 miles away from our shores tonight dropping bombs and things trying to liberate foreigners and give them a better way of life/ than our own red brother can get in America, then we're thinkin in vain. But we got enough sense to know that if that Indian wants a better way of life in the morning, he goin to have to come off that reservation in Arizona and get up on the viaduct Monday morning and check white folks driving down the expressway and start shooting at them. Pow! And yelling, 'Red Power' and 'Whitey go home!' And if that Indian behaves like that Monday, Oh, the whole country would be shocked. LBJ would be on television saying that 'the red boy's at it again. I just sent my number one specialist of Indian Affairs up to that Indian reservation' and Huntley and Brinkley and the Cronkites and ABC will all be up on the Indian reservation and next Sunday, you'll sit at home and watch "Meet the Press" and they'll be talkin to some old Uncle Tom Tom Indian.

"And so I say for you young folks' sake, it's a sad commentary in this country when we have to admit that it seems that the only thing that stirs this country up is violence. The Mexican American, he hasn't been violent, but nobody cares about him. So I say somewhere down the line you youngsters have to solve problems and I figure the problems can be solved non-violently. I don't believe that's the American way of solving problems, but I think it's the best way and I think you young white kids in America have proved it and the great thing about your actions is that Doctor Martin Luther King did have the consolation of seeing one non-violent victory and black folks would have nothin to do with that and you young white kids across this country decided that you didn't like LBJ's action and you got out and you marched and you swallowed tear gas and you swallowed Mace and you kept marchin and you kept marchin and you made LBJ quit his job. Not one shot was fired. But you youngsters have got to understand you have a lot of power. You have a lot of power to do a lot of things. And we say we hope young folks black and white in this country will use your power to help us get our things and we are tryin to ask this country will she just quit playin games with us.

"LBJ gave his State of the Union message last January at a time when the Senate and Congress couldn't agree with the President on nothin till LBJ in his State of the Union message mentioned crime in the streets. The whole Senate chamber stood up and clapped and screamed and hollered and made little animal sounds for five minutes. Why? Because crime in the streets has become America's new way of sayin, 'Nigger.' Now, I'm not sick enough to stand here and tell you that America shouldn't deal with black crime and black violence, but what I am trying to say, what day will you become as afraid of white crime and white violence as this country is afraid of black crime and black violence. This is what we're sayin. We think that America should work hard and we don't mind the President talkin about doin away with crime in the streets. But, we say what day will

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"you demand your President to say, 'Not only if elected will I wipe out crime in the streets but I'll also wipe out the crime syndicate, or is that too white for you? That's what we're sayin. The crime syndicate in America is the lowest form of humanity second only to about 99 per cent of your politicians. And we say to America if black folks took over the crime syndicate tonight, you'd see to it it would be wiped out by next Wednesday. We say we're tired of playin games. LBJ out of all the people in the world to talk about crime in the streets, he is not one of them. LBJ went to Congress at 26 years old, a poor humble Baptist school teacher. Tonight, LBJ is a multimillionaire and you don't want to know where that money came from. Well, we say to you, if LBJ was black, you'd want to know. Bobby Baker worked for LBJ. Old Bobby boy stole eight million dollars while he was working for the boss. LBJ didn't know nothin about it. The FBI and LBJ is not the dumbest guys walkin the face of the earth. Matter of fact, LBJ is probably the slickest coward that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. You not only want to believe that LBJ didn't get none of that money; he didn't know nothin about it neither. But what we're sayin to you is had Bobby boy been working for Adam Clayton Powell, both of them would be in jail tonight. That's what we're sayin.

"So, we're sayin we're just tired of this country playing games. We know if America finds out that poor black folks got some dynamite in the black community, he will run your soldiers in to take it from us. We say groovy. You've been acting like that for 400 years, but we wonder when you're going to take that dynamite away from them Minutemen. One day when you whites realize that Minutemen are not goin to kill black folks but kill white folks, I bet you take it away from them then. You couldn't give a Minuteman a million dollars and a tank and

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"pay him to go to Harlem tonight. All that dynamite the Minutemen have buried out in your little lilly white neighborhoods, if it ever blows up accidentally, one day, it ain't goin to do nothin but wipe out blocks of white folks.

"You got to understand while you're playin games with us, you're playing games with yourselves, too. And the big game you see is all these white folks that went out and got a nigger gun. They never had a gun in their house. Now they're upset. Bring it home. 'Listen, honey, let me show you how to use it.' If you know one of these white folks, tell them Brother Greg says if they got one of these nigger guns in their house, they better quit cheatin on their old lady now 'cause she might find out about it. You also got them little old radical white sons and daughters comin home for the vacation period and ask for the car. Best be a little careful how you get it because you might wake someone while he's asleep at night. And some white folks live so far away from black folks, they don't need guns. They need missiles.

"And, we're sayin we're tired of this country playin games with us.

"Muhammad Ali, can't nobody remember nothin but Cassius Clay. But had he changed his name to a good nigger name like Jack O. Jones, Oh, yeah, he wouldn't had no problems then. Yes, Jack old boy, yes. I want to tell you somethin else that word's goin to get you in a lot of trouble, too, boy. We're tired of that word. That's what you call us niggers. You call us boy. You've got to realize white men call us boy not because they mean to be derogatory. They got doubts about their own manhood, but my brother's not aware of that.

"And so we said, you know like the games got to stop. Muhammad Ali, what did he do? He said, 'I'm not goin to war and I'm goin to stay here and I'm goin to stand trial.' And we said that was very honorable. A 100,000 white kids didn't want to go to war and they split to Canada, but that don't seem to bother you. I'm not sayin goin to Canada is dishonorable but if you've got to take your choice of which is most honorable, the most ethical, the most legal, to tell America you're not going to war and I'm standing trial and let's say I go to jail. I say what Muhammad Ali did was the most honorable. And, what happened to him? A bunch of syndicate trampy hoodlums that controlled boxing decided to strip him of his title. One of the cleanest men on the face of the earth. You know damn good and well Muhammad Ali can't be different the way this white press hates him. If they can get anything on him, you know they'd print it. One of the cleanest men in the world. The only cat I know who got divorced from his wife because the dresses was too short. We got upset over that because we remember Jimmy Hoffa, elected President of the Teamsters Union, until you put him in jail. Teamsters is a million people, \$600 million dollars. You can trust old white Jimmy Hoffa until he went to jail, but Muhammad Ali, who ain't dependant to nobody, had to be stripped. We're tired of these games.

"And I must say to you that I got to criticize black folks and it's hard to do that. I guess that's the racism in me. Yeah, I found out one day I was a racist. I kind of suspected it because I've been watching white folks all my life. And I asked myself one day a simple question, I said, 'Greg, if you ever lose your black wife in the morning to another man and you had the choice of losing your wife to a black cat or white cat, which one would you pick?' And you think I didn't find my racism. I hurried up to pick the black cat under the false pretenses that I didn't want to lose my wife to a white boy because I didn't want my black friends laughing at me. I don't care what you hide or nothin, that's the way it is.

"And, so I guess there's a racism in me that makes me hate to admit that I think black folks was wrong when they decided to boycott the Olympic games. I think them niggers should of kept their mouth shut and went on and qualified for the Olympics and went to Mexico City, then dropped the baton. Just a nice little way of telling America we ain't goin be your gladiators no more. This is what we're sayin. We're tired of playin games. And for the people that's upset over black folks not going to the Olympics, we hope you get as upset over the fact that you never would of won an Olympic game without the black athletes. But it don't upset you, the fact that you've never had a black man on the Olympic board. This is what we're tryin to say. We're tired of playin games.

"And a lot of people wonder about how effective that black boycott will be. And let me say one thing to you. We don't control white neighborhoods and we don't never want to control them and we just gettin on our neighborhoods and will you believe one thing? If we truly decide that black athletes ain't goin to the Olympics, we ain't goin. You understand that?

"And, so what we're tryin to say is can we have these games? And one of the groovy things about black folks boycotting the Olympics for the first time in the history of the summer Olympics is America will go to the Olympic games under the true spirit of the Olympics which the Olympics was set up way back in Rome. And the true spirit of the games was not to win, but the brotherhood of competition. When black cats decide they're not goin, you can believe you're goin to go under the true spirit of the Olympics. And so we're sayin that if this country can quit playin games with us. You know what we're tryin to say is we hope you young folks can be just a little bit more honest.

"We ain't asking you to make any changes. And instead of gettin the civil rights bill pushed through the other day, I wished this country would have gave us another bill. I wish this country would have put a bill in law that says all black male baby boys at five years old have to go to a Government camp and stay for a year. That's the type of law I wish they'd had gave us, which was simple. All black male babies born at five years old go to a Government camp and stay from five to six. And also, they stipulate in the law that these little black baby boys for that whole year just sleep six hours a day and the other 18 hours, the Government will teach 'em just one very important thing from five to six, 18 hours, just stand in front of them, just brainwash them, document it: 'Nigger, don't ever date a white lady; don't never goin to have anything to do with a white lady.' In this country, nothin upsets us no more than seein a nigger with a white broad. If you don't believe me, you're dishonest with yourselves. Man, you ought to shake clean and sky write it in the air: 'Nigger, don't go with this white lady.' You can't believe that!

"And so I say maybe, I'm not sayin niggers gonna behave but you're gettin out of hand. But maybe if you start out bein honest with us, that might be half the problem. See, I went to the movie when I was four years old. Somewhere down the line, Whitey got to get enough sense to say they want white ladies. We're not just born wantin them. Must be somethin you're doin. We just ain't got no magnetic brain and I need to get attracted to you. One thing, if you realize this old stupid society of yours, you ain't got enough sense knowin not to want me to have that's all. Now you want to make me forget that you made me want her. Go check your movie house, and see who you got makin love. I went to the movie when I was four



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"years old. I went to the movie every night 'cause it was during the Depression. It was always warmer in the movies than it was at home. And you didn't have to pay to go to the movies when I was a kid until you were 12 years old, as long as you was with an adult. And my mother didn't take me to the movies every night, but I went every night because I always could get an adult because I had a switchblade. Anytime I couldn't get in by myself with my mama, I just get some adult goin in and take my switchblade, stick it in his butt, and say, 'I'm just tellin you to get past that door.' So, every night I went to the movies, four years old. And who do I see making love? Ava Gardner and Humphrey Bogart. By the time I'm eight years old, I've been goin to the movies for four years, makin love with them white broads. And I get to thinkin, I say, 'You know, my mommy and daddy ain't never made love. I ain't seen no white folks in the bed.' You did a good job of brainwashing me. The same thing you didn't want me to do. There was a kid eight years old sittin in the movie. I nudged my little black friend. I says, 'Man, I sure be glad when I grow up 'cause I can get me one of those white broads.' He says, 'What you going to do with her?' I say, 'The same thing as Humphrey Bogart.'

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"Now I want to tell you that I do want a white woman and I'm gonna get me a white woman. You brainwashed me and the madder it makes you the more I'm gonna get. Because you made the damn stupid mistake of bringing your movies into my black community and I sure mean nothin but white ladies making love and any time you should meet a black woman it was Beulah and you know damn good and well I wasn't going to make no love to Beulah.

"We say maybe if you can get honest you know! If you can't get honest, maybe you should take that white lady and stick her on the moon somewhere 'cause we're gonna deal with you. You can believe that.

"In white universities all over this country, if a black cat brings a white broad back to the dormitory, the house mother takes it upon her own to write that white lady's mother: 'Dear used-to-be white folks,' We are very sorry to inform you that your girl, your daughter, is dating a whatsamacallit, a thing, you know, a colored.

"Now we're not sayin that we want you to stop behaving like that. You've been acting like that for a hundred years. We're just sayin can you get a little bit more honest with it? Can you write that black cat's parents too? 'Cause there's a whole lot of niggers that don't want their kids with white girls.

"So we say to you, you youngsters got a big job. We've been telling you in this country that the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of air pollution. The number one problem confronting this country today is the problem of moral pollution. It is the most morally polluted insane nation on the face of this earth and it's left up to you young kids.

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"You know what scares me the most about America? Not the social conditions, they don't bother me at all. What scares me the most about this country is that if the same social conditions that exist in America right this hour existed in any other country on the face of this earth we could solve it. Now is there any young black kids that think this system is just after black folks? You better forget it. And you white kids that think it's just after you, ah! This system's after young folks. And if you white folks don't believe it then you go back and reread that new draft law they just made law two months ago. The one that wiped out graduate school you know what that is don't you? You young hip white kids get to asking too many embarrassing questions. You want too much freedom for everybody. Now they have to give you to the Viet Cong to stop you from being so sassy. Yeah, well you youngsters got the problems. And there's not no help from us old immoral cats. I mean as good as I found I ain't no good to you. I just finished cheating on my income tax. I'm patriotic though. I was whistling the Star Spangled Banner: 'Oh Internal Revenue I hope you don't see.'

"Let me show you how many problems you've got and what you're dealing with. Every now and then I read this Bible. But when I read the Bible, baby, I've read everything else I can get my hands on including the telephone book. I used to love the Bible, you know I'm an ex-Baptist. I don't know about the white Baptists 'cause I could never get in your church. But southern Baptists that's about as extreme as you can go, baby. Oh we just go to church and whoop and holler. We have a thing goin on Sunday. And I used to love the Bible until one day I was readin some of them white folks literature and I read where, I couldn't

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"believe it, white missionaries went to Africa and Africans owned the land and the missionaries had the Bible and the white missionaries left and the white missionaries had the land and the Africans had the Bible. So I said, 'Let me hurry up and put this book down' because I wouldn't want to create ill will among the races because I just might take that Bible in a white hotel one day and when I leave--white folks own the Bible and I own the hotel. Ever hear of those old strange Bible stories that come back from the front line? Every soldier that comes back from every war says, 'You know I always carry a little Bible, a little Gideon Bible, right over my heart. Had it not been for that Bible that bullet would have gone clean through me. They wiped out the whole battalion and I just got that rip in my Bible. Thank God.' That's one thing about our Army we've Christian soldiers which means Marines that pray. And so I got so tired of hearing them stories I decided to carry a bullet over my heart, and it's a good thing too 'cause the Shriners will have its convention in Chicago and you know you white kids get a bad rap for tearing up Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. You want to see a town tore up? Follow your daddy this summer to the Shriners convention. And this summer in Chicago they was just havin a ball, man. They was up in the Hilton Hotel, 27 floors and I was just walkin down the street minding my own business, downtown Chicago minding my own business, singing my little tune: 'Oh Jesus I want to be with you, Lord. Oh Jesus I want to be with you, Lord.' You know I thought white folks said all niggers have rhythm? I usually try to develop mine. It isn't good though, but I try 'cause I knew they wasn't lying on this one, you know. And

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"I was walking downtown singin my little Jesus song and looked up and I see the Shriners had this big party and somebody got mad in the hotel and they picked up this Gideon Bible and they threw it at one of the Shriners and he ducked and this Gideon Bible came out the window, right through the window, and sailed 27 floors. And I seen this thing coming through the air and it didn't scare me. I just kept singing: 'Oh Jesus I wonder what that is Lord. I don't want to be with you too soon Lord.' And that Gideon Bible hit me right in the chest and I want to tell you if it had not been for that bullet that Bible would have gone clean through me.

"This Bible, its really taught me a lot of things, white christianity, you know because there's a lot of people in America that believe that black folks is the dirtiest, well you know the little games you hear, your mom and dad tell you. Well let me tell you something, wait, I'm not sayin we're not dirty and ornery and low down and all that, but I will say this here, that all bad habits that black folks got if you do any studyng of them at all, you'd find out that they're European bad habits, white European bad habits. We have no African bad habits. We learned our bad habits. We do not know what the Africans do in the bushes after dark. We know what you do in the bushes and whether you like it or not we do the same thing. Oh I never will forget. I was so upset when this white christian told me that Africans was bad folks. I said, 'Tell me about my ancestors.' He said, 'They're immoral, they're just bad, they're savages.' That's what he said. Because they eat folks they're cannibals and then I got confirmed. I went to see a Tarzan movie and I got to lookin at those niggers. I didn't have

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"enough sense to know them was California niggers and I was just upset over my ancestors that was savage enough to go around eating folks and I rushed into that white christian church to pray for them savages. And I said, 'Oh white christian Jesus please forgive my black heathen ancestors for being savages, for being cannibals, Lord.' That's the only mistake I made. I went into this white christian church on the first Sunday, communion Sunday, and this white minister heard me praying for them savages and he said 'Boy, that's a good prayer. Most of you black folks ought to be praying for them savages and cannibals. I sure appreciate that, boy.' I said, 'Thank you Mr. White Minister. I was going to leave now.' He says, 'No, we'd like you to share communion with us.' I said, 'Communion? What's that?' He said, 'Open your mouth.' I said, 'Yes sir.' He said, 'This is his body and this is his blood.' I said, 'I can't believe that in this white christian society you're all cannibals every Sunday.'

You know I'd like for you youngsters to do me a favor. When you go to the library tomorrow or next week, I'd like for you to copy down the Declaration of Independence and keep it in your pocket and never be caught without it. And this summer when the riot season opens up again I'd like for you to do me this favor. Now I would never be sick enough to stand here and ask you to justify violence or a riot but when them niggers start burning towns there's a favor I'd like you all to do me. Get your television set and just put it right in the middle of the house and run and get your mama and your daddy. And you black folks get your aunts and your uncles and old ignorant niggers that think worse than the Ku Klux Klan, please get them too.

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"And if you can get your grandma and grandpa, all of you, that would be groovy. Bring them down and let them see them niggers burning and Huntley and Brinkley be doin their commentaries. And here's what I'd like you to do for me. After you put them right down in front of the television, your grandpa put him under it, I'd like for you to just reach up and take the knob and turn the sound down so you just can't get anything with it. You can just see 'em. And get it down real low and pull out your Declaration of Independence and move way back behind your parents and read it as loud as you can: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights and when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time it is your duty to destroy all violations of that government.'

"I know them old ignorant parents of yours is goin to believe that was a note Stokely Carmichael wrote to Malcolm X. But with a minimum amount of persuasion you can convince 'em that that was a reading from the Declaration of Independence.

"Now the problem is this. We need to have a huge march with the young, a huge white march on Washington to show colored folks that white folks ain't racists? I think that's irrelevant. I think we ought to have a huge white march on Washington and get them to get that Declaration of Independence and change it so it will read white only. 'Cause you see there are a lot of black folks, that's ignorant enough to believe that Thomas Jefferson and Paine and Washington were cats that meant that to qualify for all Americans. We didn't know that they was just for white folks. So maybe if you could change it for us

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"we would read it and we'd know we ain't suppose to have no country. Just you white folks is supposed to have a country with tea. That was a groovy war. In 1968, 85 per cent of Americans don't even drink tea.

"And so I'd say you youngsters have a lot of problems. You know whenever I read the Bible, I love to read that Biblical predication where it says it will come to pass the time when the parents will turn against their own kids. You know I'd never thought I'd see the day in America when we would surpass that Biblical predication, but we have. There will come a time in America that your parents and I never thought I'd see the day, when parents in America would side with the Federal government against their own kids and their kids happen to be right. And I say to you what's wrong with an 18-year-old American sayin, 'Damnit if at 18 years old I'm too young to vote, I should be too young to die.'

"And so I say somewhere down the line you young kids got a heck of a job. One day you got to ask yourself if democracy is as good as we say it is, why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with guns? One day when you, youngsters make democracy work right for the first time, that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because anything good we don't have to force on people, they will steal it.

"If you want to force communism not just underground but out of the world, you force democracy to work to the nth degree and communism will not have a leg to stand on. But baby, if you think you goin run all over the world with this old half-time democracy that you got in America your guns ain't big enough to stop communism.



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"Twenty or 30 years ago, black folks and white folks used to talk to one and other, but they wasn't talking about nothing. No. I imagine your parents tell you now. I imagine folks my mama used to work for are still telling their kids: 'I don't know what's wrong with those colored folks, especially Richard. His mama was so nice.' They didn't know my mama was born. They was talkin to my mama but my mama didn't like it. My mama didn't even like those jobs. She stole everything she could. My mama worked for some rich white folks. Go to Africa to do that big game hunting. My mama stole a whole bear. I didn't know my mama could steal like that. She hated them white folks so bad she just chopped up the whole bear. And I wanted to let you white folks in on something. You think them black folks ate lunch out of a good old shopping bag? You better check on it. Just 'cause them old niggers like you, just 'cause they're tomin and acting ignorant around you sayin what you want to hear. Check that Baptist songbook out: 'You got shoes, I got shoes, all God's children got shoes.' Once we get to heaven, what's you got to do is go there if you got to die. They said way back then they had to kill you. No baby, they're just talking. Thirty years ago it was hard to get a black man to sit down and listen to you 'cause 20 to 30 years ago black folks in this country had an empty stomach. Today black folks in this country got a full stomach but a hungry mind. And I'm just sayin one thing. A hungry mind won't tolerate the same things an empty stomach does. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sounds and this country don't sound right to us, that's all.

"Three years ago five white boys burned up their draft cards. Within two weeks' time the Congress had pushed through an anti-draft

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"card burning bill, but we can't get an anti-lynching bill pushed through in a hundred years of American history. America just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy. I'll bring her to her knees for that.

"Twenty or thirty years ago, white folks told black folks the problem with you niggers is education and we had black folks thick enough to believe that. You still have niggers who believe that. Education is not our problem. You're in Vietnam tonight with 688,000 red-blooded Americans with their life to free that Vietnamese and not one white or black American has ever questioned Vietnamese educational standards. That's what we're sayin. We don't question that bond of educational standards and if you want to liberate him, you better not question mine.

"Just stop one day and think how many millions of people would be dead today on the face of the earth if it were not for blood plasma. Are you aware of the fact that an American Negro by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Don't take my word for it. Check it out in your libraries. Charlie Drew, American Negro, invented blood plasma. Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers. Oh, never tell us about education, never. A blackman that had the wisdom and knowledge and the education that 'ur supposed to demand, enough of it to give blood plasma to the world, died from the lack of his own invention 'cause his face was black.

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"Why don't you get demonstratin and go on down into the black ghetto and pull your brother up by his boot straps? You say, 'Why don't you give him some boots?'

"And all of these people that talk about morality, you've all got to go and build up your morals. No we ain't got to go do nothin. White folkds tell you that black women in America got 20 per cent illegitimate babies. They ain't lying. We have fun ghettos. White women in America had two per cent illegitimate babies. Well let's get the record straight. Don't you never forget it. If we ever get our hands on your white folks abortion credit cards we will show you how to lie.

"All you fools that run around talking about, 'I wonder why they keep having all them babies; they can't take care of them. They'll end up on relief or welfare or ADC.' We figure relief, welfare and ADC upsets you. Then call it foreign aid. That word don't bother you. And all them babies we have down in that ghetto, we're gonna keep havin, but we'll make a deal with you. The day this dirty, stinkin white system learns how to hire black boys and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys so we can afford all these whores and prostitutes like you, we'll quit having all those babies. Before you come back to us with your old holier than thou stuff, you forget we know about whores 'cause it's my sister. And when she do come back home and talk she tells on you. So we got the same problems. We're both dirty, stinkin and immoral. We got a way we speak dirty. We talk about we don't want these dirty ignorant niggers living next door to us. The property depreciates. Customers always act surprised when you tell them 'What do you mean, Ralph Bunche?'

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"Black folks got to admit we're playing games with these white folks too. You've got to admit that most niggers you know is dirty and stinkin and will depreciate property. But America better understand one thing. She's dirty herself. And one good thing about Hitler is with all of his insanity and sickness they say when he went out to inspect his Nazis concentration camps and smelled them dirty, stinkin Jews, he had enough scruples about himself to realize that that wasn't Judaism he was smelling, that was pure Nazism. And one day you will have to get honest enough with yourself. So when you're sayin 'These dirty niggers,' you'll realize that's America you looking at and that odor you smell was that democracy. And one day when you sweeten up democracy, we'll sweeten up niggers.

"Some of these old racist red-neck crackers I've run across, I could nail 'em to a bullpen. That's why I travel and eat Limburger cheese. I get on a plane; a cracker don't want to sit next to me, but he ain't got no place else. I just stop for lunch--Limburger cheese. He says, 'What is that I smell?' I says, 'Ignorant niggers.'

"And so in closing, let me say to you we don't want no more games. We don't want no civil rights legislation and we don't want no fair housing bills. How come I need a fair housing bill to live next door to you? What kind of animal are you? That old red-neck white Russian cracker broad that came to my country, Stalin's daughter, a known communist and a known Russian. You don't make her get no fair housing bill to live next door to you. How come I got to get one? Those Russian exchange students you bring over here, you're supposed to be scared of the communists.

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"You bring them Russian exchange students over here. They don't want to be citizens; gonna go back to Moscow after they finish their education; might drop a bomb on your mama's house in ten years. You don't make them old white Russian exchange students get no fair housing bill to live near where they want to live. How come we need it?

"If I was in Vietnam tonight and the Viet Cong killed me dead, this old insane nation would give my black woman \$10,000 as a token of its appreciation. Your husband died upholdin the beliefs of this country and my black woman couldn't take that \$10,000 and buy her house in any neighborhood she wanted to buy one in. Maybe I got killed shooting at the wrong cats. Maybe you better understand these insults, we're tired of them.

"Black folks in America die six years younger than white folks. I got six black kids at home. Whenever they sit at the dinner table at the same time I got to go through the pain and misery of looking at 36 dead years that you white folks don't have to listen to. And for the benefit of you CIA and FBI Agents that usually follow me around on lectures, put this in your book and wire it back to Washington quick. You'll get those 36 dead years out of my house only over my dead body. Don't you never forget that.

"I'm sayin we're tired of being insulted. Did you ever stop to realize what black folks have to go through? It's in our head. At night, I go to bed and try to go to sleep and then I got to realize that during World War II a German killed my daddy. 1942, that German killed my daddy. I was ten years old then. In 1968, I'll be 36 years old this year.

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"Insults? Not only was that German killing my daddy make me go 26 years without a daddy, which ain't bad though, you expect daddies to get killed during a war, but the insult is that the same German that killed my daddy in 1942 can come to my daddy's country tonight and live in the neighborhood my daddy's boy can't live in. Man, we will burn this country down house by house.

"And we don't give a damn about this country's attitude because the problem with black folks today is they're thinking too white. You see we do know that if we took this country away from you tonight and put white folks in the same situation for ten years this country has had us in for 100 years you would burn it down to the ground, baby. We know, we don't have to ask you. Look what you're doing in Vietnam. You're burnin Vietnam down to the ground to free a foreigner. We know what you'd do to free your mammy. We don't have to ask you what your behavior would be. So I say to you young folks, I spend 98 percent of my time on college campuses. Why? Because you young kids is the most moral, ethical force that ever lived in the history of this country. And why? I'll tell you why. You're so morally committed. It's possible for Dick Gregory to go back into his hotel, get in bed, go to sleep, the hotel catch fire and I burn to death. That is possible. But it is not possible for Dick Gregory to walk into a hotel that's on fire with intentions of going to sleep. And this hotel's on fire, youngsters, and there are those of you who are not aware of it. I tell you to go to sleep!

"And I hope you youngsters don't make the mistakes that we made when you study in these colleges and universities ahead of you. We were so busy going to college and universities to learn how to make a living we forgot to learn

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"how to live. I promise you if you waste your four years at this or any other institution just learning how to make a living you haven't got a guarantee you can get a job or keep one after you get out. But if you spend these four beautiful years at this or any other institution learning how to live, I guarantee you makin a living will be the easiest thing for you on the face of this earth.

"So the challenge is yours. Solving these problems will not be hard. We've got our heads straight and we've located it. So can't nobody say we don't know where it is. So this is what we're sayin.

"I just came off a 47 day fast. I went on the first 40 day fast last Thanksgiving to New Years. I started the fast off with nothing but distilled water. I started off weighing 152 pounds. I ended weighing 97 pounds. I never went through such misery and torture in my life. Now for me, 36 years old, I'm too old to get drafted and with my political beliefs if I tried to volunteer for the Army, the government would burn my draft card. But I went on that 40 day fast to say to you young folks that there is some older immoral Americans like myself that really appreciate what you're doing and it's just not small talk. I'm sayin thanks to you and don't stop. Just keep doing it.

"I started the second fast Ash Wednesday and was supposed to come off of it Good Friday. But now I intend to keep this fast on now all the way through 'til November 5, Election Day. Now I'm on distilled water, and I'll take nothin but juices and liquids in hopes that you young kids that just started votin don't get caught in that old political trick.

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"Especially that old Bobby Kennedy trick. I hope you will demand that who you vote for will be a politician second and a statesman first.

"In 1964, I couldn't vote because I would never stoop so low as to vote for the lesser of two evils. And that's why I'm a candidate for the Presidency today. To allow people that would never stoop to vote for the lesser of two evils, I'm gonna give them something to vote for if they got any sense. But I'll tell you one thing. Had in 1964, I'd been dirty enough to stoop to vote for the lesser of two evils, you can damn sure betcha that it would have been for Brother Barry Goldwater 'cause the only thing wrong with Goldwater in 1964 was that he dared to be the most honest of the two candidates. I mean I could of stomached Bobby Kennedy had he just been honest with the young folks and just told you pointblank that 'LBJ is a hawk; McCarthy is a dove; and I'm a chicken.' Had he just been honest enough to tell you that he was scared of messin up his political chances so he didn't want to buck LBJ. So after McCarthy went out there and took him on and the effect of what you young kids had been doing showed tco and Bobby stood up and said, 'So I admit I was wrong and I was a chicken, but now I realize my daddy's richer than McCarthy. We can buy more votes than he can and I got more money than him. I might look a little bit better than him and I talk stranger than he talks and I think I can appeal to more stupid Americans.' He wasn't even that honest with you. What did he say? 'The only reason I didn't come into the race was 'cause I didn't want to split the Democratic Party.' A five-year-old maladjusted baby got enough sense to know if he had the opportunity to split the moon and become President, he'd split the sun to make sure he'd get it.



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"In this country you're too young to vote so that the Democrats and Republicans don't have to listen to you. But I guarantee you one thing if you're sincere about ending that war in Vietnam. If enough of you young kids stop gettin a haircut, although you can't vote, the barbers will have to come out in the streets and demonstrate, they vote. Enough of you young folks decide you're not going to shave 'til that war's over in Vietnam, I guarantee you one thing. Some old gal, 75 years old, don't care nothin about Vietnam but she owns 15,000 shares of Gillette Blue Blades, she got to get in a picket line. Enough of you young kids decide you're not going to wear nothin but work clothes 'til that war's over in Vietnam. Baby, you're going to upset the garment industry. And when you get this garment industry on your side, talk about ending the war! You'd be surprised how much power you have in your hands, non-violent power. If you use it you can do anything you want to do. It's a groovy thing you young kids demonstrating against Dow Chemical and sayin, 'We don't want you to make no more Napalm' but Dow Chemical makes about 200 other products for the house. Those little old tissue papers you wipe your eyeglasses with, that's Dow Chemical. The same one that makes the Napalm bomb. That Dial soap you kids washin up with Dial soap so you can rush out and demonstrate against Dow Chemical. You tell Dow Chemical that if they don't hurry up and quit making Napalm you ain't gonna buy any more Dial soap, baby. You'd be surprised how quick they'd get out of the Napalm business."

"Now let me drop this on you for what it is worth. If you really want the war to end, you really don't want to play no games, you take what you have to do. Now I've been smoking cigarettes since I was 13 years old."

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"I quit six months ago when I read an article in the paper where the Federal government said it was going to supply the local law enforcement agencies with all of the Mace they needed to stop peace demonstrations. So that kind of upset me and I went home and I did my homework and I checked it out and I found out that every time I buy a pack of cigarettes I pay eight cents Federal tax immediately. At the end of the year, the cigarette industry gives the government two billion dollars. At that point, I decided I would never catch cancer and buy Mace and Napalm at the same time.

"If you youngsters want to end that war in Vietnam, you see up until six months ago I was smoking three to four packs of cigarettes a day. You want to end that war in Vietnam? When you smoke that last cigarette outta your pack, you take that empty pack and you mail it into the cigarette company and you put a little note with it: 'Dear Cigarette Industry, I'm not gonna smoke or buy another cigarette and I'm gonna entice my friends not to smoke or buy another cigarette 'til the war's over in Vietnam. Not to mention what it's gonna do for my chest.' I guarantee you when that cigarette industry realizes that the Vietnamese getting free means that they might have to go bankrupt they will hurry up, fly to Washington, D. C., kick LBJ's door in, and smack that barbeque sauce off his mouth. I guarantee you that within six weeks' time the boys will be coming home from Vietnam.

Let's also understand you not only have the power to shape your future, it's bigger than that, you have the power to shape the future and the destiny of the entire world. And I get around the world and there's a whole lot of young folks even in communist countries

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"that would love to follow your lead because your makin a lot of noise and it's gettin out. I mean more news is getting out of the country on how beautiful you are than is getting in here to you.

"So I say to you; oh, before I run I want to remind you about my two books. The first book is Nigger . This book has really come in handy for me. I never will forget I was demonstratin once and a sheriff came up and slapped me down and picked me up and looked me in the eye and said, "How you doin, Nigger?" I said, 'Niggers doin all right.' And it is, four million copies. The height of my ambition is to put Nigger in every home. So for those of you that use the word nigger I want you to always know that you'll be advertising my book.

"This is my new book that's been out for about two months. It is a very important book, probably one of the most important books on the market today. It's called The Shadow That Scares You. I'm not asking you to buy this one. Go to the library and check this one out. Read it; dig it; steal it.

"So again I say it was a pleasure to be here. I wish I didn't have to fly back to New York.

"I don't know, but they tell me there was rumors out that Dick Gregory was arrested. I hope that if the police arrested any colored cat today they thought it was me. Please go back to the station and when he tells you 'I ain't Dick Gregory,' be cool. I hope you all let him go.

"And again I say to you youngsters, stay as pure as you are because you put a lot of trust in old immoral cats like me but for

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"the first time I got something morally pure to see and look at that I never had before in this country. And I say to all of you, thank you and may God bless you. Just look around. Look at the crowd that's here. This is Saturday, we're usually out shooting marbles or raisin hell or something. What did you come here for? You come to hear a message and you got it, right? Okay, look at the old people, the elderly people, they're out cookin usually somewhere but they're here too. You know why? Because they wanted to hear the message and they got the message. So go home and think about it. Good-bye."

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 6/27/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

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Re Seattle letter and LHM, dated 6/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies, and for the Chicago Office one (1) copy of a LHM containing information supplementary to the LHM in referenced communication.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to United States Secret Service by FD-376, and to MIG, OSI, and NISO by FD-342. One copy is also being furnished USA, Seattle. SE T-1 is (U)  
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At Olympia, Washington

Will follow developments in this matter and keep Bureau and Chicago advised.

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- 1-Chicago (ENC. 1)(REG)(157-347)
- 3-Seattle (2-157-511)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

June 27, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle (RM)

Enclosure(s) (1)(RM) (Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Seattle, Washington 98104  
June 27, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information below supplements that contained  
in the memorandum under this title dated June 21, 1968.

On June 26, 1968, SE T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that [redacted] known to source as a member of the Communist Party (CP), that date said the CP was going to participate in a demonstration in front of the Thurston County Court House, Olympia, Washington, on Saturday, June 29, 1968, at noon. She explained this demonstration is to be incident to the confinement of subject, and it is expected CP elements from Seattle and Tacoma will join those from Olympia in making up the CP contingent. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM

OO - CHICAGO

DATE: 6/28/68

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau dated 3/29/68.

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, GREGORY did not appear at East Texas State University (ETSU) on 5/1/68, as was indicated. Contact was maintained with Dr. JOHN KOLDUS, Dean of Students, and [redacted] as well as Sheriff R. L. WOOD, Hunt County, Texas, and there were no indications that GREGORY's not appearing had any effect on the student body. On 5/15/68, Dr. KOLDUS stated that the matter had been handled through contact with reliable students, and since there had been no overtures made by the University to GREGORY, there was no difficulty experienced.

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The Bureau's attention is being directed to Bureau file 157-9400, entitled AFRO American Student Society, East Texas State University (ETSU), Commerce, Hunt County, Texas, RM, Dallas OO; and a matter entitled Demonstration East Texas State University, Commerce, Texas 4/5/68, RM; OO Dallas, which was reported by Dallas airtel dated 4/8/68, which would indicate that many of the Negro students at the University were not satisfied but there was no connection between this matter and the two above described investigations.

This matter is RUC Dallas.

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2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, <sup>0</sup> *RACIAL MATTER* RM. 00: CG.

DATE 1-30-80

TO WASHINGTON STATE

GOVERNOR DANIEL EVANS, ADVISED JUNE TWENTY SIXTY-EIGHT THAT ON JUNE NINETEEN, LAST, GOVERNOR EVANS TURNED DOWN A PLEA OF RICHARD GREGORY FOR A PARDON FROM HIS NINETY DAY SENTENCE IN THURSTON COUNTY JAIL AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. [ ] ALSO ADVISED A SMALL NUMBER OF INDIANS, NOT OVER TWENTY-FIVE, BEGAN A VIGIL ON JUNE TWENTY INSTANT ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE COUNTY COURT HOUSE ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS, OLYMPIA, IN PROTEST TO GREGORY'S CONVICTION.

ON JUNE TWENTY INSTANT, A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT THE INDIANS AT THE ABOVE VIGIL HAD BEEN JOINED BY A NUMBER OF COMMUNIST PARTY (CP) MEMBERS FROM BOTH TACOMA AND OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AND THAT THE CP WAS

PLANNING ON CREATING ANOTHER RESURRECTION CITY ON THE STATE

CAPITOL GROUNDS. SOURCE ADVISED THAT AS OF THIS DATE TWO TENIS HAD

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FRED DERICK, CHIEF OF POLICE, OLYMPIA, ADVISED JUNE TWENTY INSTANT THAT NO DISTURBANCES OR VIOLENCE HAS OCCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CURRENT VIGIL.

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RE SEATTLE LETTER JUNE TEN LAST. ABOVE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 7/2/68

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle letter and LHM, dated 6/27/68, and  
Seattle teletype dated 6/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and  
for the Chicago Office one copy of a LHM containing information  
supplementary to that in prior memoranda under this title. A  
copy of this LHM is being designated for the Miami Office in  
view of GREGORY's remark about demonstrating against Governor  
DAN EVANS there during the Republican National Convention.

Dissemination of this LHM is being made locally by  
FD-342 to OSI, NISO, MIG, and to U.S. Secret Service by FD-376.  
Appropriate local officials were notified of the information in  
the LHM of 6/27/68 when it was received from [redacted]

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SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Olympia, Washington

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Will follow developments in this matter and keep  
the Bureau and Chicago advised.

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- 1-Chicago (ENC. 1) (RM)
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- 3-Seattle (157-359)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~SEC~~, OSI, SEC. SERV. (3, 100e)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

July 2, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☒ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))(1)  
U. S. Secret Service , Seattle(RM)

Enclosure(s)(1)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Seattle, Washington 98104

July 2, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein supplements that in the memorandum under this title dated June 27, 1968:

A Special Agent of the FBI observed approximately forty to fifty individuals participating in a non-violent march around the Thurston County Courthouse, across from the State Capitol grounds, Olympia, Washington, for approximately one hour during the early afternoon of June 29, 1968. Persons in the march carried signs protesting the incarceration of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. No disturbance was noted.

[redacted] Thurston County Sheriff's Office, advised that no violence or arrests occurred in connection with this demonstration.

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[redacted] further advised that on the evening of June 28, 1968, a sit-in on the Capitol grounds by a number of Indians was terminated by Washington State Patrol Troopers through dismantling of three tepees and four tents belonging to the Indians. The arrests of nine persons followed as a result of resisting police officers during the dismantling. Eight of those arrested were juveniles. The sit-in was mainly in protest of rights of Indians, along with a protest of GREGORY's sentencing and jailing.

An item in the June 29, 1968 issue of the Seattle Times, a Seattle newspaper of general circulation, under the caption "Protests Continue in Olympia," stated with respect to the dismantling of the tents which had been erected on the Capitol grounds:

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Earlier, State Patrol Chief WILL BACHOFNER said that if police had not removed the encampment Friday night, 'it would have been moved by the citizens of the town'".

The June 30, 1968 issue of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, a Seattle newspaper of general circulation, carried an article under the title, "GREGORY Invites EVANS to Jail," in which GREGORY is said to have transmitted a letter by way of his wife to Governor DAN EVANS of Washington State inviting EVANS to visit him in his jail cell "or I'll have no alternative but to lead demonstrations against you at the Republican National Convention in Miami." The article continues:

"I hope you will find time to come over during your lunch hour one day to discuss with me the problems of Indians and other minority groups," GREGORY said.

"GREGORY, who has gone without food and taken only distilled water since he entered his cell June 7, told EVANS he intends to serve his full 90-day sentence and 'continue my fast until I am released to demonstrate to the world the problems confronted by my Indian brothers'".

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM SEATTLE (157-511) /1PG/

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM; OO:CG.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SPECIAL AGENT OF THE FBI OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY FORTY TO FIFTY INDIVIDUALS WHO PARTICIPATED IN NON-VIOLENT MARCH AROUND THURSTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, ACROSS FROM STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS, OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR EARLY AFTERNOON OF 6/29/68. PERSONS IN MARCH CARRIED SIGNS PROTESTING CONTINUING INCARCERATION OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

[REDACTED] THURSTON COUNTY SHERIFF, ADVISED NO VIOLENCE OR ARRESTS IN CONNECTION WITH THIS DEMONSTRATION.

[REDACTED] FURTHER ADVISED THAT ON EVENING OF 6/28/68, A SIT-IN AT THE CAPITOL GROUNDS BY A NUMBER OF INDIANS WAS TERMINATED BY TROOPERS OF THE WASHINGTON STATE PATROL THROUGH DISMANTLING OF THREE TEPEES AND FOUR TENTS BELONGING TO THE INDIANS; THE ARRESTS OF NINE PERSONS FOLLOWED AS A RESULT OF RESISTING POLICE OFFICERS DURING THE DISMANTLING. EIGHT OF THOSE ARRESTED WERE JUVENILES. SIT-IN WAS MAINLY IN PROTEST OF RIGHTS OF INDIANS, ALONG WITH PROTEST OF GREGORY'S SENTENCING.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: RE SEATTLE LET 6/27/68; SA WHO OBSERVED DEMONSTRATION IS SA ROBERT H. WICK; LHM FOLLOWS. CG ADVISED AM.  
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Date: 7/19/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P) ~~CHICAGO~~

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: Chicago

Re Chicago tel to Bureau and WFO 7/18/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. An information copy of the LHM is being sent to WFO in view of investigation being conducted by that division, and to Seattle for information.

The source referred to in the LHM is the

[Redacted]

The [Redacted] used in contacting subject's residence

[Redacted]

A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney and Secret Service, Chicago, and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The Bureau will be promptly advised of further pertinent developments in this matter.

- ENCLOSURE
- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
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  - 1 - WFO (Enc. 1) (RM) (Info)
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DATE FORW: 7-23-68  
BY: CMC - RUL

C. C. - Bishop  
1cc Airtel + LHM 80

Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
July 19, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On July 18, 1968, a source, [redacted]

[redacted] advised that Dick Gregory returned to his residence in Chicago on the evening of July 17, 1968, following his early release from jail in Olympia, Washington. Gregory now claims he will soon visit several foreign countries, including a number of African nations, as well as Russia, China and Cuba. He said he would be travelling in his capacity as a presidential candidate.

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On [redacted] at Gregory's Chicago residence, 1451 East 55th Street was contacted under a [redacted] said that [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
He was pleased to be back in Chicago and was at that time visiting a number of friends in the city.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the following agencies:

U.S. Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Seattle letter and LHM 7/2/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies,  
and for the Chicago Office one (1) copy of a LHM containing  
current developments in GREGORY's case.

Information resulting from the subject's press  
conference at Tacoma on 7/17/68 was obtained through casual  
inquiry by SA [redacted] at the Tacoma News Tribune,  
a Tacoma, Washington, daily paper of general circulation.

Copies of this LHM are being made available locally  
by FD-342 to NISO, OSI, MIG, and USA, Seattle, and by FD-376  
to United States Secret Service.

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SEATTLE DIVISION  
At Seattle, Tacoma,  
and Olympia, Washington

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Will follow subject's activities through established  
and public sources, and keep the Bureau and Chicago Office  
advised.

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- 1 - Chicago (Enc. 1)(157-347)(REG)
- 3 - Seattle

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C.C. - Bishop

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BY: E.D. T. G. P. C.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

July 17, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1- Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1  
U. S. Secret Service, Seattle (REG)

Enclosure(s) 1

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Seattle, Washington  
July 17, 1968

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The information herein is supplementary to that contained in memoranda under this title dated at Seattle, Washington, July 2, 1968, and prior thereto.

A news article in the July 17, 1968, issue of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, a Seattle, Washington, morning paper of general circulation, in an article captioned "Gregory Freed as 'Trusty' for Last 15 Days," reflects that GREGORY had been released from Thurston County Jail, Olympia, Washington, on July 16, 1968, as a "trusty-at-large" by order of Superior Court Judge HEWITT A. HENRY. GREGORY is quoted as saying his eating would be resumed gradually under the direction of a doctor, and that he intended to spend at least several days in the State of Washington, living with [redacted] in his Tacoma, Washington, home [redacted]

On July 17, 1968, [redacted] County Jail, said the release order on GREGORY is tantamount to an unconditional discharge, although, technically, he is still "serving" the remaining portion of his sentence. There are no apparent restrictions on any travel GREGORY wishes to undertake.

At a press conference held by GREGORY on July 17, 1968, at Tacoma, he stated he would continue his efforts in behalf of the American Indian, this being, in his opinion, the number one problem facing the American people today. GREGORY placed this even ahead of the "black man's struggles," and said he hoped the Indians would not get as militant as the Negroes.

GREGORY did not enlarge on any immediate plans. He dismissed the possibility of his participation in a demonstration against Washington Governor DAN EVANS at the Republican National Convention. He stated this was a personal issue between himself

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and EVANS. He further advised that from what he has seen in the State of Washington, this state is ahead of other states in solving racial problems. He stated he is the Presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party. His plans for the future include a world tour to visit North Korea and talk to the crew of the Pueblo. He also said he plans to visit North Vietnam, Russia, and Red China.

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TO DIRECTOR /100-440423/ WFO

WFO VIA BUREAU

FROM CHICAGO /157-347/ /P/

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, [REDACTED]

ADVISED THIS DATE DICK GREGORY RETURNED TO HIS

RESIDENCE IN CHICAGO, EVENING OF JULY SEVENTEEN LAST. FOLLOWING  
HIS EARLY RELEASE FROM JAIL IN OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. GREGORY  
NOW CLAIMS HE WILL SOON VISIT SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES INCLUDING  
AFRICAN NATIONS, RUSSIA, CHINA AND CUBA, IN HIS CAPACITY AS PRES-  
IDENTIAL CANDIDATE.

AT GREGORY'S CHICAGO RESIDENCE, CONTACTED

UNDER [REDACTED]

SAID, [REDACTED]

ADMINISTRATIVE

ABOVE SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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USA, SECRET SERVICE, CHICAGO, TO BE ADVISED BY LHM WHICH FOLLOWS.  
CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

GREGORY HAS PASSPORT VALID UNTIL NINETEEN SIXTYNINE, WITH  
RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL TO CHINA AND CUBA.

WFO RECHECK PASSPORT OFFICE, STATE DEPARTMENT, FOR ANY

PERTINENT DATA RE GREGORY.

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TO: SECRETARY OF STATE

TO: DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

TO: DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

TO: WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

~~(CONFIDENTIAL)~~

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, WELL-KNOWN COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THAT GREGORY

ACCORDING TO THE SOURCE, GREGORY HAS STATED

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TELETYPE TO PRESIDENT, ET AL.  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

~~(C O N F I D E N T I A L)~~

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SOURCE ALSO ADVISES GREGORY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] GREGORY CLAIMS TO BE A PRESIDENTIAL  
CANDIDATE AND INDICATED HE HAS FILED SUIT IN U. S. DISTRICT  
COURT, WASHINGTON, D. C., REQUESTING HE BE BRIEFED BY PRESIDENT  
JOHNSON, ALONG WITH OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

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TO WHITE HOUSE SITUATION ROOM, ATT.: SECRET SERVICE (PID)

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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SOURCE ALSO ADVISES GREGORY [REDACTED]  
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## INFORMATIVE NOTE

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Date 7/25/68

Attached relates to Richard Claxton Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights activist. Among other things, Gregory

Pertinent parts of attached furnished White House, State, Central Intelligence Agency, military, and Secret Service, by teletype. Copy of attached also furnished Inter-Division Information Unit of Department, and Attorney General.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. *RACIAL MATTER - BLACK NATIONALIST*  
RM-- BNT.

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SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST,  
ADVISES GREGORY

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DETAILS ITINERARY OTHER THAN GREGORY [REDACTED]

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IN FORTHCOMING SPEECHES. SOURCE REITERATED [REDACTED]  
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MILITARY ADVISED, USA AND SECRET SERVICE WILL BE ADVISED  
*memo*  
BY LHM WHICH FOLLOWS.

NYO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN GREGORY'S ITINERARY THROUGH

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WFO ASCERTAIN IF GREGORY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

CHICAGO WILL ASCERTAIN IF GREGORY CAN LEAVE US WITH  
DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND ASSAULTING POLICE OFFICER SENTENCE OF  
NINETY DAYS STILL UNSERVED. GREGORY'S APPEAL THIS SENTENCE.  
RECENTLY DENIED.

AM COPIES TO WFO, NEW YORK, AND SPRINGFIELD.

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CC MR. SULLIVAN



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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1100AM URGENT 7-26-68 MCG  
TO DIRECTOR 100-44023, NEW YORK AND CHICAGO  
FROM BOSTON 157-386 LP

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM DASH BNT.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND BOSTON JULY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

INQUIRY TODAY AT

IT APPEARS GREGORY'S

BOSTON WILL MONITOR ABOVE SHOWS AND FURNISH RESULTS BY

APPROPRIATE MEANS.

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Date: 7/22/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) *7-1 AN*

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO:CG)ReCGteletype to Director dated 7/18/68 and WFOlet  
to Director dated 2/15/68.On 7/22/68, the passport file of captioned  
individual was reviewed by SA [redacted] and no  
additional information was contained in the file since the  
date it was last reviewed 2/6/68.On 7/22/68, [redacted] Validation Section,  
Domestic Intelligence Division, Passport Office, advised  
that her office has no record of request for validation by  
subject.LEADWASHINGTON FIELDAT WASHINGTON, D.C. Will also review security files  
at State Department when files become available and will  
forward results.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *WJG* SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-New) C

DATE: 8/2/68

SUBJECT:   
INFORMATION CONCERNING

*af*  
*Dick Gregory*

*and*  
Enclosed herewith are an original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning information furnished by  who is presently under development as a PSI in the Albuquerque Division.

Background information concerning  is being obtained, and when complete information is available, a communication will be sent to the Bureau requesting permission to designate  as a PSI.

has furnished information on a voluntary basis for a considerable period of time, and the information he has furnished has been found to be reliable.

The letterhead memorandum is being marked confidential because the unauthorized disclosure of the information furnished by this source could reasonably result in the identification of the source and his continuing value would be thereby impaired. Such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the National Defense interests of the country.

The information concerning  set forth in the letterhead memorandum has been sent, by separate communication, to the Phoenix and San Francisco Offices.

Copy to *encl - ACST, SS, TSD, TDIU*  
by routing slip for  
☒ info ☐ action  
date *8/16/68*  
by *WJG*

*id* ② - Bureau (Enc. 5) (RM)  
1 - Albuquerque

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albuquerque, New Mexico  
August 2, 1968

[redacted]  
Information Concerning [redacted]

*Califs*  
A confidential source has advised an agent of the  
Albuquerque Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
that [redacted] was in [redacted] on or about  
[redacted] was traveling with a [redacted]  
known as [redacted] who was described as follows:

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*Arizona*  
Race  
Sex  
Hair  
Age  
Height

White  
Female  
Blond

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The two were traveling in a [redacted]  
bearing, unknown [redacted]

[redacted] related to the source that he has recently  
taken part [redacted]  
[redacted]  
also stated that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted] informed this source that [redacted]

[redacted] also stated that [redacted]

During conversations with [redacted] the latter stated [redacted]

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[redacted] contacted this source by long distance telephone call and subsequently met this source at [redacted]

During conversations in [redacted] stated that [redacted]

As [redacted] was leaving [redacted] he stated to the source that [redacted]

The source described [redacted] as follows:

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[REDACTED]

Race  
Sex  
Age  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Complexion  
Miscellaneous

White  
Male

[REDACTED]

Approximately 140 to 150 pounds  
Brown, cut short  
Fair

[REDACTED]

68  
28  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

*In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico  
August 2, 1968

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Character      INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference      Memorandum from Albuquerque, dated  
and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the USA and U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and to Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Will contact appropriate sources in effort to verify GREGORY's

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On July 25, 1968, a source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, said that

[Redacted]

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Gregory now claims that

[Redacted]

The above source was unable to furnish  
additional details concerning the itinerary of Gregory's

[Redacted]

Gregory plans to

[Redacted]

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

This source said further that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Source said that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] source

stressed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
conversation Gregory claims that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Gregory has said that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

In conversation Gregory claims to have  
[REDACTED]

Gregory also claims that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[REDACTED]

On July 26 1968 the above source further  
advised that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Gregory further stated that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Again source  
stressed that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Gregory also said that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished  
to the following agencies:

United States Secret Service,  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Attorney,  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military  
Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois

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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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FROM : AMEMBASSY LONDON

DATE: June 19, 1968

SUBJECT: Request for Intervention in U.S. Court  
Sentence of Mr. Dick Gregory

REF :

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There is enclosed a copy of a letter received from Canon Collins of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, which is self-explanatory.

In the event that the Department wishes to look into the matter, it would be appreciated if any decision reached could be communicated to the Embassy so that it may follow up the brief acknowledgment made to Canon Collins' letter.

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Enclosure:  
Copy of letter

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# International Defence and Aid

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**PRESIDENT:**

The Reverend Canon L. John Collins

**VICE-PRESIDENTS:**

Mr. Ole Bang

Vice-President - Danish Council for Southern Africa

Drs. Pieter Gille

Secretary - Netherlands Defence and Aid Fund

Mr. George Houser

Executive Director - American Committee on Africa

2 AMEN COURT, LONDON, E.C.4

Telephone: 01-606 6123

Co-ordinating Secretary: Jan Hoogendyk

In reply please quote

14th June, 1968

*John Collins,*

The wife of Mr. Dick Gregory telephoned me yesterday to tell me that her husband has been sentenced to imprisonment for 90 days, in connection with his part in the negro Civil Rights Movement. Mr. Gregory had undertaken to take part in a Concert, to be given at the Albert Hall on June 26th, on behalf of the International Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa. I would be immensely grateful if you should feel able to intervene, and to obtain for Mr. Gregory either a remission of his prison sentence or his pardon so that he might be able to fulfil his promise of coming to London; I would suggest that such an intervention might be justified on the ground that the majority of British people would find it difficult to understand how your country, which they regard as one devoted to freedom, should imprison a man committed to non-violence, whose only offence would seem to be a desire to obtain for the negroes of the United States of America their freedom and just rights.

Please forgive me for making such an unusual request. But I did not wish to have to disappoint so many people who will have looked forward to Mr. Gregory's appearance on the platform at the Albert Hall on June 26th. His name, as you may have seen, has already been publicly announced as one of the artists to be giving their services free on this special occasion.

*with best wishes*

*John Collins*  
*L. John Collins*

L. John Collins.

His Excellency,

The Ambassador to the United States of America,  
United States Embassy,  
Grosvenor Square,  
London, W.1.

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EX-105 Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

RE: **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**RACIAL MATTERS**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns a subject (or subjects) who may be traveling abroad or planning to do so.

☒ I will appreciate receiving any pertinent information concerning the subject's (or subjects') activities while abroad.

☐ The travel may include countries covered by the Legal Attache (or Attaches) checked below who will contact appropriate security services in those countries to receive any pertinent information they may develop.

☐ Bern  
☐ Bonn  
☐ London  
☐ Paris  
☐ Rome

☐ Buenos Aires  
☐ Mexico, D. F.  
☐ Santo Domingo

☐ Hong Kong  
☐ Manila  
☐ Tokyo  
☐ Ottawa

Reports concerning the subject (or subjects) ☒ have been ☐ are being furnished to you under separate cover.

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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2 - Office of Origin **Chicago (157-347)**

2 - Legal Attache - Enc. ( )

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☐ Mexico, D. F.  
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☐ Ottawa

Attention: ☐ Legat ☐ Legats - Alert sources so as to receive pertinent information regarding subject, including advance information concerning travel plans to other countries. (C) Notify appropriate Legat(s) of such travel plans. Information in enclosures may be furnished to your sources. Subject ☐ is ☐ is not in Security Index.

☒ Office of Origin - Will verify travel if subject has not already left and will be alert for return from abroad, notifying Bureau by memorandum for dissemination.

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this communication becomes unclassified.)

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Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

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Gregory is a nationally known comedian and civil rights activist. His name is included in the Agitator Index. Subject recently completed 45 days of a 90-day jail sentence in Olympia, Washington, for violation of the state game laws. Gregory was released as a "trustee at large."

Enclosed is Chicago memorandum dated 7/29/68 which contains information concerning Gregory's world tour to begin 8/20/68. The contents of this memorandum have been furnished to State and CIA by teletype and the Department is aware. This communication is being submitted to CIA so that a specific request may be made to furnish information concerning Gregory's activities while abroad. Inasmuch as State and the Department are in possession of this information, they are not being advised separately at this time. ~~C~~ (U)

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Date: 7/29/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype, 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven (11) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM), dated and captioned as above. Information copies of the LHM are being sent to WFO, Boston and New York in view of investigation being conducted by those offices, and to Springfield for the information of that division.

The source referred to in the LHM is  b7D

As noted in retel. GREGORY told source that he

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HOW FORW: R-5

DATE FORW: 8-2-68

BY: EMT-joo

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C. C. Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletype to Director and Boston, 7/25/68;  
Boston teletype to Director, New York and Chicago, 7/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a LHM, and for Chicago two copies, dated and captioned as above. Information copies of the LHM are being furnished to New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco in the event future investigation is conducted by those offices concerning the subject.

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Copies of the LHM are also being disseminated locally to the 108th MI Group, NISO, Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney, all Boston, Mass., in accordance with Bureau policy of dissemination.

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DEPT: ISD, CRD, ~~SO~~ TOZU

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HOW FORW: R/S  
DATE FORW: 8/6/68  
BY: Eng. Jank

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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Boston, Massachusetts

August 2, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 1, 1968, Dick Gregory appeared on the Jerry Williams television program, Station WBZ, Boston, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., and on the Jerry Williams radio show on the same station from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the same date. Both programs are talk shows which encourage telephonic questions from the public at large.

On the morning show Gregory appeared with Jules Feifer (phonetic), a well known cartoonist, and on the evening show with James Farmer, former Chairman of the Congress on Racial Equality (CORE), who was in telephonic contact with the program from New York City.

Gregory's remarks generally criticized the United States as being a racist country which had no right to be engaged in the war in Vietnam. He discussed his write-in candidacy for President in the coming election and his book "Write Me In" which has just been published and which explains in detail his candidacy and his program for solving United States problems.

Gregory was wearing coveralls and a self-conferred peace medal, and stated he would not shave nor wear conventional dress until the war in Vietnam has ended. He discussed his recent conviction of ninety days in jail in the State of Washington in connection with his protest concerning unjust laws of that State against American Indians there.

He stated that he is on the ballot in the State of Pennsylvania representing the Peace and Freedom Party, and in the near future he expects to go to California to address the Peace and Freedom Party there in the hope of getting on the ballot in that State representing that party. He stated that by getting on

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the ballot in several states he hopes to demand equal time on television as other presidential candidates.

Gregory stated that he has instituted court action to force the administration to brief him in the same manner as the other six white presidential candidates. He stated that the administration has refused to offer him Secret Service protection as it has the other presidential candidates including Harold Stassen whose Secret Service protection unit constitutes his largest crowd.

Gregory described himself as a integrationist and not a black nationalist, but stated he was in sympathy with the black nationalists because, as things are at the present time, the Constitution is not working to bridge the gap between whites and blacks, and, if it comes to the point where he believes no further progress can be made towards integration, then he will join with the black nationalists.

Gregory stated that he expects to get the most write-in votes of any of the presidential candidates, in which case he will consider himself elected President of the United States in exile and will set up his office in Washington, D. C.

Gregory stated that in this capacity he expects to handle grievances against the United States Government by people who were not successful in originally referring these grievances to the administration in power.

Gregory made the comment that he believes that Chicago will be the most violent city in the nation this summer mainly because the Democratic National Convention is being held there. He stated that he had hoped that "We could slip through the summer without violence", but that it does not look as though this will happen.

Gregory stated that since his request to be briefed as a presidential candidate has been refused by

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

the administration, he feels compelled to make a world tour of his own to obtain the necessary information.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44023)  
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM-BN

ReCGtel to Bureau, 7/25/68.

On 7/31/68

[redacted], 608 Fifth Avenue, New York City, advised that he had received information from Chicago that DICK GREGORY had been in contact with the Territorial Representative of Pakistan International Airlines in Chicago, one [redacted] office telephone # 312-272-0217, home telephone [redacted] GREGORY indicated that he planned to travel abroad sometime in the month of August and that his itinerary would include the following cities:

Leave from New York, Kennedy Airport  
London, England  
Paris, France  
Geneva, Switzerland  
Frankfurt, Germany  
Berlin, Germany  
Moscow, USSR  
Istanbul, East Pakistan  
Karachi, West Pakistan  
Beriut, Lebanon  
Accra, Ghana  
Lagos, Nigeria  
Madrid, Spain  
Mexico City, Mexico  
Return to New York, Kennedy Airport.

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[ ] further advised that GREGORY had indicated a desire to travel to Havana, Cuba, North Korea and North Vietnam. GREGORY was advised that it was impossible to book passage to these countries from the U.S., and that if he desired to travel there, arrangements would have to be made once he left the U.S.

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[ ] stated that no concrete arrangements had been made between GREGORY and his company. He recommended that contact be made with [ ] in Chicago for more complete details of GREGORY's travels. He stated that, if for any reason [ ] was uncooperative, he would telephonically contact her and remedy this situation.

New York will contact [ ] and [ ] who are familiar with GREGORY's activities in an effort to ascertain more complete details regarding his travel plans.

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Date: 8/9/68

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Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
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Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822) P

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO:CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 7/29/68.

Contact with appropriate sources in this Division, including liaison sources, racial informants, and sources in real estate field have failed to reflect any information confirming or negating the possibility that subject will move his immediate family to the St. Louis area.

Inasmuch as subject was born and raised in St. Louis and most of his relatives still reside in the area, he might logically consider the possibility of housing his family with, or in the vicinity of, one of these relatives:

Subject's [redacted] age approximately [redacted] was last known to be residing with her husband at [redacted] St. Louis. Another [redacted] age about [redacted] is apparently still unmarried and was last known to be residing with the [redacted]

[redacted] subject's [redacted] was fired last week from his job at St. Louis Job Corps Center where he was employed as an [redacted]. He also resides in St. Louis.

Subject's mother, LUCILLE GREGORY, age about 64, is presumed to be alive and in the St. Louis area, although her exact whereabouts is not known.

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St. Louis Division will continue attempts to determine details of subject's anticipated move to St. Louis. The Bureau and Chicago will be promptly advised.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/19/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(00:CG)

Chicago airtel to Director, dated 7/29/68 and  
Chicago teletype to Director and Boston, dated 7/25/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 and to Chicago  
2 copies of an LHM captioned as above.

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## WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C. WFO is awaiting the  
availability of security files regarding subject, United  
States Department of State, will review and forward results  
to Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

August 19, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 2, 1968, the records of the United States District Court, Washington, D. C., revealed that Gregory instituted an action entitled "Dick Gregory vs. Dean Rusk; et al" subsequently filed by the Clerk of the Court on May 23, 1968 as Civil Action Number 1243-68.

The complaint alleges that the plaintiff, Gregory, has been discriminated against as a presidential candidate by the said defendants on the basis of race.

The relief sought by the plaintiff, identified as Dick Gregory, 1451 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, is by way of a complaint for injunction against defendants who are identified as:

Lyndon Baines Johnson, President of United States.

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State.

Nicholas deB Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State.

The nature of the relief sought is by way of a preliminary and permanent injunction whereby the plaintiff requests the court to issue an order:

(A) Enjoining defendants from refusing any information made available to the "preferred six" other candidates for President on equal terms with equal privileges; or

(B) In the alternative directing defendants to cease forthwith from making available in any way any said information to said "preferred six" and

(C) Granting such other further relief as the court deems just.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On June 3, 1968, United States District Chief Judge, Edward M. Curran, United States District Court, Washington, D. C., ordered that the complaint against the President of the United States be dismissed. This order was filed with the court on June 4, 1968.

The record also revealed that service of process has been completed with respect to:

Dean Rusk, Secretary of State.

Nicholas deB Katzenbach, Under Secretary of State.

Ramsey Clark, United States Attorney General.

The above have filed answers with the court and the proceedings<sup>b6</sup>  
are pending.<sup>b7C</sup>

The record listed Gregory's attorneys as [redacted]  
[redacted] and [redacted] N.W., Washington,  
D. C.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DB  
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM  
(OO:CHICAGO)

On 8/26/68, [redacted] (reliable) advised that [redacted] of DICK GREGORY, and [redacted] had stated that GREGORY was planning to attend the National Black Power Conference in Philadelphia, Pa., scheduled for August 29 - September 1, 1968. [redacted] did not know the exact times which GREGORY would be in Philadelphia. Source stated that GREGORY is supposed to visit [redacted] either on 8/26 or 8/27/68 and will stay at [redacted] residence, [redacted] at that time. Informant stated he expects to be in contact with GREGORY if GREGORY [redacted] (U)

On 8/26/68, [redacted] and [redacted] could furnish no information on this matter. (U)

On 8/26/68, [redacted] British Overseas Airways (BOAC), NYC, advised telephonically that according to the records of BOAC, GREGORY did not depart NYC for London via BOAC on 8/25/68, and did not have a reservation for this trip on 8/26/68.

On 8/26/68, [redacted] Pan American Airways, NY, NY, advised that according to the records of Pan Am, GREGORY did not depart NYC for London via Pan Am on 8/25/68, and did not have a reservation for this trip on 8/26/68.

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At 3:50 AM on 8/26/68, SA [redacted] of the Chicago Office was advised by SA [redacted] of the aforementioned information.

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FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

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OFFICER [REDACTED] PD LAKE FOREST, ILLINOIS, ADVISED

THIS MORNING DICK GREGORY, WELL KNOWN NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO IS CAMPAIGNING TO BE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S., ADDRESSED THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL WELFARE RIGHTS ORGANIZATION, AN ORGANIZATION OF WELFARE RECIPIANTS WITH HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D.C., AT BARAT'S COLLEGE PM, AUGUST TWENTYTWO, LAST. GREGORY SPENT MUCH TIME JOKING AND HIS REMARKS WERE MAINLY ANTI-VIETNAM WAR, AND PRO WELFARE IN NATURE, ONE SUCH STATEMENT BEING THAT IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT STOPPED ITS WAR ACTIVITIES IN VIETNAM, THE GOVERNMENT COULD GUARANTEE EVERY PERSON AN ANNUAL INCOME OF FOUR THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR 157-8589 CHICAGO 100-44963 157-  
FROM KANSAS CITY 100-12475 157-649 2P

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*Dick Gregory*

RELIABLE SOURCES ADVISE TOM HAYDEN, PROJECT DIRECTOR, NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END WAR IN VIETNAM AND ROBERT SHEER EDITOR OF RAMPARTS MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTING COPIES "THE RAT", A NEW YORK BASED UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER TO DELEGATES ATTENDING NATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONGRESS AT KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KANSAS. THIS PAPER CONTAINS MAPS OF CHICAGO AREA SHOWING LOCATION INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER, HOTELS, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, POLICE HEADQUARTERS AND MEDICAL AID STATIONS. THE PAPER STATES "IT WILL BE CRUCIAL TO HOLD DEMONSTRATIONS AT LOCATIONS OTHER THAN THE INTERNATIONAL AMPHITHEATER WHERE THE CONCENTRATION OF POLICE IS VERY HIGH". HANDBILLS ALSO BEING DISTRIBUTED SCHEDULING DEMONSTRATORS TO ASSEMBLE IN CHICAGO, SAT. AUG TWENTYFOUR NEXT. MASSIVE DEMONSTRATIONS FOCUSING ON WAR AND RACISM ARE PLANNED FOR SUN. TO GREET THE DELEGATES AT MAJOR DOWNTOWN HOTELS. PROTEST ACTIONS "AT INSTITUTIONS WHICH REPRESENT THE FORCES OF MILITARISM, RACISM AND EXPLOITATIONS" ARE PLANNED FOR MON. AND TUES.

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A MASS MARCH ON THE CONVENTION CENTER IS SET FOR WED. AUG TWENTYEIGHT NEXT.

A POLL OF SIX HUNDRED NSA DELEGATES INDICATED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PLAN TO DEMONSTRATE IN CHICAGO.

ON AUG TWENTY LAST [REDACTED] A UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES STUDENT LED WALK OUT OF BLACK DELEGATES TO THE NSA CONGRESS OVER SEATING CREDENTIALS OF THE ALABAMA DELEGATION.

DICK GREGORY ARRIVED KANSAS CITY APPROXIMATELY SIX THIRTY PM AUG TWENTY LAST VIA AIRLINES, DROVE TO MANHATTAN, KANSAS IN HERTZ RENTAL CAR, SPOKE TO NSA DELEGATES AT MIDNIGHT STATING "IF GOVERNMENT DOESN'T CHANGE THE WHOLE COUNTRY WILL BURN".

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TO DIRECTOR (CODE)

ATTENTION DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE

FROM PHILADELPHIA

Richard Claxton Gregory  
aka

RICHARD C. GREGORY. RM - BLACK NATIONALIST.

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE PAST,  
ADVISED ON EIGHT TWENTYTWO INSTANT, THAT RICHARD C. GREGORY WOULD ARRIVE  
IN PHILA., PA., ON EIGHT TWENTYTHREE NEXT. AT ONE PM HE WOULD HOLD  
PRESS CONFERENCE AT THE PHILADELPHIA HOTEL; AT SIX PM HE WILL  
HOLD OPEN AIR RALLIES AT TWENTYSECOND AND COLUMBIA AND FIFTY SECOND  
AND MARKET STREETS; AT EIGHT PM HE WILL SPEAK AT THE MT. OLIVET  
TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, FORTY SECOND AND WALLACE STREETS. HIS  
APPEARANCES HAVE TO DO WITH HIS POLITICAL CAMPAIGN FOR PRESIDENT.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/30/68

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO:CG

ReCGairtel to Bureau 8/23/68 and SEairtel to Bureau  
7/17/68.

To date no information reflecting upon the likli-  
hood of subject making a trip to foreign lands has been fur-  
nished by sources or informants of the Seattle Division. Any  
information received in this regard will be immediately  
brought to the attention of the Bureau and Office of Origin.

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SEATTLE

## At Seattle & Olympia, Washington

Will report activities of subject as available through  
established sources should he appear in Seattle in connection  
with a "rock band music festival" to raise funds for Indians  
involved in fishing rights controversies with State authori-  
ties.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO:CG)

On 8/30/68, Mr. JAMES MC CUBBIN, Chief, Domestic Operations Division, Passport Office Department of State made available to SA [redacted] passport application of [redacted] subject's [redacted] and renewal application of [redacted] subject's [redacted] since their current travel might be of interest to the Bureau.

[redacted] was issued passport at Chicago, Illinois, on 8/26/68 to include her sister, [redacted] for proposed pleasure travel to England for 2 to 3 weeks. In application dated 8/26/68 at Chicago, [redacted] stated they intend to depart by air about 9/1/68. This passport was valid for 5 years' travel to all countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. Subject signed application for her [redacted] born [redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and [redacted] born [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] born [redacted] in Ohio, is bearer of passport [redacted] issued 11/8/65, but application not available for review at this time. This passport was renewed at Chicago 8/26/68, to expire 11/8/70, no travel plans given. Permanent residence of family given as 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel and LHM, dated 7/29/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Information copies are being sent to WFO and New York for information of those divisions.

The first source is CS [REDACTED]

The second source is [REDACTED]

The pretext used in contacting GREGORY was that of a [REDACTED]

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A copy of this LHM is being furnished to the USA, U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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- 2 - Indianapolis (Encls. 2) (RM)
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- 1 - WFO (Info) (RM) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - New York (Info) (RM) (Encl. 1)
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DATE: 9/13/68

BY: E. M. V. / [REDACTED]

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LEADS

INDIANAPOLIS, KANSAS CITY AND SEATTLE.

Above divisions are requested to contact appropriate sources regarding GREGORY's appearance in those divisions and submit results in a form suitable for dissemination.

ST. LOUIS

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. Continue contact with appropriate sources regarding the possibility of GREGORY traveling to that division, noting that previous information was received that GREGORY was planning to send his family to the St. Louis area during 8/68.

CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will continue contact with appropriate sources regarding GREGORY's activities.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
August 23, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On August 19, 1968, [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] Airlines,  
advised that some time ago she had discussed with Dick Gregory  
his travel plans for a world tour. They worked out a tentative  
itinerary, and tentative fares for the tour. However, no  
definite plans were made and no bookings were arranged for him.  
Since that time she has not had further contact with Dick Gregory  
and does not know whether he intends to leave the United States  
on a world tour and further does not know whether Gregory intends  
to utilize the services of Pakistan Airlines on such a tour.

On August 19, 1968, Dick Gregory was contacted under  
a suitable pretext at his residence, 1451 East 55th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois. Gregory advised that he was leaving Chicago  
that day, but only briefly, and would return the following day.  
Gregory said that he intended to be in and out of Chicago during  
the next few days, but expected to be at his Chicago apartment  
later this week.

On August 22, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable  
information in the past, advised that he had learned in recent  
conversation with Dick Gregory that Gregory was scheduled to make  
a speech on the night of August 19, 1968, at Valparaiso, Indiana,  
and on Tuesday, August 20, 1968, Gregory was planning to go to  
Manhattan, Kansas, to speak to the National Student Association.  
Gregory now plans to travel to Seattle, Washington, during the  
first week of September, 1968, to participate in a "rock band  
music festival", which is being held to raise funds for Indians  
contending with local authorities over fishing rights. This source

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said at the present time it appeared that Gregory would not be leaving the United States during the next few weeks. Source noted that in the past Gregory has said that he was planning a world tour to begin in late August; however, it appears that the plans for a world tour have been postponed or even possibly canceled by Gregory.

On August 22, 1968, a second source, an agency which conducts security investigations in the Chicago area, advised it had no information concerning Gregory's plans for the near future other than he was thought to still be planning foreign travel, the dates of which are unknown.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to each of the following agencies:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 8/29/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Philadelphia (157-1865) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
(RUC) ☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY  
OO: CHICAGO

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:  
Re Philadelphia teletypes 8/22, 24, 26/68

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a self-explanatory LHM. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago and one for Pittsburgh.

Dissemination of this LHM is being made at Philadelphia to OSI, NISO, MI, Secret Service, and USA, EDPa.

Source utilized in the enclosed LHM is  

- 1-Bureau (100-440423) (Enc. 11)  
2-Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2)  
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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~OSI~~, SEC. SERV.,  
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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, EDP  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 29, 1968

RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY

On August 22, 1968, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that RICHARD GREGORY, Presidential Candidate, would arrive in Philadelphia, Pa., on August 23, 1968. Source indicated that GREGORY's schedule would be as follows:

- 1 p.m. - Press conference at the Hotel Philadelphia
- 6 p.m. - Open rallies at 22nd Street and Columbia Avenue and 52nd and Market Streets
- 8 p.m. - Speech at the Mt. Olivet Tabernacle Baptist Church, 42nd and Wallace Streets

Source indicated that GREGORY's appearances concern his political campaign for the Presidency of the United States.

On August 23, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, advised GREGORY arrived at Philadelphia International Airport approximately 12:20 p.m., August 23, 1968, and held a brief news conference after which he traveled to the Hotel Philadelphia. At 6:30 p.m. GREGORY appeared at 22nd and Columbia Avenue where a group of only ten spectators greeted him. After 20 minutes, GREGORY traveled to 52nd and Market Streets where 20 persons attended a brief talk. At 8:15 p.m. GREGORY addressed approximately 150 people at the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. Following GREGORY's address to the audience, entertainment was provided in the church which continued until 11:15 p.m. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that none of the above appearances produced any incidents whatsoever.

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RICHARD CLAXON GREGORY

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During his appearances at the various locations mentioned above, GREGORY concerned himself with his political aspirations and spoke on various national issues of the day. Included in his comments were such statements as his insistence upon withdrawing all American troops from Vietnam.

On August 25, 1968, Captain [redacted] Philadelphia Police Department, assigned to GREGORY during his visit to Philadelphia, advised GREGORY remained in the Philadelphia [redacted] the night of August 23, 1968 at the residence of [redacted] PHILADELPHIA, PA. [redacted] stated GREGORY departed this city via Allegheny Airlines Flight 907 at approximately 2 p.m. August 24, 1968, destination Washington, D.C. According to [redacted] GREGORY was to pick up personal papers in Washington and thereafter travel to New York.

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FBI CHICAGO

1107PM 9/3/68 DEFERRED RMP

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. OO.CHICAGO

BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (PAA) FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT DEPART FROM CHICAGO FIVE PM INSTANT WITHOUT GREGORY.

SOURCE, IN POSITION TO KNOW OF INFORMATION REPORTED, ADVISED INSTANT, FIRST CLASS PASSAGE BOOKED ON PAA FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT LEAVING CHICAGO FIVE PM CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME SEPTEMBER FOUR NEXT FOR LONDON, ENGLAND NON-STOP IN NAME OF MISTER AND <sup>RS.</sup> MISSES DICK GREGORY AND TWO CHILDREN.

SECOND SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED GREGORY IS NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FROM CHICAGO.

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REMYTEL AUGUST THIRTY LAST. SOURCES ARE

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USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

FBI CHICAGO

420PM URGENT 8-30-68 DJS  
TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

DICK GREGORY, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT DICK GREGORY  
HAD CANCELLED HIS RESERVATION ON PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS  
FLIGHT FIVE EIGHT TO LONDON, ENGLAND, FROM CHICAGO ON  
AUGUST THIRTY INSTANT AND HAD MADE RESERVATIONS FOR SAME  
FLIGHT LEAVING CHICAGO FIVE P.M. CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME  
SEPTEMBER THREE NEXT.

SECOND SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT GREGORY IS  
NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST FROM CHICAGO.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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100-440423-338

REMYTEL CAPTIONED DEMCON FIVE FORTY NINE P.M., AUGUST

TWO NINE LAST. SOURCES ARE

CHICAGO FOLLOWING, SECRET SERVICE, USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO.  
POLICE DEPARTMENT ADVISED.

END

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FBI WASH DC

cc- MR. TRAINOR

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

To: Director, FBI  
(100-440423)

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652)

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

☐ GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.

☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Remytel, dated 8/23/68, captioned "DEMCON."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago and Philadelphia two (2) copies each of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

3-Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)

(1 - 157-8589) (DEMCON)

2-Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 2) (RM)

(1 - 100-44963) (DEMCON)

2-Philadelphia (157-RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY) (Encs. 2) (RM)

(1 - 100-49673) (DEMCON)

3-Pittsburgh

(1 - 100-15915) (DEMCON)

(1 - 62-2514 Sub B)

FFK:psa

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HOW FORW: 9/5/68

DATE FORW: 9/4/68

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

AUG 31 1968

ACTION: UACB:

- ☒ No further action being taken and 802 948
- ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, G-2, Sec. Service, and OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa., and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.
- ☐ LHM being submitted (RM)
- ☐ Report being submitted (RM)
- ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted
- ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Information from [redacted] Pittsburgh  
Police Department, was furnished to SA [redacted]

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Source referred to in LHM is [redacted] Location -

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

August 30, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 23, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory arrived in Pittsburgh via air at approximately 9:00 AM on August 23, 1968, in furtherance of his candidacy for the Presidency. Gregory held a press conference at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh, in which he predicted, "a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago" during the Democratic Convention and stated that the racial situation will not improve because "the Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth."

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[redacted] said Gregory departed Pittsburgh via air at approximately 11:00 AM on August 23, 1968, enroute to Philadelphia, Pa.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on August 27, 1968, that during the above conference, which was attended by approximately 50 persons, Gregory stated that he was a statesman and not a politician and that his candidacy offers an alternative to the two party system. In referring to George Wallace, Gregory said he is the best possible candidate since everyone knows how Wallace thinks.

Gregory said that his campaign is an independent effort and that he has refused to accept five million dollars which has been offered to him because to do so would compromise his independence. He declared that the news media has given him very little coverage because he is a peaceful man and he stated that if he threw a brick or two he would be on the front page of "Time Magazine."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source advised that Gregory, in referring to the Czechoslovakian Situation, said that he wished the United States would be as peaceful in Vietnam as the Russians were in Prague. Gregory said he has not been given a briefing by the State Department regarding Czechoslovakia and that he intends to file suit. He said he had written a letter to Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations requesting information regarding the Czechoslovakian Situation and U Thant had replied that no information could be furnished to Gregory inasmuch as he is a Presidential candidate.

According to the source, Gregory predicted that President Lyndon B. Johnson will again be a Presidential candidate and that his running mate for the Vice-Presidency will be Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio. He said that such a ticket would be a sure winner.

Gregory said that he feels his chances for becoming President are not impossible and that he may be the only candidate left. He said that the situation in Chicago is not good and that Mayor Richard J. Daley's attitude toward the Yippies and Hippies will create a great deal of trouble. In this regard, Gregory said that the blacks will not be the ones to destroy Chicago and that none of his "group" will participate in the demonstrations which have been planned.

In referring to gun control, Gregory stated that if the police shot a white youngster, gun control would probably result immediately and police would not even be allowed to carry night sticks.

Source said that Gregory stated that the riots have helped the Negro cause, but lamented the fact that a negative force has been the only thing to bring about positive reactions. He said that the country is sick and insane and that one of the first things he will do if he is elected President, will be to eliminate all civil rights legislation because if the Constitution is adhered to, there is no need for such legislation.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Prior to the termination of the conference, Gregory indicated that he was on his way to Philadelphia to attend a rally, but that he planned to return to Pittsburgh sometime before the November elections.

The Pittsburgh Police Department is cognizant of the above. The U. S. Attorney's Office and Army Intelligence, Pittsburgh, Pa., have been apprised of the above information.

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Date: 9/6/68

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Via ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)(P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: Chicago

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau 9/4/68; and  
Chicago airtel dated 9/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.  
Two copies are being designated for Legat, London. A  
copy of this LHM is being furnished to U.S. Attorney,  
Chicago; U.S. Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th  
MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The source utilized in the enclosed LHM is   
Chicago.

Chicago will continue to follow the activities of  
GREGORY.

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1- Chicago  
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AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SEC. SERV. EX 109  
DEPT: ISD, IDIU, CD, STATE, CIA, CRD

DATE FORW: 9/10/68  
BY: FM T. J. [Signature]  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
September 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 4, 1968, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) observed Gregory, along with a female companion, board Pan American Airways Flight #58, at O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, at 5:05 p.m., that date.

Pan American Airways Flight 58 departed Chicago en route to London, England.

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who maintains his residence in Chicago, Illinois.

On September 5, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory's airline ticket was issued through VIP Travel Company, London, England. The ticket was paid for in England for round trip transportation between the United States and England.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 9/3/68

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Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) RUC

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO Chicago

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 8/23/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for Chicago are 7 copies of same LHM.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM by the Kansas City Division, and appropriate dissemination should be considered by Chicago.

Source used is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Manhattan,  
Kansas.

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AGENCY: ACSI, SEC. SERV.,

DEPT: ISD, IDIU

HOW MADE: R/S.

DATE FORN: 9/11/68

BY: EM J/

icc - Robert R. T. T. T.  
icc - Gregory T. T. T.

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Approved: 22

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Special Agent in Charge





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

September 3, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 20, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to address a session of the National Students Association (NSA) at 11:00 PM this date. Source noted that the 21st annual Congress of NSA is currently meeting on the campus of Kansas State University (KSU), Manhattan, Kansas. He said the NSA agenda indicates Gregory's topic will be a "special presentation on the nature of racism in America."

On August 21, 1968, Bill Colvin, editor of the "Manhattan Mercury", daily newspaper, Manhattan, Kansas, advised that in an after midnight speech today Gregory addressed an audience of some 1,000 students and spectators at Williams Auditorium, Umberger Hall, on the campus of KSU. He said the speech lasted over two hours and was made during bursts of cheering and applause from NSA delegates, who were urged by Gregory to unravel the nation's political dilemma and create a government where "our leaders can be honest" and "the black folks can trust the white folks". Gregory also said "this government has become a slick bag of tricks run by no-good politicians, and unless you young kids do something about it this nation is going to burn". Other comments by Gregory were that "Our leaders have not been able to take out cities from control of crime syndicates, and yet, they demand the poor and powerless to obey laws. They day America starts dealing out law and justice instead of law and order, we might not even need cops", and "you young kids cannot be slaves to money anymore, you cannot be slaves to education anymore. If you have to get kicked out of these ratty colleges just because you are searching for the truth then go, because they are going to kick you if you stay".

Colvin said he understood Gregory arrived in Manhattan, Kansas, shortly before his speech and departed immediately thereafter enroute to Kansas City, Missouri, even though the hour was late. He said Gregory's transportation was a vehicle obtained from Hertz Rent-a-Car in Kansas City, Missouri.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Security  
Division, TWA, Kansas City, Missouri, advised on August  
21, 1968, that Dick Gregory left Kansas City on TWA Flight  
434 at 9:45 AM on that date for Chicago, Illinois.

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VIA TELETYPE

SEP 4 1968

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Mr. Tolson\_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach\_\_\_\_\_  
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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347)(P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.RM.00:CHICAGO

BUREAU AGENTS OBSERVED GREGORY WITH FEMALE COMPANION  
BOARD PAN-AMERICAN FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT, BOUND FOR LONDON,  
ENGLAND. FLIGHT FIFTY EIGHT DEPARTED CHICAGO O'HARE AIRPORT  
FIVE ZERO FIVE PM CENTRAL DAYLIGHT TIME, SEPTEMBER FOUR  
INSTANT

GREGORY IS NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

FROM CHICAGO.

ADMINISTRATIVE

REMYTEL SEPTEMBER THREE LAST. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. SECRET

SERVICE, USA, MILITARY AND CHICAGO PD ADVISED.

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CC MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D

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FBI CHICAGO

306 AM URGENT 8/28/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589) AND LOS ANGELES  
FROM CHICAGO (100-44963) 2P

DEMGON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT  
THAT [REDACTED] LOS ANGELES [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WAS WELL KNOWN ANTI-NEGRO  
ANTI-SEMITIC WHO IS LARGE SCALE DISTRIBUTOR OF HATE LITERATURE  
IN CHICAGO WERE OBSERVED AT ABOUT ONE TWENTY AM AUGUST TWENTY  
EIGHT INSTANT IN THE CROWD GATHERED IN THE VICINITY OF THE  
CONRAD HILTON HOTEL CONVENTION HOTEL CENTER OF NATIONAL  
DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

BU AGENTS OBSERVED RICHARD CLAXTON (DICK) GREGORY,  
ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST AT ONE TWENTY EIGHT AM  
AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT INSTANT AS A SPECTATOR, ON THE WEST SIDE OF  
MICHIGAN AVENUE NEAR CONRAD HILTON HOTEL, OBSERVING CROWD OF  
APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN HUNDRED HIPPIE TYPE INDIVIDUALS  
DEMONSTRATE ON EAST SIDE OF MICHIGAN AVENUE ACROSS STREET FROM  
HILTON HOTEL.

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LOS ANGELES WILL DETERMINE IF [REDACTED] HAS DEPARTED  
THAT AREA FOR CHICAGO.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY TT. USA ADVISED.

CHICAGO PD ADVISED RE DICK GREGORY.

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FBI WASH DC

FBI CHICAGO

11:10 PM URGENT 8-27-68 PMS

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED AT TEN THIRTY PM INSTANT  
THAT DICK GREGORY WAS RECENTLY REPORTED AT LINCOLN PARK  
AND SHORTLY THEREAFTER THE YIPPIES LEFT THE PARK.  
CHICAGO POLICE BELIEVE GREGORY MAY CONDUCT A WALK - A- THON  
TO SOME PLACE ON THE SOUTH SIDE IN CHICAGO.

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SS AND MILITARY ADVISED BY TT. USA ADVISED. SOURCE  
IS. [REDACTED] CHICAGO WILL FOLLOW.

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529PM URGENT 8-28-68 EMS

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
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Mr. Bishop  
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Tele. Room  
Mr. Holmes  
Miss Gandy

DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS  
HAVE MOVED INTO SOUTH END OF GRANT PARK. MAIN BODY OF  
DEMONSTRATORS REPORTEDLY BREAKING INTO THREE GROUPS ACCORDING  
TO DEGREE OF MILITANCY. AGENTS OBSERVED DICK GREGORY, NEGRO  
COMEDIAN AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER ADDRESSING GROUP IN GRANT  
PARK. SOURCE FURTHER ADVISED SECOND BATTALION, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-  
NINTH INFANTRY, SECOND BATTALION, ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH ARTILLERY,  
E COQ., ONE HUNDRED SIXTH CAVALRY, TOTALLING FIFTEEN HUNDRED  
TROOPS STANDING BY AT GRANT PARK.

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SOURCE IS ☐ SECRET SERVICE AND LOCAL MILITARY ADVISED

BY ☐ USA ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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FBI CHICAGO

721 PM URGENT 8/27/68 PAK

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963) 1P

DEMCON

OBSERVATION IN VICINITY OF CHICAGO COLISEUM, FIFTEEN  
THIRTY S. WABASH AVE., REVEALED FOLLOWING PERSONS SCHEDULED  
TO PARTICIPATE IN "UNBIRTHDAY PARTY" FOR PRES. JOHNSON,  
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE TO END WAR IN  
VIETNAM: DICK GREGORY, JEAN GENE, JIM AND JEAN, TOM HAYDEN,  
PAUL KRASSNER, ALLEN GINSBERG, AND PAUL OCHO. SCHEDULED  
FOR EIGHT PM INSTANT. NO PERTINENT ACTIVITY OR GATHERINGS  
OBSERVED AT COLISEUM DURING AFTERNOON INSTANT.  
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SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY ☐ USA AND  
CPD ADVISED. CHICAGO FOLLOWING.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

OO: CHICAGO  
(Bufile 100-440423)  
(CG file 157-347) (P)

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OO: CHICAGO  
(CG file 157-2410) (P)

12-19-79  
CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 RCB/ab  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
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Re Chicago teletypes dated 8/29 and 30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. Two of these copies are being furnished in connection with the lead for Legat, London. Information copies are being sent to WFO, Seattle, New York and Milwaukee, in view of the interest of those offices. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Copies of the enclosed LHM are being furnished to the U. S. Secret Service, USA, Office of Special Investigations, Naval Investigative Service Office, all Chicago, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Subject is on the Agitator Index at Chicago.

ENCLOSURE

- 1 cc LHM  
& PIT-902  
1 - Bureau (Enc. 14) (RM)  
1 - Milwaukee (DICK GREGORY) (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)  
1 - New York (157-1093) (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)  
1 - Seattle (DICK GREGORY) (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)  
1 - WFO (DICK GREGORY) (Enc. 1) (Info.) (RM)  
3 - Chicago  
(1 - 157-413)

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C. C. - Bishop

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

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The first source referred to in the LHM is  
[redacted] The second source is [redacted] a source  
of the Cincinnati Office. The third source is the  
[redacted] ~~(S)~~ (U)

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The pretext used in contacting DICK GREGORY  
was that of [redacted]

LEAD

LONDON

AT LONDON, ENGLAND. Will contact appropriate  
sources for information concerning GREGORY's activities  
in London. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

September 3, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347  
157-2410

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT  
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968

On August 29, 1968, at 7:20 p.m. a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group of approximately two thousand to two thousand five hundred demonstrators were beginning to leave the Grant Park area in downtown Chicago following a speech by Dick Gregory, Negro entertainer and civil rights activist. Gregory invited the entire group to his residence on Chicago's south side. The group was to be his guests and Gregory said he would tell police he was walking to his home with friends. This group intends to proceed to the amphitheater where the National Democratic Convention was being held and Gregory stated in the park that he would go through police barricades if necessary. This group is accompanied by a number of police and a contingent of the Illinois National Guard. has also been observed in the area. The group included demonstrators against the war in Viet Nam, and many "hippies". Only a few of the demonstrators were Negroes. ~~X~~ (U)

At 8:00 p.m. on August 29, 1968, a second source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that a group of demonstrators, about two thousand in number, were proceeding south from Grant Park on Michigan Avenue. This group was strung out on many blocks, but its leaders were then at 16th Street and Michigan Avenue. The crowd was moving slowly and in small groups. Dick Gregory is leading this march and other leaders with him include members of the Wisconsin and California regular delegations to the National Democratic Convention. It is the definite intention ~~X~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT  
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968  
(DEMCON)

of this group to proceed to the amphitheater, where the convention is in progress. ~~X~~ (U)

At 8:30 p.m. on August 29, 1968, Special Agents of the FBI observed that the marchers, led by Dick Gregory, were stopped by the Chicago Police Force and by a contingent of the Illinois National Guard at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue. Police officers called Dick Gregory aside to confer with him. The group then assembled on Michigan Avenue, including spectators and marchers, was approximately two thousand in number.

At 9:00 p.m. on August 29, 1968, Superintendent James Conlisk, Jr., Chicago Police Department, advised that in connection with the march led by Dick Gregory on South Michigan Avenue, a confrontation had taken place at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue. Present at this confrontation, in addition to members of the Chicago Police Department, and Illinois National Guard were representatives of the Community Relations Service, Department of Justice; representatives of the United States Attorney's Office, Chicago, and representatives of the Corporation Counsel's Office, City of Chicago. Superintendent Conlisk said that the representative of the Community Relations Service took the position that Gregory and the group could lawfully "march wherever they pleased". Conlisk said that it was the position of the police department and the City of Chicago that this march, which was obviously headed in the direction of the amphitheater where the National Democratic Convention was in session, could not proceed for security reasons. Gregory and other leaders of the march were advised that they must turn back or submit to arrests. Superintendent Conlisk said they refused to turn back and, therefore, Gregory and ten or fifteen other individuals were arrested under peaceful circumstances.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

DEMONSTRATIONS AT  
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
AUGUST, 1968  
(DEMCON)

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On August 30, 1968, a third source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory, who had previously held a reservation on Pan American Airways Flight 58 to London, England, from Chicago on August 30, 1968, had cancelled that reservation. Gregory now has a reservation on September 3, 1968, from Chicago to London via Pan American Airways Flight 58, which leaves Chicago at 5:00 p.m. central daylight time. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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On September 3, 1968, [redacted] Sheriff's Office, Cook County, Illinois, advised that Dick Gregory was released from the Cook County Jail on Friday, August 30, 1968, on bail.

On September 3, 1968, Dick Gregory was contacted at his residence, 1451 East 55th Street, under a suitable pretext. Gregory advised that he had been arrested for his part in demonstrations during the National Democratic Convention, but had been released on bail on August 30, 1968. He said he intends to depart Chicago today, September 3, 1968, by air for London, England, and will return to Chicago on September 10, 1968.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, United States Secret Service, Office of Special Investigations, Naval Investigative Service Office, all Chicago, Illinois, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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FBI CHICAGO

549PM URGENT 8/29/68 CMP

TO DIRECTOR (157-8589)

FROM CHICAGO (100-44963)

DEMCON.

RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY SCHEDULED TO DEPART CHICAGO FIVE PM, AUG. THIRTY, NEXT, PAM AM FLT FIFTYEIGHT, FOR LONDON, ENGLAND.

GREGORY NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO HAS PARTICIAPTED DEMONSTRATIONS OCCURRING CHICAGO BY HIPPIE AND YIPPIE GROUPS PAST THREE DAYS DURING DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION.

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RECGTELS INSTANT. SOURCE [REDACTED]

CHICAGO FOLLOWING. SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY ADVISED BY

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] ADVISED.

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cc: [REDACTED] WH, AG, Army, SS 8/29/68

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8589)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: DEMCON  
OO: Chicago  
(157-2410) (P)RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY<sup>0</sup>  
RM  
OO: Chicago  
(157-347) (P)Remytel, dated 8/23/68 and Pittsburgh tel,  
dated 8/23/68.Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of  
an LHM concerning captioned.Enclosed for Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis  
and Milwaukee is one copy each of an LHM concerning captioned.Copies of LHM are being furnished to USA, military  
and Secret Service.Source is Chicago Police Department Intelligence Division  
orally advised.

- ④ - Bureau (Encls. 12) (RM)
- 2 - Milwaukee (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Philadelphia (100-49673) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (100-15915) (RM) (Encl. 1)
- 1 - St. Louis (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 3 - Chicago
  - (1 - 157-2410)
  - (1 - 157-347)

  
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Chicago following and Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

LEADS

MILWAUKEE

AT MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN. Will alert appropriate sources and furnish to appropriate agencies. GREGORY on Agitator Index at Chicago. Furnish all pertinent information developed in form suitable for dissemination to Bureau and Chicago.

PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA

AT PITTSBURGH AND PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.  
Furnish information re GREGORY in form suitable for dissemination to Bureau and Chicago.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois 60604

August 24, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. 157-2410

157-347

DEMONSTRATIONS AT DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL  
CONVENTION, AUGUST, 1968.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 23, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory departed Chicago via airplane en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and will return to Chicago on August 25, 1968. Source advised that the reason for Richard Gregory's trip was not known. Source related that Richard Gregory now plans to remain in Chicago during the week of the Democratic National Convention; however, source has learned of no indication that Richard Gregory plans any disruptive activities during the convention. Source stated that Richard Gregory, after the convention is over, intends to vacation with his wife at the Jim Smith Family Farm near Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Smith is the publisher of the "Chicago Gazette," a newspaper directed to the Negro community.

On August 23, 1968, [redacted] Pittsburgh Police Department, advised the Pittsburgh Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office that Richard Gregory arrived in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, at 9:00 A. M., August 23, 1968, for purpose of furthering his candidacy for the presidency.

He stated that Richard Gregory, at a press conference, predicted "a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago" during the Democratic convention and also stated the racial situation will not improve because "the Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth."

He related that Richard Gregory departed Pittsburgh via airplane at 11:00 A. M. on August 23, 1968, en route to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

A copy of this memo is being furnished the office of the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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ESTD : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 9/12/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(00:CG)

ReWFOlet to Director dated 8/19/68, WFO airtel to Director dated 8/30/68, and Chicago airtel to Director dated 9/3/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies and for Chicago two (2) copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above.

On 8/23/68 the Security file of subject was made available by the Office of Security, Department of State, and was reviewed by SA [redacted] This file contained no additional pertinent information.

Records of the Passport Office, the Department of State, were reviewed by SA [redacted] on 8/30/68.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encl-8)
  - 2 - Chicago (Encl-2) (RM)
  - 1 - WFO

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AGENCY: ACSI, MIC, OSI, SEC. SERV.

DEPT: ISD, [redacted], IDIU, [redacted], CRD, [redacted]

HOW FORW: R/S

DATE FORW: 9/29/68

BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535  
September 12, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 30, 1968, the passport files of [redacted]  
[redacted] of Dick Gregory, and [redacted]  
[redacted] of Gregory, were made available by the Passport  
Office, United States Department of State (USDS) and were  
reviewed by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Inves-  
tigation (FBI).

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[redacted] was issued passport number  
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, on August 26, 1968, to  
include [redacted] for proposed  
pleasure travel to England for two to three weeks. On the  
application dated August 26, 1968, at Chicago, [redacted] stated  
that travel plans included departure by air about September 1,  
1968. This passport was valid for five years' travel to all  
countries except Cuba, mainland China, North Korea, and North  
Vietnam. This application was signed for [redacted] by  
Dick Gregory. The file revealed that [redacted] was born  
[redacted] at St. Louis, Missouri, and that [redacted]  
[redacted] was born [redacted] at Chicago.

[redacted] born [redacted] in  
Ohio is bearer of passport number [redacted] issued November 8,  
1965. This passport was renewed at Chicago on August 26,  
1968, and will expire on November 8, 1970; but no travel plans  
were given. The file revealed that the permanent address  
given for the Gregory family is 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago.

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Date: 9/11/68

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DATE 12-21-79 BY 580/241



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Chicago, Illinois  
September 11, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 10, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Gregory arrived back in Chicago, Illinois, on September 10, 1968.

This source stated Gregory arrived at Chicago's O'Hare Airport aboard Air France Flight 031 from Paris, France, via Montreal, Canada.

Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist who maintains his residence in Chicago.

On September 11, 1968, a second source, an [redacted] in the Chicago area, advised that Gregory was back in Chicago after a trip to London, England. Gregory has a court appearance at Branch 47, Criminal Court, Chicago, on September 29, 1968. The source advised this court date stems from an arrest of Gregory on August 29, 1968, at 18th Street and Michigan Avenue, by the Chicago Police Department during the time of the Democratic National Convention. Gregory was arrested leading a large number of persons who had formed for a march to Chicago's south side.

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FBI CHICAGO

807PM DEFERRED 9-10-68 ATS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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b7D [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY ARRIVED  
CHICAGO THREE TEN P. M. INSTANT ON AIR FRANCE FLIGHT  
ZERO THREE ONE FROM PARIS VIA MONTREAL CANADA.

ROUTINE SEARCH BY CUSTOM OFFICIALS, O'HARE AIRPORT  
OF GREGORY BAGGAGE UPON ARRIVAL REFLECTED ONLY PERSONAL  
AFFECTS AND GREGORY FOR PRESIDENT BUTTONS. NO LITERATURE  
OR ITEMS OF POSSIBLE INTELLIGENCE DATA WERE OBSERVED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE BUREAU AIRTEL DATED SEPTEMBER NINE LAST. CHICAGO  
FOLLOWING. SECRET SERVICE, USA, MILITARY ADVISED. CHICAGO  
PD COGNIZANT. LHM FOLLOWS.

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cc - MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D

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FBI CHICAGO

942PM URGENT 9/16/68 GGE

TO DIRECTOR, ST. LOUIS, OKLAHOMA CITY, DALLAS, AND PHOENIX.  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

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[REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY DEPARTED  
VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT FIVE EIGHTY-ONE, THREE TEN P.M. IN-  
STANT ENROUTE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, ARRIVING FOUR THIRTEEN P.M.  
SOURCE ALSO FURNISHED FOLLOWING ITINERARY OF GREGORY'S FOR WEEK  
OF SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN - TWENTY-ONE, SIXTY EIGHT.

SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART ST. LOUIS VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWENTY-FIVE, FOR OKLAHOMA CITY,  
OKLAHOMA AT TEN THIRTY-FIVE A.M. ARRIVING TWELVE THIRTY-TWO P.M.

SEPTEMBER EIGHTEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY VIA  
FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT EIGHTEEN ENROUTE STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA,  
NO TIMES GIVEN.

SEPTEMBER NINETEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY  
VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWENTY-SEVEN ENROUTE DALLAS,  
TEXAS. NO TIMES GIVEN.

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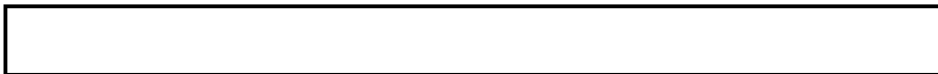
SEPTEMBER NINETEEN - SCHEDULED TO DEPART DALLAS VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE THIRTEEN AT FIVE THIRTY-FIVE P.M. ENROUTE TUCSON, ARIZONA, ARRIVING SIX FOURTEEN P.M.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY - SCHEDULED TO DEPART TUCSON EIGHT TWENTY-FIVE A.M. VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THIRTY-EIGHT ENROUTE DALLAS, TEXAS, ARRIVING TWELVE THIRTEEN P.M.

ALSO ON SEPTEMBER TWENTY - SCHEDULED TO DEPART DALLAS VIA FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR TWENTY-TWO ENROUTE OKLAHOMA CITY. NO TIMES GIVEN.

SEPTEMBER TWENTY-ONE - SCHEDULED TO DEPART OKLAHOMA CITY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE FIFTY-SIX AT NINE A.M. ARRIVING CHICAGO TEN FORTY-FOUR A.M.

ADMINISTRATIVE



CHICAGO PD

COGNIZANT. FOR INFORMATION RECIPIENT OFFICES, IN PAST GREGORY HAS SPOKEN BEFORE UNIVERSITY GROUPS. RECIPIENT OFFICES NOTIFY RESPECTIVE POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND APPROPRIATE AGENCIES. MILITARY ADVISED. USA, SECRET SERVICE, TO BE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING LHM.

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FBI WASH DC

CC MR. TRAINOR  
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To: SAC, Chicago (157-347)

EX 110  
Director, FBI (100-440423)-348  
*RE*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 9/14/68.

Submit a letterhead memorandum setting forth pertinent data contained in reairtel. Paraphrase the information in order to adequately protect  as the source.

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ERS:lmr

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in Chicago  
and recent unsuccessful   
traveled to Paris  with a  people.

this trip to Gregory   
 Prior to  departure, Gregory

Chicago felt dissemination of this  
information might compromise  and did not, therefore, submit  
an LHM.

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
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Date: 9/14/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

On 9/11/68, [redacted], who has furnished reliable information in the past, and who is a [redacted] advised that some time ago he had as [redacted]

[redacted] This individual invited [redacted] at some future date with other U. S. [redacted] people. [redacted]

On [redacted] and on [redacted] DICK GREGORY appeared on [redacted] and while talking with GREGORY [redacted]. GREGORY became very interested in this [redacted] for [redacted] since GREGORY was going to Paris within the next few days.

On 9/11/68, GREGORY told [redacted] in Paris. GREGORY said he would have [redacted]

ENCLOSURE

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 3 - Chicago
- 1 - 176-31

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REASON-FCIM, I, 1-2.4.2  
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Approved: [Signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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Bureau will be promptly advised upon [ ] return. (S) (U)

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Director, FBI (100-440423)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

According to a brochure of campus events 1968-69, at Western Maryland College, Richard Claxton Gregory and Andrew Hatcher, former Associate Press Secretary during the administration of the late John F. Kennedy, are scheduled for a "black power" debate at 10 a.m., 2/12/69, Alumni Hall, Western Maryland College.

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For the information of Baltimore, Gregory, a Negro comedian-entertainer and civil rights activist, has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, and the white racist structure in his speeches. In view of Gregory's past statements and his black extremist activity, you should make plans now to afford discreet coverage of his appearance. Bear in mind that he could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and that coverage should, therefore, include sources who would be in a position to testify. B

Insure that interested local authorities are aware of Gregory's scheduled appearance. Results of your coverage should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

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## LECTURES

"Discussion of off-off Broadway"  
—Al Carmines, composer, director, writer, minister  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29,  
3:00 p.m., Understage, Alumni Hall



"Presidential Elections, 1968" —  
Samuel Lubbel, political columnist  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9,  
10:00 a.m., Alumni Hall



"Modern Soldiers and Politicians in Africa"—Davidson Nicol, president of the University of Sierra Leone  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13,  
10:00 a.m., Alumni Hall



"The American Contribution to Africa in the 20th Century"—  
Davidson Nicol  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13,  
7:15 p.m., Decker Lecture Hall

(On November 14, at times to be announced, Mr. Nicol will discuss "The American Contribution to Africa in the 19th Century" and "The Genesis of an African Poem.")



"Black Power," a debate—Dick Gregory and Andrew Hatcher, civil rights leaders  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 10:00 a.m.,  
Alumni Hall

## WESTERN MARYLAND COLLEGE

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) (P) *ch*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Subject's appearance at Pittsburg, Kansas, 9/23/68.

News media at Pittsburg, Kansas, has announced the appearance of subject at a student meeting at Kansas State College at Pittsburg, Kansas, Monday, 9/23/68. Established sources will be alerted and contacted for the substance of statement subject makes. No Agents will attend the meeting. It is unlikely that subject will permit recording of his speech by the news media since he has so specified in his previous contracts for speeches.

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Letterhead memorandum will be submitted in the form of the letterhead memorandum enclosed with KCairtel to Bureau 9/3/68.

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KANSAS CITY DIVISION

At Pittsburg, Kansas

Through established source and if possible cooperative news media obtain substance any recording made or verbatim account of subject's remarks at the college on 9/23/68 and submit letterhead memorandum.

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau and indicated offices are copies of a LHM regarding subject suitable for dissemination.. Copies are being disseminated to the USA, MI, OSI, and NIC, all Portland.'

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Portland, Oregon

September 14, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

On September 13, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] Washington County Sheriff's Office, Hillsboro,  
Oregon, advised that he was present during a speaking  
appearance of Dick Gregory, nationally known former  
comedian, at Pacific University, Forest Grove, Oregon,  
on September 11, 1968.

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Subject, under sponsorship of the college,  
spoke before approximately 1,300 persons, of whom  
only 54 were Negro, including Job Corps enrollees brought  
to the University in a Job Corps bus from a distant  
area. [redacted] advised that a substantially accurate  
account of Gregory's remarks appeared in the Oregonian  
edition of September 12, 1968.

A xerox copy of the Oregonian, Portland daily  
newspaper of September 12, 1968, follows:

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# Dick Gregory Reports On Paris Meetings With N. Viets

Former nightclub comedian Dick Gregory flew into Portland Wednesday night, fresh from meetings with the North Vietnamese peace team in Paris.

There was no quip on his lips and only briefly did he flash the topical irreverence which made him a favorite standup funny man.

## Questions Answered

Instead he carried a briefcase bulging with campaign material and reports on the Paris meetings, and his manner was grave and attentive, not flip and funny.

He said there are no "peace talks" going on now between Washington and Hanoi envoys — only "talks."

"The principal delegate answered my questions candidly and explicitly," Gregory said. "And he made it plain that until the bombing stops in North Vietnam the subject of

peace is not even under discussion."

Gregory continued: "For the first time they (the North Vietnamese) stressed they

were interested in ending the war and finding a political settlement to the present difficulties."

Gregory said he is not "against the Vietnam war but against all wars. I am a pacifist. I don't agree with wars as a means of settling international differences."

## Write-Ins Urged

He said the Peace and Freedom Party has placed his name on the Pennsylvania ballot for November and he hopes for a place on the ballots of West Virginia and New York.

But he emphasized: "I am not a member of the Peace and Freedom Party. I am an independent and I am urging that people write in my name on ballots."



DICK GREGORY

In a talk at Pacific University Wednesday night, Gregory predicted Richard Nixon will be elected president, explaining "Daley did a

good job of whupping the Democratic party in Chicago." advocate overthrow of the capitalist system.

He refused to blame "You don't do away with Chicago police for any brutality during the convention. If they (the police) had been told to lay off, they would have laid off. They laid off the Shriners when they come to town and they raise about as much hell. Mayor Richard J. Daley is to blame."

## Systems Chance

He predicted 1968 would mark the end of the two-party system, explaining to his audience, "If they (the politicians) dare think they're going to preserve this corrupt system with you young people around, they're in as big trouble as Washington caused the British."

The number one problem "confronting this country is not air pollution," he asserted, "it's moral pollution," getting a laugh.

Gregory said he doesn't

change the order of things and put capitalism in its proper perspective — in second place. Nobody gives a damn about human rights — but don't you mess with property rights. But if you're so hung up on property rights, then the Indians ought to be the richest men in the world."

The speaker spent considerable time discussing the plight of American Indians. He said: "I love the way you Oregonians treat your black folks here — all 200 of them. It's the way you treat your Indian brothers that bugs me. Tonight we're 13,000 miles away, fighting for a better way of life for some little country, and look at the way we treat our Indian brothers. Nobody gives a damn about them."

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THE OREGONIAN  
PORTLAND, OREGON

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTER

[redacted] advised that Gregory did not have the appearance of being a "violent man" but that his remarks did have the effect of advocating civil disorder. He spoke of the effects of dynamite and spontaneous combustion and said that black soldiers are constantly returning from Vietnam and are trained in the use of explosives. He advocated opposition to the draft and to war. Gregory occasionally used vulgar language with an anti-white content which caused his audience to become hostile and a large number of persons walked out during his performance. Gregory predicted that this country is heading into a dictatorship and further predicted that he, himself, would be elected President in 1972.

In a conversation with [redacted] following his public appearance, Gregory indicated a strong belief in astrology and said that he has an "astrologer on his staff." He said that from the formation of the stars he believes that there will be an enormous disaster for California on September 22, 1968, resulting in large areas of the state sliding into the ocean.

[redacted] said that he felt let down in that Gregory was a man of lesser intelligence and less well informed on current events than he had been led to expect. [redacted] felt this was the general reaction of the Pacific University audience.

[redacted] said further that Gregory indicated he had no further appearances to make in the Portland area and intended to fly to the St. Louis, Missouri, area for a scheduled appearance.

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TO DIRECTOR AND OKLAHOMA CITY  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM 00: CHICAGO.

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O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES, FLIGHT ONE TWO  
NINE AT ONE TWENTY AM INSTANT FOR OKLAHOMA CITY. GREGORY  
HAS CONNECTING FLIGHT TO STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA AND RETURN  
FLIGHT TO OKLAHOMA CITY AND CHICAGO. FLIGHT NUMBERS AND  
TIMES FOR RETURN FLIGHTS UNAVAILABLE. GREGORY WAS GUEST  
SPEAKER WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI,  
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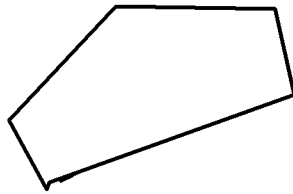
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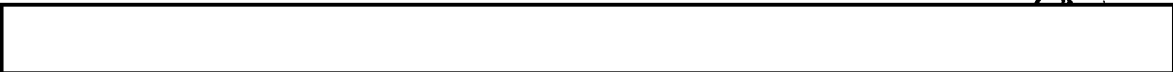
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM re GREGORY's travels. Two copies of LHM also enclosed for WFO.

One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to USA, Chicago, U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The source furnishing the GREGORY 9/11/68 press release is



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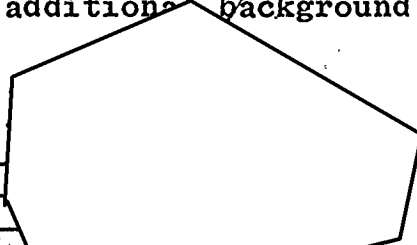
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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will develop additional background on BURROWS.

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Chicago, Illinois  
September 17, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On September 11, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised the Chicago Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that Gregory had held a press conference at the Saint Clair Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, on that date and had made the following press release:

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PRESS CONFERENCE

DATE: Wednesday, September 11  
TIME: 10:00 A.M.  
PLACE: St. Clair Hotel, 162 E. Ohio Street, Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT BY DICK GREGORY

CONCERNING MEETING WITH NORTH VIETNAMESE TRUCE TEAM IN PARIS

On September 8, 1968, I arrived in Paris with my wife, Lillian and telephoned the North Vietnamese Embassy. I requested an opportunity to meet with an official of the truce negotiating team in my capacity as a candidate for president of the United States. Inasmuch as I had been denied a foreign policy briefing in spite of my attempts to secure it thru a federal court order, I felt that I had no alternative but to seek the vital information necessary to conduct an intelligent discussion of this most critical issue by meeting directly with a representative of the North Vietnamese government.

On Monday, September 10, at 3:15 P.M. Paris Time, accompanied by my wife, Lillian, I met with three members of the North Vietnamese Truce Negotiating Team at the residence of the representative of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam, 8 Avenue le Clerc, Choisey Le Rio. The principle delegate, Mr. Nguyen-Minh-Vy, A Deputy of the National Assembly and his secretary, Mr. Bai and his interpreter, Mr. Yoang spoke with us for 2½ hours. I asked all the questions which most Americans would want answered. At no time did Mr. Vy hesitate to answer my questions candidly and explicitly.

Viewing the war from a neutral perspective in Paris it was possible for me to see the war from another point of view than I had been able to before. That is not to say that it changed the way I feel about the war in general for I am a pacifist and I am opposed not only to the war in Viet Nam but to all wars as a means of settling disagreements between nations. But speaking to the North Vietnamese I saw another side of the picture, a side which most Americans have not been

able to see. In the first place I was shocked to learn that in reality there are no peace talks being conducted in Paris. Listening to the President and the Republican and Democratic Candidates, all of whom are always asking us to pray for the success of the Peace Talks, I was naive enough indeed to think there were peace talks going on in Paris.

The North Vietnamese have flatly stated that no peace talks will even begin until the bombing above the demilitarized zone is stopped unconditionally. Our government has known this from the beginning of the first communications with Hanoi and the terms for establishing the negotiations in Paris were a concession by the North Vietnamese predicated upon this prerequisite. The truce teams have met formally now in 20 sessions over a period of 3 months, but at no time has a single step been made toward initiating the negotiations because the American government has not fulfilled the initial requirement of unilaterally ceasing the bombing of North Viet Nam. Recently the American government has begun to ask for some reciprocal action of de-escalation in exchange for a cessation of the bombing. The North Vietnamese consider this a travesty of the initial ground rules. Their facts and figures show that the so-called limitation of the bombing has actually meant an increase of air activity over their nation and they are adamant on this point. There will be no peace talks until the bombing ends. Now if any parent with a son in Viet Nam has been feeling a little more secure in the last 3 months because they felt that at least our government was doing something to try to end the war, it is my sad obligation to inform them that nothing whatsoever is being done.

It is important, I think, for me to convey to the American public the attitude of the North Vietnamese since they are supposed to be our enemy. In the first place, I was assured that the North Vietnamese do not consider the American people to be their enemy. There is a reason for this you must understand that the Vietnamese declared their independence and declared their war of liberation from colonial

power 23 years ago in 1904. President Ho Chi Minh is considered to be the George Washington of Viet Nam which used to be French Indo-China, just as the United States used to be a colony, of Great Britain. The Vietnamese were occupied during the Second World War by the Japanese and after their defeat they undertook to declare their independence from France. The Vietnamese defeated the French and yet they do not hate the French as we can see inasmuch as the conversations are taking place in Paris. To the Vietnamese the American soldier is simply a foreigner and the agent of a colonial power which wishes to control the economy and natural resources of their land. They do not blame the American people who they believe are opposed to the war but they blame the government, the military and the industrial powers which hope to profit from conquest and the war itself.

Let me explain to you how this is demonstrated in just one example. I was told that one of the most difficult things to control in North Vietnam is the insurance of safety under the Geneva Convention for prisoners of war to American pilots who are shot down over Vietnamese villages. "You must understand, Mr. Vy said to me, that when a pilot is captured, he does not fall into the hands of disciplined soldiers but he is taken by ordinary people on whom he has only a moment before been dropping bombs. The anger of these people is very great and the only way that we have been able to persuade them not to harm the pilots is because they know of the large amount of young people in the United States who risk imprisonment and brutality in order to protest against such atrocities".

Another very startling impression which I received in Paris which I was unable to imagine from my reading about the war here at home was that in the eyes of the Vietnamese they genuinely believe that every day the war progresses the United States is losing and they are winning. I was not talking to the representative of a government who was desperately seeking to end a war for any reason other than a deep conviction that only peace could resolve a problem. Clearly they consider the continuation of the war a greater problem to us than to them even though it is being fought on their soil. We are counting our victories on a balanced sheet.



of casualties, many of whom are civilians and they are able to calculate the results in territory controlled and the enormous loss of material to us and the cost (between 2 and 3 million dollars) a day upon our economy. I do not think the American people realize that (a) there are no peace talks, (b) there will be no peace talks until we stop the bombing, and (c) there can be no political solution to the war as long as we continue to believe that we are winning or can win a military victory. The facts are that as our investment in the war has increased so has our losses.

I asked Mr. Vy the question which the other political candidates have made an issue: What assurances do we have that if we stop the bombing more American lives will not be lost? He replied the only way to stop the loss of life is to end the war. The only way to end the war is to stop the bombing.

Now I am sure that if this war were being fought by some other country we would be able to see it quite differently than we do or if we were reading about it in a History book, we could be more objective than we are because it is a rather clear picture if you get far enough away from it so that you are not emotionally involved. Here we are a great nation engaged in a military conquest of a country smaller than the state of Florida, 13,000 miles away, dropping more bombs on it already than we did in all of World War II. We got into this by first sending just a small group of advisors who were not even supposed to do any shooting and now we have an army of half a million men shooting and burning and chemically destroying the crops. We have admittedly killed many innocent civilians and we are operating concentration camps in order to control the people we are supposed to be defending. Nevertheless, the Vietnamese know that Americans have a great sense of national honor. Mr. Vy told me that his country was prepared to take this into consideration in the negotiations but that Americans must also realize that the Vietnamese who had been fighting for 23 years for their independence also have a justifiable sense of national pride.

For my part I was convinced after our discussion that the Vietnamese are genuinely eager to settle the political problems of Viet Nam at the conference table now, but that they feel the longer the war continues the more it will be evident to the American people that there can be no military solution and that a public demand will require our government to negotiate a settlement.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 16, 1968, a Special Agent (SA) of the FBI observed Gregory arrive at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, Illinois, in a late model Ford light blue Station Wagon, Illinois Registration [redacted] driven by an elderly unidentified male Negro. Gregory departed O'Hare Airport at 3:10 p.m. on that date via American Airlines Flight 581 enroute to St. Louis, Missouri.

Illinois Automobile Registration [redacted] is listed to [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, (Gregory maintains residence at apartment building this address) for a 1967 Ford four-door Station Wagon, Vehicle Identification Number [redacted]

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In 1967 Chicago Press Media described [redacted] as a [redacted] who had been Gregory's [redacted] since March 20, 1967. [redacted] was further described as a former [redacted] and an ex-employee of [redacted]

On September 16, 1968, an [redacted] source related the following additional American Airlines ticketing:

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September 17, 1968	American Flight 125 departing St. Louis, Missouri, 10:35 a.m. and arriving at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at 12:32 p.m.
September 18, 1968	Frontier Airlines Flight 18 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and arriving Stillwater, Oklahoma.
September 19, 1968	Braniff Airlines Flight 127 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and arriving Dallas, Texas.
September 19, 1968	American Flight 313 departing Dallas, Texas, 5:35 p.m. and arriving Tucson, Arizona, 6:14 p.m.
September 20, 1968	American Flight 138 departing Tucson, Arizona, 8:25 a.m., arriving Dallas, Texas, 12:13 p.m.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

September 20, 1968

Frontier Airlines Flight 422 departing Dallas, Texas and arriving Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

September 21, 1968

American Flight 356 departing Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 9 a.m., arriving Chicago, Illinois, 10:44 a.m.

On September 17, 1968, sources advised the St. Louis Division of the FBI that Gregory appeared at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, September 16, 1968, as a guest speaker at a Freshman Student Orientation Organization. Sources reported that Gregory changed his itinerary when his September 17, 1968, scheduled departure flight from St. Louis was delayed. Gregory then departed St. Louis on American Airline Flight 234 enroute for Chicago, Illinois.

On September 17, 1968, the previously mentioned [redacted] source confirmed GREGORY's arrival in Chicago, Illinois, that date on Flight 234. [redacted]

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois  
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois  
113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

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Date: 9/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: LEGAT, PARIS (157-13) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

Enclosed are nine copies of an LHM containing information received on 9/12/68 from the Security Office, American Embassy, Paris, France.

In the event further information is received from Paris sources, the Bureau will be advised.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[redacted] American  
Embassy, Paris, France, advised on September 12, 1968, that  
an article appeared in "L'Humanite," the French Communist  
Party daily newspaper, on September 11, 1968, indicating that  
RICHARD GREGORY had had a conversation lasting two and one-  
half hours with one [redacted] a member of the North  
Vietnamese Delegation to the Vietnam Peace talks presently  
being held in Paris.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau, 9-16-68, and  
St. Louis teletype to the Bureau, 9-17-68.

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Copies of the letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, U. S. Attorney, Military Intelligence and the St. Louis Police Department.

Source #1 used in the LHM is [redacted]  
source that furnished information to the Chicago Office.

Source #2 is [redacted]  
St. Louis, Missouri.

Source #3 is [redacted]  
University.

Source #4 is [redacted]  
C. C. - Bishop

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri-

September 17, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source #1 advised the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on September 16, 1968 that Richard Claxton Gregory departed Chicago, Illinois via American Airlines Flight 581 at 3:00 p.m. en route to St. Louis, Missouri. This flight was scheduled to arrive at St. Louis, Missouri at 4:13 p.m. on September 16, 1968.

Source #2 advised on September 16, 1968, that upon arriving at the St. Louis Airport on September 16, 1968, Mr. Gregory rented an automobile from the Avis Rent-A-Car Company desk at the airport. This automobile was a four-door Chrysler Newport automobile bearing Missouri license number YE 1259. At the time Gregory rented the automobile he gave his address as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 1030, Chicago, Illinois. Source stated that Gregory was scheduled to appear on the Washington University campus in St. Louis, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. on the same date.

Source #3 advised on September 17, 1968 that Richard Gregory had appeared on the Washington University campus at the Field House as a guest speaker on September 16, 1968. His appearance was sponsored by the Freshmen Orientation Organizing Committee. According to the source, Gregory, in his talk, praised the Negroes and student militants as being in the tradition of men who wrote the Declaration of Independence. He stated, "You made LBJ (President Lyndon B. Johnson) step down when the Russian Army with all their guns couldn't have done it." Gregory urged the young people to use their power to change the system. Two of the issues touched upon by him in his talk as of vital concern to the students were the Draft and the Vietnam War. He defined the actions of Negro militants as being in line with Patrick Henry's "Give me liberty or give me death." Gregory stated that the issue today is not black against white but right against wrong.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to Source #1 Gregory was scheduled to depart St. Louis on American Airlines Flight 125, leaving St. Louis 10:35 a.m., September 17, 1968.

Source #4 advised on September 17, 1968, that American Airlines Flight 125 was delayed in arriving at St. Louis and that Richard Gregory had revised his itinerary and he departed St. Louis on American Airlines Flight 234 at 9:40 a.m. en route to Chicago, Illinois, arriving at O'Hara Field in Chicago at 10:37 a.m.

All sources used in this letterhead memorandum have either furnished information in the past or were in a position to furnish reliable information.

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FBI CHICAGO

513PM URGENT 8/23/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR AND PHILADELPHIA

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (157-2410) (P) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM, OO: CHICAGO  
DEMCON; OO: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED INSTANT DICK GREGORY  
DEPARTED CHICAGO BY AIR TODAY FOR PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.  
HE WILL RETURN CHICAGO ON AUGUST TWENTY FIVE NEXT. REASON  
FOR PHILADELPHIA TRIP NOT KNOWN. GREGORY NOW PLANS TO REMAIN  
IN CHICAGO DURING WEEK OF DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

AUGUST TWENTY SIX - TWENTY NINE NEXT BUT SOURCE HAD NO  
INDICATION GREGORY PLANNED ANY DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES DURING  
CONVENTION. AFTER CONVENTION GREGORY INTENDS TO VACATION  
WITH WIFE AND WITH JIM SMITH FAMILY AT SMITH'S FARM NEAR  
STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN. SMITH IS PUBLISHER "CHICAGO GAZETTE",

NEWSPAPER DIRECTED TO NEGRO COMMUNITY.

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SECRET SERVICE, USA, MILITARY, CHICAGO PD ADVISED. SOURCE  
IS  PHILADELPHIA AND MILWAUKEE CONTACT  
SOURCES RE GREGORY'S ACTIVITIES.

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12-46 AM URGENT 8-26-68 RM

TO DIRECTOR (ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELL.) AND CHICAGO  
FROM PHILADELPHIA

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. OO CHICAGO.

RE PH TEL CALL TO CHICAGO EIGHT TWENTYFIVE LAST.

[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE DETAIL, PH PD, WHO WAS  
ASSIGNED TO GREGORY UPON GREGORY'S MOST RECENT VISIT PHILA., ADVISED  
GREGORY REMAINED OVERNIGHT EIGHT TWENTYTHREE LAST RESIDENCE OF  
[REDACTED] PHILA., PA

[REDACTED] STATES GREGORY LEFT PHILA. VIA ALLEGHENY AIRLINE FLIGHT  
NINE ZERO SEVEN AT TWO ZERO ZERO PM, ON EIGHT TWENTYFOUR LAST  
FOR WASHINGTON, D.C., WHERE HE WAS TO PICK UP PERSONAL PAPERS AND  
DEPART FOR NEW YORK. DESTINATION AFTER ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK UNKNOWN  
TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ADVISED DURING EVENING OF EIGHT TWENTYTHREE OR EARLY  
MORNING EIGHT TWENTYFOUR LAST GREGORY WHILE AT RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MRS. GREGORY. GREGORY TOLD  
[REDACTED] TELEPHONE CALL CONCERNED ITSELF WITH A TV APPEARANCE OF GREGORY  
IN LONDON, ENGLAND, FOR WHICH HE WAS TO BE PAID FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 5

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau and Oklahoma City,  
9/18/68. 100-440423-345

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of a  
letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination.

Oklahoma City is being furnished one copy of the  
LHM for information.

One copy of LHM being disseminated locally to  
U.S. Attorney and U.S. Secret Service, both Chicago, and  
Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago source is \_\_\_\_\_  
Chicago, Illinois.

Information contained in the attached LHM has been  
furnished to the Chicago Police Department.

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G. C. Bishop

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HOW FORW: R/S 9/27/68

DATE FORW: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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Special Agent in Charge

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Sept. 20, 1968

Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum captioned as above and dated September 17, 1968.

An [ ] source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 18, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory departed O'Hare International Airport, Chicago, Illinois, via Braniff Airlines flight 129 at 1:20 AM, en route to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gregory, according to source, has a connecting flight to Stillwater, Oklahoma, and return flight to Oklahoma City and Chicago. Source had no information as to flight number or times concerning the return flight.

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Source concluded saying that Gregory had been guest speaker at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, on September 16, 1968.

The following agencies are being furnished a copy of this memorandum:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
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FBI ST. LOUIS

1130AM URGENT 9-17-68 GCW

TO: DIRECTOR, OKLAHOMA CITY, DALLAS, PHOENIX, CHICAGO (157-347)  
FROM: ST. LOUIS (157-5822)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU, SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST

ST. LOUIS SOURCES ADVISED GREGORY APPEARED AT WASHINGTON  
UNIVERSITY, ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPTEMBER SIXTEEN LAST AS GUEST SPEAKER  
OF FRESHMAN STUDENT ORIENTATION ORGANIZATION. HE CHANGED ITINERARY  
WHEN SCHEDULED FLIGHT FROM ST. LOUIS SEPTEMBER SEVENTEEN WAS  
DELAYED. GREGORY DEPARTED ST. LOUIS AMERICAN AIRLINE FLIGHT TWO  
THREE FOUR AT NINE FORTY AM. ARRIVAL TIME O'HARA FIELD, CHICAGO,  
TEN THIRTYSEVEN AM. FUTURE TRAVEL PLANS OF GREGORY UNKNOWN IN  
ST. LOUIS. GREGORY IN HIS TALK BEFORE STUDENTS STATED ISSUE  
TODAY IS NOT BLACK AGAINST WHITE BUT RIGHT AGAINST WRONG.

SECRET SERVICE, ST. LOUIS PD, USA, MILITARY INTELLIGENCE  
ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS.

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FBI OKLA CITY

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TO DIRECTOR DALLAS CHICAGO AND PHOENIX

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 157-485 -P-

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO:CHICAGO.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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SOURCE ADVISED NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT,

GREGORY ARRIVED OKLAHOMA CITY FOUR FORTY AM ON NINE EIGHTEEN  
SIXTYEIGHT VIA BRANIFF AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE TWO NINE FROM  
CHICAGO. ON NINE NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT THE SOURCE ADVISED  
GREGORY DEPARTED OKLAHOMA CITY THIS DATE AT FOUR THIRTYFIVE PM  
ON BRANIFF FLIGHT ONE TWO SEVEN TO DALLAS, TEXAS. HE HAS  
CONNECTING FLIGHT ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ONE THREE  
DEPARTING DALLAS TO TUCSON, LEAVING DALLAS AT FIVE THIRTYFIVE PM,  
HE HAS RETURN RESERVATION ON AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE THREE  
EIGHT DEPARTING TUCSON EIGHT TWENTYFIVE AM NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT  
ARRIVING DALLAS TWELVE FIFTEEN PM, HE HAS CONNECTING FLIGHT ON  
FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO LEAVING DALLAS AT ONE  
ZERO FIVE PM AND ARRIVING OKLAHOMA CITY AT TWO FORTYTWO PM ON  
NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT.

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NEWS MEDIA REPORTS REFLECT GREGORY MADE SPEECH AT LANGSTON UNIVERSITY, LANGSTON, OKLAHOMA, AT TEN AM AND AT OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, STILLWATER, OKLAHOMA AT EIGHT PM ON NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTYEIGHT. HE HAS SPEECH SCHEDULED AT EIGHT PM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA ON NINE TWENTY SIXTYEIGHT. NO INCIDENTS OCCURRED WHILE GREGORY WAS IN OKLAHOMA.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR NINE SIXTEEN SIXTYEIGHT.

[REDACTED] SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILITARY AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

IN OKLAHOMA ADVISED. USA, SECRET SERVICE, TO BE ADVISED BY

FOLLOWING LHM.

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cc - MR. TRAINOR  
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TELETYPE

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO (157-347) AND OKLAHOMA CITY (157-485)  
FROM DALLAS (157-976) 1-P (RUC)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO - CHICAGO.

RE CHICAGO TEL TO BUREAU, SEPT. SIXTEEN LAST.

GREGORY ARRIVED DALLAS FIVE FOURTEEN PM, SEPT. NINETEEN  
LAST, DEPARTED SAME DATE FIVE THIRTYFIVE PM, VIA AMERICAN  
AIRLINES FLIGHT THREE ONE THREE FOR TUCSON. NO INCIDENTS OR  
CONTACTS MADE DURING BRIEF STAY AT LOVE FIELD, DALLAS.

GREGORY ARRIVED DALLAS VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FROM TUCSON,  
TWELVE FOURTEEN PM INSTANT, DEPARTED SAME DATE ONE NAUGHT FIVE  
PM, VIA FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO FOR OKLAHOMA CITY.  
NO INCIDENTS, CONTACTS DURING THIS BRIEF STAY AT LOVE FIELD.

UPON RECEIPT OF CHICAGO TEL OF SEPT. SIXTEEN, LAST, DALLAS  
PD INTELLIGENCE UNIT, AS WELL AS MILITARY AGENCIES APPROPRIATELY  
ADVISED.

IN VIEW OF BRIEF LAYOVER AT DALLAS LOVE FIELD, AND NO SEP 25 1968  
CONTACTS OR INCIDENTS EITHER DATE, DALLAS SUBMITTING NO LHM,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/25/68

FROM: SAC, PHOENIX (157-336) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CG

DICK GREGORY

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Re CG teletype to Bureau and PX, 9/16/68.

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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV., FBI  
DEPT: ISD, CRD, CD, IDIU

HOW FORW: R/S  
DATE FORW: 10/3/68  
BY: [Redacted]

OCT 17 1968

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Phoenix, Arizona  
September 25, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 19, 1968, issue of the "Arizona Wildcat," a newspaper published daily at the University of Arizona (UA), Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article:

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ENCLOSURE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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## Gregory To Speak Thursday

Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian and civil rights crusader, will speak on campus this Thursday at 8:15 in the University Auditorium as part of the Associated Students Speakers Board series.

First achieving recognition on the stage and in television, Gregory moved into motion pictures with his debut in 'Sweet Love, Bitter.' More recently Gregory became a best-selling novelist with the publication of his autobiography, 'Nigger.' Doubleday will soon publish his second book, 'Sermons.'

In his personal civil rights crusade, Gregory marched in innumerable demonstrations, languished in jails, and criss-crossed the country delivering speeches in which he uses his humor to dispell hate and bigotry.

Of last year's performance by Gregory on campus, the Daily Wildcat wrote: "This University should insure that more speakers of Gregory's quality are heard on this campus to make sure that even those who are here must learn how to make a living will still have to come to grips with this society, its truths and its lies, its good and its evil."

No admission will be charged for the program.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 19, 1968, [redacted] [redacted] UA, advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled to arrive at the Tucson International Airport at 6:30 p.m., that date. He would be met by representatives of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) Speaker's Board and escorted directly to the UA campus where he was to speak at 8 p.m.

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Later on September 19, 1968, [redacted] advised that no violence of demonstrations occurred during Gregory's appearance. Immediately after his speech he was given a reception at the Student Union by the ASUA, and from there he went to the Statler Hilton Motel in Tucson for the night. He told Gregory at the reception that he had reservations for an American Airlines flight at 8:25 a.m., September 20, 1968, to Dallas.

The September 20, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Wildcat" carried the following article concerning Gregory's appearance at the UA the previous evening:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

## To Overcome Obsolete System

# Gregory Challenges Youth

By BARBARA SCHULER

Civil rights leader Dick Gregory last night charged youth to get involved and overcome an obsolete American system that shows them no respect.

Speaking to an enthusiastic, overflow crowd in the University Auditorium, the entertainer-turned-civil rights crusader told the audience that the Nov. 5 election would mark 'the last leg of the two party system in America.'

### Outside Speech

Gregory, who is on the ballot as a presidential candidate in six states, said that a system that allows 18-year-olds to fight for the country without giving them an opportunity to vote for its leaders, must be destroyed.

The start of the ASUA Speaker's Board-

sponsored program was delayed 20 minutes while Gregory mounted a table outside the auditorium to speak to the approximately 200 people not allowed to enter by the campus security force.

### Fire Restrictions

Douglas Paxton, chief of campus security, said that the program was in danger of being halted because of fire regulations when almost 100 students rushed through the front doors that were opened to allow Gregory outside to speak.

Paxton said there were at least 200 people admitted to the auditorium that were not University students or faculty members.

Gregory, who spends almost 98 per cent of his time on college campuses, said that

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youth must understand its own power and not be afraid to ask questions. He cited youth's actions as the prime reason Lyndon Johnson is not seeking re-election this year.

The author of the best-seller "Nigger," Gregory said that youth must create an atmosphere in the country "where America is as afraid of injustice at home as it is of Communism abroad."

### Americans, Not Foreigners

A close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King in the 1965 Chicago demonstrations, Gregory said he was glad to see the reaction of the hippies and the

hippies in Chicago during the Democratic convention. He said he was glad to see the demonstrations because he "would rather see Americans burn American cities than foreign villages."

Gregory, whose sharp humor came through clearly, said the first thing he would do if he were elected president would be to bring all the boys home from Vietnam and "send LBJ by himself."

He said, "you must put the capitalistic system in its right place—behind the Constitution, not in front of it."



**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**

The September 20, 1968, edition of the "Arizona Daily Star," a newspaper published daily at Tucson, Arizona, carried the following article concerning Gregory's appearance at the UA:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

# Gregory Urges 'Youth Power'

## Negro Rights Activist Tells UA Students 'To Straighten Out Our Corrupt System'

By JUDY DONOVAN

Civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory urged a University of Arizona student audience of nearly 3,000 last night to "straighten up this country's corrupt system — violently, the easy way, or non violently, the harder way."

His expert comic timing and dramatic delivery scatter-gunned topics from Vietnam to draft card burning, from slavery to policemen's pay. Wearing what looked like a jail uniform, he entered the University Auditorium to a standing ovation, after briefly addressing from a tabletop the 200 to 300 students in front of the building who couldn't get seats.

"You have to turn this country around. Understand your power," he told the rapt, packed audience. "LBJ is not running this year because of you youngsters. All the Chinese and Russian Armies couldn't have stopped him, but you made him step down without one bullet fired."

"Leadership today yells law and order to the black folks," he continued, "but that's the same leadership that fails to take away control from the large crime syndicates. And the same man that tells us to be non violent, is the one that owns all the missiles, the Army, the Navy, and tonight is dropping napalm on Vietnam."

The number one problem facing the nation is moral pollution, Gregory shouted. "This nation is the most morally polluted, corrupt, insane nation on this earth. If the two-party system doesn't represent you young folks — old enough to die at 18 but not old enough to vote — then that system must be destroyed," he said.

If Humphrey wins the election, Daley will be the president and that's worse than Wallace because at least Wallace isn't a gangster, he added.

"The police of Chicago should get no more blame for what happened with the hippies and the yuppies at the Democratic convention, than the German Army got for what Hitler did with them," Gregory said. "A

cop is America's new nigger — underpaid, with bad working hours. You have to help him stop being America's nigger, the way you helped us. It's the system — the Daleys, the LBJ's, the ones that are bugging the cops and making them take it out on young kids."

On rights: "This country don't give a damn about human rights, just property rights."

On non violence: "If you really believed in non violence, you'd cut loose my red brother from the reservation (you can't be more non violent than he's been for the last 50 years), the Mexicans in the fields, the Puerto Ricans and the Jews."

On the Paris peace talks: "There are no peace talks — stop the bombing for 30 days, sit down at the peace tables and in five hours you'd have a solution."

On heart transplants: "The only heart that's still working is that one in South Africa from a black. Nothing a change of heart won't fix for you white folks!"

"Black and white are not colors anymore — they're attitudes," he asserted. "We resent the words 'law and order' because it's just a new word for nigger. I don't want to destroy the capitalistic system, just beat it into its proper place behind the Constitution and not in front of it."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 20, 1968, [REDACTED]  
Operations Office, [REDACTED] Tucson International  
Airport, advised that Richard Gregory was a passenger on  
American Airlines flight 138 which departed Tucson at 8:25  
a.m. en route to Dallas, Texas.

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TO DIRECTOR FBI, CHICAGO 157-345

FROM OKLAHOMA CITY 157-485 P 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM OO CHICAGO.

RE OKLAHOMA CITY TELETYPE TO DIRECTOR SEPTEMBER NINETEEN LAST.

GREGORY ARRIVED OKLAHOMA CITY TWO FORTYTWO PM, SEPTEMBER TWENTY  
LAST ON FRONTIER AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE TWO FROM DALLAS, TEXAS.

NEWS MEDIA REPORTS REFLECT GREGORY MADE SPEECH BEFORE THREE  
THOUSAND STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, NORMAN, OKLAHOMA ON  
NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER TWENTY LAST. DURING SPEECH, HE URGED STUDENTS TO  
"TURN THE WHOLE COUNTRY AROUND" BY USING ECONOMIC POWER. NO INCIDENTS  
OCCURRED DURING GREGORY'S VISIT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA.

GREGORY DEPARTED OKLAHOMA CITY VIA AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT  
THREE FIVE SIX AT NINE AM THIS DATE FOR CHICAGO.

MILITARY AND LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS APPROPRIATELY ADVISED.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RM

OO:CHICAGO

Re Chicago teletype to the Director and Los Angeles dated 9/26/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Los Angeles are 11 and 2 copies of a LHM relating to GREGORY going to Los Angeles on 9/26/68.

One copy of the LHM is being furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago; United States Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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AT LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. Advise the Bureau and Chicago in form suitable for dissemination of GREGORY's activities in Los Angeles and data regarding his departure that city.

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CG 157-347

Chicago, Illinois 60604  
September 27, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Sergeant [redacted] Police Department, Illinois, advised on September 26, 1968, Gregory departed O'Hare Airport, Chicago, 11:00 a.m., September 26, 1968, via Continental Airline, Flight 17 for Los Angeles, California, and was scheduled to arrive in that city at 12:50 p.m., Los Angeles time. His departure from Los Angeles is not known. Gregory has been making speeches at various colleges and universities throughout the country in recent months.

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Richard Claxton Gregory is a nationally known Negro entertainer and civil rights activist.

A copy of this memorandum is being furnished to the United States Attorney, to United States Secret Service, both Chicago, and to Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTIRIOT LAWS</b>	

REFERENCES: Chicago airtel to Bureau, 9/17/68, captioned  
"Disturbances in Connection with Democratic  
National Convention, ARL."

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"RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY," and dated 9/26/68.

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Office: Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Date: 9/26/68

Field Office File #: 176-12

Bureau File #:

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTIRIOT LAWS

Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY, held a news conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., on 8/23/68, at which he disclaimed any intention of participating in demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, but did predict that there would be trouble in Chicago during the Convention.

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ROBERT S. PERKINS, Newscaster, Television Station KDKA, Channel 2, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he was present at a news conference held by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, downtown Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968, from approximately 10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

Mr. PERKINS said that approximately 400 feet of film, representing about eight to nine minutes of the news conference, was shot by a KDKA camera man. However, the film has been misplaced and is not presently available for review.

Mr. PERKINS stated that he was present for the entire news conference and at no time did Mr. GREGORY state that he planned to promote or participate in any demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, although he did mention the probability of disorders at the Convention.

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Mr. PERKINS further advised that his recollection of the press conference is extremely slight and he cannot recall verbatim any statements made by Mr. GREGORY.

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JAMES W. CRAWFORD, JR., Staff Writer, "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he was present at a press conference given by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968. He said that the conference was held sometime around noon and lasted for approximately 30 to 40 minutes.

Mr. CRAWFORD said he was present for the entire conference and that Mr. GREGORY's comments were non-inflammatory in nature and at no time did he make an appeal for people to go to Chicago and demonstrate at the Democratic National Convention.

Mr. CRAWFORD furnished one photographic copy of the following article which appeared in the August 24, 1968, edition of the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette:"

"Black comedian and presidential candidate DICK GREGORY, who describes his own chances for election this year as 'remote,' had more praise yesterday for ultra-conservative GEORGE WALLACE than either RICHARD NIXON or HUBERT H. HUMPHREY.

"Black people at least know where he stands," GREGORY said at a press conference Downtown. "You can't say that of the Democrats or the Republicans."

"A self-described pacifist, the 35-year-old entertainer appeared here briefly to rally support for the Peace and Freedom Party's presidential drive in Pennsylvania, where he and former New York State Assemblyman MARK LANE are listed on the November ballot.

"In most other states GREGORY is seeking support as a write-in candidate.

"GREGORY said he has renounced his earlier plans to lead a protest demonstration at the

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"Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week. But he added that he fears 'a lot of awful things are going to happen there.'

"He made only one brief comment on Russia's invasion of Czechoslovakia:

"'I am saddened that my country has to radiate with pride over something bad the Russians did--I wish we could be as non-violent in Vietnam as the Russians have been in Czechoslovakia.'

"Racial violence has not hurt the black man's cause, GREGORY asserted. 'For three hundred years black men have been unable to trust the whites. Now that white folks have gotten as uncomfortable as the blacks, maybe at last we can sit down and talk about things.'"

Mr. CRAWFORD said that the above article reports accurately the essence of the remarks made by Mr. GREGORY in reference to the Democratic National Convention.

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S. ALAN BOAL, Newscaster, Television and Radio Station WTAE, Pittsburgh, Pa., advised that he attended a press conference held by DICK GREGORY at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, on August 23, 1968. He said that the conference was held sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. and lasted approximately 22 to 25 minutes.

Mr. BOAL stated that Mr. GREGORY's remarks were non-inflammatory in nature and that in reference to the Democratic National Convention, Mr. GREGORY said that he had previously planned to participate in demonstrations but now had no intention of so doing.

Mr. BOAL said that Mr. GREGORY made a statement to the effect that there was a possibility that trouble might occur at the Convention.

Mr. BOAL further advised that a WTAE camera man filmed approximately 10 minutes of the conference, but that he has not had the opportunity to review the film in order to refresh his recollection.

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DAVID MURRAY, News Director, Radio and Television Station WTAE, Pittsburgh, Pa., made available for viewing a 16 millimeter color film with sound tract taken by WTAE camera man WILLIAM GOLL at a news conference held by DICK GREGORY at Pittsburgh on August 23, 1968. The film, which is approximately 10 minutes in duration, is comprised of various segments of the news conference.

In the film, Mr. GREGORY states that he had planned to lead demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention, but following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., he decided against such a course of action. Mr. GREGORY predicted that "an awful lot of things are going to happen" (in Chicago) and said that he hoped sufficient force was present in Chicago to stop anything from happening from inside (the Convention).

Mr. GREGORY made the statement that more blacks have benefited from riots than have not benefited from them.

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The following article appeared in the August 23, 1968, issue of "The Pittsburgh Press," a Pittsburgh daily newspaper:

"LBJ Here To Stay,  
Negro Comic Says"

"LYNDON B. JOHNSON may be nominated at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago next week, according to Comedian DICK GREGORY, himself a presidential candidate on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket.

"Mr. GREGORY, 35, who now devotes his time to campaigning, said at a press conference here today that President JOHNSON may turn out to be the 'compromise' candidate.

"As for the prospect of demonstrations and disorders during the convention, he said, 'I think a lot of awful things will happen in Chicago.'

"Mr. GREGORY said in most states he will be a write-in candidate and predicted he will get the largest number of write-ins for the nation's highest office.

"In discussing President JOHNSON's record in office, Mr. GREGORY termed the 'Great Society' a flop.

"It has done no good whatsoever. It started out as one of the great human acts in resolving poverty problems, but then it was put in the hands of the politicians,' he said.

"As for improving black-white relations, Mr. GREGORY foresaw no bright future ahead.

"The Negro sees he can get too many gains by being unsmooth,' he concluded;

"He had the following commentary on the Czechoslovakia crisis: 'I am saddened that my country has to radiate in pride because the Russians did something so bad. I wish WE could be as nonviolent in Vietnam as the Russians were in Czechoslovakia.'"

On September 26, 1968, JOHN CARROLL, City Editor, "The Pittsburgh Press," Pittsburgh, advised SA [redacted] that the above article was written by a summer employee, LINDA GOLDSTEIN, of Pittsburgh. He said that Miss GOLDSTEIN is presently a graduate student in the School of Journalism at Boston University, Boston, Mass.

The following is a description of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY:

Name	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
Alias	DICK GREGORY
Sex	Male
Race	Negro
Date of Birth	10/12/32
Place of Birth	St. Louis, Missouri
Height	5'10"
Weight	140 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Scars	1" scar on left knee; 2" scar on left hand
Marital Status	Married: Wife [redacted]
Residence	[redacted] [redacted] Chicago, Illinois
Occupation	Night club comedian - entertainer

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Military Service.	U. S. Army, 6/11/54 to 3/22/56; Honorable Discharge.
Characteristics.	Wears beard and/or mustache
FBI Number	796519E



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Pittsburgh; Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

September 26, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 27, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on the morning of August 23, 1968, Dick Gregory held a press conference at the Pick-Roosevelt Hotel, Pittsburgh, which was attended by approximately 50 people.

According to the source, Gregory stated that he was a statesman and not a politician, and that his candidacy offers an alternative to the two party system. In referring to George Wallace, Gregory said he is the best possible candidate since everyone knows how Wallace thinks.

Gregory said that his campaign is an independent effort and that he has refused to accept five million dollars which has been offered to him because to do so would compromise his independence. He declared that the news media have given him very little coverage because he is a peaceful man and he stated that if he threw a brick or two, he would be on the front page of "Time Magazine."

Source advised that Gregory, in referring to the Czechoslovakian Situation, said that he wished the United States would be as peaceful in Vietnam as the Russians were in Prague. Gregory said he has not been given a briefing

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

by the State Department regarding Czechoslovakia and that he intends to file suit. He said he had written a letter to Secretary General U Thant of the United Nations requesting information regarding the Czechoslovakian Situation and U Thant had replied that no information could be furnished to Gregory inasmuch as he is a Presidential candidate.

Source said that Gregory predicted President Lyndon B. Johnson will again be a Presidential candidate and that his running mate for the Vice Presidency will be Mayor Carl Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio. He said that such a ticket would be a sure winner.

Gregory said that he feels his chances for becoming President are not impossible and that he may be the only candidate left. He said that the situation in Chicago is not good and Mayor Richard J. Daley's attitude toward the yippies and hippies will create a great deal of trouble. In this regard, Gregory said that the blacks will not be the ones to destroy Chicago and that none of his "group" will participate in the demonstrations which have been planned.

In referring to gun control, Gregory stated that if the police shot a white youngster, gun control would probably result immediately and police would not even be allowed to carry night sticks.

Source said that Gregory stated that the riots have helped the Negro cause, but lamented the fact that a negative force has been the only thing to bring about positive reactions. He said that the country is sick and insane, and that one of the first things he will do if he is elected President, will be to eliminate all civil rights legislation because if the Constitution is adhered to, there is no need for such legislation.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Prior to the termination of the conference, Gregory indicated that he was on his way to Philadelphia to attend a rally, but that he planned to return to Pittsburgh sometime before the November elections.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division

DATE: October 2, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

FILE COPY

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated 9/26/68  
at Pittsburgh.

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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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SAC, Albuquerque (62-1302)

10/22/68

Director, FBI (100-440423) - 364

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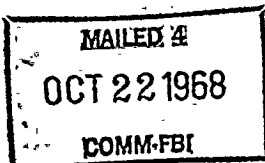
Furnish Bureau a copy of Albuquerque letter to the Bureau dated 8/2/68 mentioned in referenced letter since the Bureau has been unable to locate the letter. Forward the letter to the Bureau by routing slip to attention of Room 906, 9th and D Building.

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NOTE:

Referenced letter mentions a PSI and refers to previous letter to Bureau dated 8/2/68.



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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/27/68

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (62-1302) (C)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

INFORMATION CONCERNING *EX-110*  
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*DEAN GREGORY*

Re Albuquerque letter to Bureau dated 8/2/68.

[REDACTED] who is under development in this division as a PSI, reported on 8/30/68 that one [REDACTED] had called [REDACTED] by telephone from New York, inquiring as to the whereabouts of [REDACTED]. During the conversation, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] was going to Florida for the winter and that he will return to Tucson, Arizona, in February, 1969, to start construction of a building on the land [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Phoenix Office is one copy of a letterhead memorandum concerning the captioned matter dated August 2, 1968.

This matter will be followed through [REDACTED] and if further information is received, the Bureau and the Phoenix Office will be advised.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
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Re Report of SA [redacted] at Chicago dated 9/11/68 captioned "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ANTIRIOT LAWS".

Interview of GREGORY re antiriot matter is being held in obedience at present stage of investigation but will be considered in near future after additional information developed, UACB.

It is noted that in July, 1968, GREGORY said to [redacted] that if the FBI tried to interview him, he would note the agents name and "badge number" and use the attempted interview in his speeches in effort to discredit the FBI, which information was furnished to the Bureau in CG tel 7/25/68, under above RM caption.

In view of the above, Chicago will weigh the possibility of embarrassment to the Bureau against results likely to be achieved by an interview before recommending such interview.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

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FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (176-19) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau and all SACs 9/17/68,  
captioned, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH DNC"; and  
Cincinnati letter to Bureau, copy to Chicago, dated 2/20/68,  
captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka., RM".

Referenced Cincinnati letter enclosed to Bureau  
three reels of a tape recording made of a speech by GREGORY at  
Mershon Auditorium, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, on  
1/23/68. The Cincinnati Office does not have a transcription  
of this recording which was furnished by [redacted]

However, the tape was reviewed prior to  
submission and note was taken that the text closely followed  
the material of GREGORY's speech at Wittenberg University in  
Springfield, Ohio, on 1/24/68.

Bureau is requested to furnish Chicago with contents  
of tape recording if deemed pertinent to ARL investigation.  
Source who furnished recording at Columbus, Ohio, will be  
interviewed regarding his recollection of speech, since he  
did not retain copy of tape.

- ④ - Bureau (3 - 100-440423) - 10212CE  
(1 - 44-DISTURBANCES DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION)  
3 - Chicago (2 - 176-31) - 100-440423 - 365  
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URGENT 9-26-68 ATS  
TO DIRECTOR AND LOS ANGELES PLAINTEXT  
LOS ANGELES VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. 00; CHICAGO.

SERGEANT [REDACTED] PD ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY DEPARTED  
O'HARE AIRPORT, CHICAGO, VIA CONTINENTAL AIRLINE FLIGHT ONE SEVEN  
FOR LOS ANGELES AT ELEVEN AM. WILL ARRIVE LOS ANGELES TWELVE FIFTY  
P.M., LOS ANGELES TIME. FLIGHT NUMBERS FOR RETURN UNAVAILABLE.

GREGORY HAS BEEN GUEST SPEAKER VARIOUS COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES  
RECENTLY THROUGHOUT COUNTRY.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) P  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO Chicago

Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 9/16/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM,  
dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for Chicago are  
7 copies of same LHM.

No local dissemination is being made of this LHM  
by the Kansas City Division, and appropriate dissemination  
should be considered by Chicago.

KC file Source is \_\_\_\_\_

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AT PITTSBURG, KANSAS

Will contact \_\_\_\_\_ KOAM Radio and will  
obtain tape recording of GREGORY's address at KSC on 9/23/68.

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- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 11) RM
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encs. 7) RM
- 3 - Kansas City (2-157-649)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 28, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

On September 16, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to make an appearance at Carney Hall, on the campus of Kansas State College, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on the night of September 23, 1968. Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Kansas State College Student Union Board, headed by [redacted] the [redacted] and the main theme of his address is supposed to deal in the area of "Civil Rights". His appearance time is scheduled for 8:00 PM, and it is expected that he will speak in the neighborhood of two hours. The source stated that he will personally cover Gregory's appearance at Kansas State College on the 16th. b6  
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On September 23, 1968, the same source advised that Gregory arrived at the Joplin Airport, Joplin, Missouri, on this date at 6:27 PM, on Frontier Airlines Flight # 447, arriving from Kansas City, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by [redacted] and [redacted] and was transported to the campus of Kansas State College in Pittsburg in the [redacted] personally owned automobile, a 1968 Plymouth. KANSAS

On September 24, 1968, the same source advised that he personally covered Gregory's address at Kansas State College on the night of September 23, 1968, and the following information is set forth reference Gregory's appearance as furnished by the source:

At 8:00 PM on the night of September 23, 1968, Gregory spoke for approximately two hours before approximately 1,500 people at Carney Hall on the campus of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. Gregory's central theme throughout his speech was that of criticizing the "corrupt political system" of the United States of America. He

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mentioned the fact that he was a write-in candidate for the ~~Pre~~ President of the United States and stated that if he had to choose between Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace, as our next president, he would choose "Tricky Dick" as the lesser of evils.

He stated that Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, Illinois, is literally a "pawn" for organized crime in Chicago and is no better than a syndicate hoodlum himself. He referred to the Chicago police force as "Mayor Daley's Niggers" and was highly critical of the way the entire situation surrounding the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this year was handled by Daley and his "Niggers". Gregory made the statement that he was sitting in his Chicago apartment watching the "police brutality" going on in the streets of Chicago on television during the Democratic National Convention and that he couldn't stand it any longer and that he just had to go into the street and be a part of it. He referred to all policemen as this generation's "Niggers", based on the fact that he believes the policemen of today are receiving the same treatment Negro people received 30 years ago.

He accused the Kansas Bureau of Investigation of being in the audience tapping his speech for the benefit of the governor to hear what he had to say. He said "tape all you want" because you're not going to get anything. He said the KBI should be trying to obtain tape recordings of the Kansas City mafia and crime syndicate who are lawbreakers rather than himself.

Gregory, speaking of the subject "Racism" made the comment "we're not going to be your nigger anymore". Throughout his entire address he constantly praised the youth of America as the only surviving hope to save our political system and made mention time and time again that "you young people are faced with a big job". He called today's college students "the most morally committed and ethical group of young people the United States has ever produced. He referred to "LBJ" as the "shrewdest" politician ever and that all politics are crooked. He stated that if the Constitution of this country was upheld civil right laws would be unnecessary.

In reference to demonstrations throughout the country, Gregory said that they will begin in full swing in the near future and continue through Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you might even see "Niggers rioting on skis" before it is over. He made no specific reference to any cities or future "troublespots" but merely warned that they were coming.

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Upon the conclusion of his address, Gregory held a short question and answer session, and was thereafter interviewed by one of the local radio stations. Following this Gregory was the guest of the United Christian Fellowship (UCF) on the campus. Gregory's time and means of departure from Kansas State College is unknown, but it is believed through information furnished by this same source that Gregory was driven to Kansas City, Missouri, by two former Negro students of Kansas State College from the Kansas City area, on the night of September 23, 1968, or early morning of September 24, 1968. These two individuals were probably [redacted] and First name unknown [redacted]

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Gregory was well received by the persons in attendance and there was no disorders during his visit to Kansas State College. The entire program was conducted in an orderly fashion.

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TO SAC, DETROIT

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR,  
MICHIGAN, SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE, NEXT, RACIAL MATTERS

REURTEL SEPTEMBER TWENTY-SIX, LAST.

DETROIT INSURE THAT DISCREET COVERAGE IS AFFORDED THIS  
CONFERENCE. BEAR IN MIND THAT SPEAKERS COULD MAKE STATEMENTS  
WHICH ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ANTI-RIOT LAWS; THEREFORE, COVERAGE  
SHOULD INCLUDE SOURCES WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TESTIFY.

INSURE THAT INTERESTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE AWARE OF THE  
SCHEDULED CONFERENCE AS WELL AS THE IDENTITIES OF THOSE  
SCHEDULED TO MAKE APPEARANCES. SUBMIT THE RESULTS OF YOUR  
COVERAGE IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION.

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OF RETEL.

1 - Chicago (Enclosure)  
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SEE NOTE PAGE TWO.

1 - 100-51230 (Adam Clayton Powell)  
1 - 100-440423 (Richard Claxton Gregory)

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RE: BLACK POWER CONFERENCE

NOTE:

Retel states the conference will feature Adam Clayton Powell, Julian Bond and Dick Gregory. Powell and Gregory are included in the Agitator Index. Retel does not state that sources have been assigned to cover the conference or that local authorities have been notified. Copies of this teletype and referenced teletype being forwarded to Chicago and New York since those Offices are origin in the Gregory and Powell matters, respectively.



1 - Official Calendar  
1 - Field Guidance Folder

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1 - Mr. T. J. Deakin

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To: SAC, Pittsburgh

From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reurairtel and LHM 9-13-68, captioned "The Resistance, SSA, 1948; Sedition."

Enclosed for Chicago is one copy of reairtel and its LHM. ReLHM sets forth information that Richard Claxton Gregory and [REDACTED] plan to visit the University of Pittsburgh in September or October, 1968, and a large demonstration of support is being planned. For your information, Gregory has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam, President Johnson, and the white racist structure in his speeches. If you have not already done so, in view of Gregory's past statements and his black extremist activities, you should make plans to afford discreet coverage of his appearance at the University of Pittsburgh. Bear in mind that Gregory could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and coverage should therefore include sources who would be in a position to testify. *P*

Insure that interested local authorities are made aware of Gregory's appearance. Results of your coverage should be submitted by letterhead memorandum to the Bureau and Chicago. *REC 44* *100-440423-368*

1 - Chicago (157-347) (Enclosures - 2)

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Gregory is included in the Agitator Index.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: Chicago)

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Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 9/27/68, Chicago teletype dated 9/30/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned matter.

Enclosed for Boston, Cincinnati, Detroit, Knoxville, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, and New York are two copies of letterhead memorandum relating to GREGORY.

One copy of the letterhead memorandum is being furnished to the USA and Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The Chicago source mentioned in this letterhead memorandum is [redacted] O'Hare Airport.

Recipient Offices listed above are requested to follow the activities of GREGORY should he make appearances in these:

- ③ - Bureau (Encls. 11) **ENCLOSURE**
- 2 - Boston (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Knoxville (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encls. 2) (RM)
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DATE FORW: 10/7/68

BY: [redacted]

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cities and advise the Bureau and Chicago in a form suitable for dissemination of any activity by GREGORY in these cities.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

October 1, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated September 27, 1968, captioned as above.

On September 30, 1968, a Chicago source; who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the following airlines schedule for Richard Gregory had been determined:

September 30, 1968, Chicago, Illinois, to Los Angeles, California, via American Airlines, flight 191, scheduled to arrive Los Angeles at 12:18 p.m., Los Angeles time.

October 2, 1968, Trans World Airlines, flight 476, from Los Angeles, California, to Dayton, Ohio.

October 3, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 530, from Dayton, Ohio, to Detroit, Michigan.

October 4, 1968, United Airlines, flight 777, from Detroit, Michigan, to Saginaw, Michigan.

October 4, 1968, United Airlines, flight 665, Saginaw, Michigan, to Chicago, Illinois.

October 5, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 343, from Chicago, Illinois, to Knoxville, Tennessee.

October 6, 1968, Delta Airlines, flight 362, from Knoxville, Tennessee, to Chicago, Illinois.

October 6, 1968, Northwest Airlines, flight 709, Chicago, Illinois, to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

October 7, 1968, Northwest Airlines, flight 200, from Minneapolis, Minnesota, to New York, New York (JFK).

October 7, 1968, American Airlines, flight 391, from New York (La Guardia), to Chicago, Illinois.

October 11, 1968, Trans World Airlines, flight 434, Chicago, Illinois, to Boston, Massachusetts.

Gregory has recently been appearing at various college and university campuses across the country.

It has also been observed that Gregory has not always followed his planned airline itinerary. The above information has been furnished to the United States Attorney, Chicago, United States Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SAN FRANCISCO</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>9/27/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/25-27/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka Dick Gregory</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>JAMES DUNPHY</b>	TYPED BY <b>mb</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>ANTI-RIOT LAWS</b>	

REFERENCE: Chicago letter to Bureau, dated 9/17/68, entitled  
Disturbances in connection with Democratic National  
Convention (DNC), ARL.

ADMINISTRATIVE: **1-31-80**  
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DATE OF REVIEW **9-27-88**

**[REDACTED]** on 4/22/68, advised that he attended the  
talk given by DICK GREGORY at the College of San Mateo, San  
Mateo, Calif., on 4/20/68. This source in his handwritten  
report set forth a paragraph to the effect that GREGORY was  
calling off his demonstration at the DNC because it was  
going to explode and that he, GREGORY, did not want to be  
anywhere around Chicago when that happened. See LHM for  
further information. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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HELEN MANNING, the staff writer for the "Salinas

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Californian", a newspaper which reported on GREGORY's Hartnell College appearance on 4/4/68, is a Reserve Index A subject of the San Francisco Office. Further characterization of MANNING is set forth in the LHM, 9/27/68.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to:

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Report of: JAMES DUNPHY  
Date: 9/27/68

Office: SAN FRANCISCO

Field Office File #: 176-45

Bureau File #: 100-440423

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

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Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as Dick Gregory, appeared at Hartnell College, Salinas, Calif., on 4/4/68, and told the audience, according to the "Salinas Californian" newspaper, that he endorsed no backing off from protest demonstrations including his own plans for the Democratic National Convention (DNC). He appeared at Monterey Peninsula College, Monterey, Calif., on 4/6/68, and no mention was known to have been made by GREGORY regarding the DNC. On 4/20/68, GREGORY appeared at the College of San Mateo, San Mateo, California, and told the audience that there was a strong possibility that the International Amphitheater in Chicago would be blown up during the convention and for that reason called off the demonstration because he didn't want black people to be blamed. College of San Mateo student newspaper for 4/26/68, said GREGORY advised against going to the DNC. STEVE BELL, ABC radio reporter, New York City, advised he observed GREGORY leading demonstrators from Grant Park, Chicago, evening of 8/29/68, to 18th Street and Michigan Avenue, where they were confronted by National Guard troops and ordered to proceed no further. GREGORY and several of the demonstrators proceeded further and were arrested without violence. BELL said at no time during evening of 8/29/68 did he hear GREGORY advocate violence.

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DETAILS: AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The "Salinas Californian", a daily newspaper published in Salinas, California, in its issue of April 4, 1968, set forth



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that DICK GREGORY's appearance at Hartnell College, Salinas, California, was arranged by the College Association for Public Events and Services (CAPES). This information was published under the caption "The Californian Action Desk" in answer to a reader's question and further disclosed that CAPES lists and arranges bookings and lectures and groups for its approximately 70 member junior colleges and state colleges. The newspaper article continued that Hartnell College is a CAPES member and used its services in setting up the Hartnell Presents series under which DICK GREGORY was to appear on April 4, 1968.

In the April 12, 1968 issue of the same newspaper and the same feature, it was set forth that GREGORY received \$770 for his Hartnell appearance.

The "Salinas Californian" for April 5, 1968, contained an article by HELEN MANNING, Californian staff writer, entitled "Gregory pays Tribute to Slain Rights Chief". The article set forth in part the following:

An audience of near 1400 heard DICK GREGORY on April 4, 1968, only hours after MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated.

The article said, "Gregory endorsed no backing off from protest demonstrations, including his own plans for the Democratic National Convention in Chicago or King's announced plans for a poor people's march on Washington, D.C."

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The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on September 26, 1968:

AT SALINAS, CALIFORNIA

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 9/26/68

HELEN MANNING was interviewed at her place of employment, "The Salinas Californian" newspaper, 123 West Alisal Street. Mrs. MANNING advised that she is employed by this newspaper as a reporter. She acknowledged the fact that she attended a speech given by DICK GREGORY at Hartnell Junior College on April 4, 1968. She advised that she was assigned to report the story, and did so.

MANNING advised that her recollection of the text of DICK GREGORY's speech on that night is limited to the way she wrote the story and as it appeared in "The Salinas Californian". She does not recall GREGORY making any threats, or advocating violence at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. She pointed out that her story read that GREGORY would not back down on any planned demonstrations at the upcoming national convention; and this, to her, was not any threat of violence, as such.

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On 9/26/68 at Salinas, California File # SE 176-45

by SA  Date dictated 9/26/68

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[redacted] Salinas, California Police Department, advised on September 26, 1968, that he was present at the talk given by GREGORY on April 4, 1968, at Hartnell College, but had no present recollection of any comments made by GREGORY on plans for the Democratic National Convention.

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[redacted] Department, Hartnell College, Salinas, California, on September 26, 1968, advised that he recorded DICK GREGORY's talk at the college on April 4, 1968, further that two tapes of GREGORY's talk were made. One copy was sent to DICK GREGORY and the other is filed in the Audio Visual Section of the Hartnell College library.

#### AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

The "Monterey Peninsula Herald", a daily newspaper published in Monterey, California, in its issue of April 6, 1968, reported that GREGORY addressed approximately 1,000 persons on April 5, 1968, at the Monterey Peninsula College. The article by writer TOM WIEDER made no mention of any plans that GREGORY had for the Democratic National Convention. The article did announce that GREGORY said that he was passing up his scheduled appearances feeling he should join his wife and six children in Chicago in view of the turbulent situation there (turmoil following the assassination of MARTIN LUTHER KING).

"The Times", a daily, except Sunday, newspaper published in San Mateo, California, in its issue of April 22, 1968, published an article entitled "Dick Gregory at College - Chuckles, belly laughs, chills". The article revealed that GREGORY addressed about 1,000 persons at the College of San Mateo gym, San Mateo, California, on April 20, 1968. The article under a subcaption of "The Coming Democratic Convention in Chicago this Summer" quotes Gregory as follows:

"There is a fascist element loose in this country. You had better keep your eyes on it. There is the strong possibility that the International Amphitheater in Chicago will be blown up during the height of the convention. That

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is why I called off my scheduled demonstration there. I don't want black folks to be blamed for that."

The "San Matean", a weekly newspaper published by the Associated Students of the College of San Mateo, (CSM) California, in its April 26, 1968 issue, published an article entitled "Dick Gregory Appearance: Comic 'Tells it like it is'". The article told that Gregory appeared at the CSM gym last Saturday night. The article set forth the following paragraph:

"As far as the Democratic convention in Chicago goes, Gregory implored the audience to advise any of their friends going to the convention to please stay home."

The following investigation was conducted by SA WARREN W. RICHMOND on September 26, 1968:

AT SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA

[redacted] Division, College of San Mateo Library, 1700 West Hillsdale Boulevard, San Mateo, California, advised on September 26, 1968, that DICK GREGORY's talk on April 20, 1968, was recorded by an unknown individual. Further that the original and one copy of GREGORY's talk is in DALEY's custody.

The following investigation was conducted by SA [redacted] on September 26, 1968:

AT SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

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Mr. STEVE BELL, American Broadcasting Company radio news reporter, New York, New York, who is traveling with the HUBERT H. HUMPHREY campaign party, was interviewed at the Sheraton-Palace Hotel, San Francisco, California.

Mr. BELL said he was at Chicago covering the Democratic National Convention (DNC), August 26-29, 1968, but he spent all of this time at Convention Hall with the exception of Thursday evening, August 29, 1968. On Thursday night he went to Grant Park at about 6:00 or 7:00 PM, where he found a crowd of about 2000 or 3000 people listening to a recording of a speech made earlier that day by EUGENE MC CARTHY. After the recording was finished, there might have been one or two short talks; but he cannot recall what was said and who said it. RICHARD GREGORY then addressed the crowd and appeared to be in complete control of the situation. GREGORY invited all present to go to his residence with him and have a beer.

Mr. BELL said he, as a reporter, asked GREGORY what he intended to do. Mr. GREGORY said he wanted to provide grounds for a legal confrontation with the authorities to prove that any group has the legal right to walk on the sidewalk. GREGORY said his residence, where he had invited the crowd to accompany him, just happened to be on the way to Convention Hall. He added that he had an agreement with the authorities permitting him to take the crowd to 18th Street and Michigan Avenue where he would then negotiate further with the authorities. GREGORY then explained his plan to the crowd present and admonished them that the march would be orderly, on the sidewalk; and he insisted that it be done his way. The crowd then left Grant Park with GREGORY leading them.

Mr. BELL said he went along with the crowd with GREGORY and several delegates from the convention at the head.

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He said he can recall the identity of only one of the delegates who were with the crowd, [REDACTED] Mr. BELL said the crowd led by GREGORY walked to about 18th and Michigan Avenue, which GREGORY said was the spot where he agreed to stop and negotiate further with the authorities. At this point, the crowd stopped, and GREGORY left the immediate area, explaining that he was going to talk to the authorities. Mr. BELL stated that there were a considerable number of National Guardsmen standing by at this point. GREGORY returned and announced he was told that the group could go no further toward Convention Hall or they would be arrested. He said the National Guard told him anyone who crossed a white line across the street would be arrested. GREGORY announced that this was the legal confrontation with the authorities that he was looking for, and he would cross the line and be arrested. He invited others to join him; and he and a number of people, including some of the delegates in the group, walked across the line and were arrested by the National Guard without violence or resistance. Three police department paddy wagons arrived and the arrested persons were taken away. Mr. BELL said he could not identify any of the arrested persons other than GREGORY.

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After the arrested persons were taken away in the paddy wagons, the crowd appeared to become restless; and there were shouts of things like, "let's go" indicating that at least portions of the crowd wanted to move across the line and confront the authorities. There was no haranguing of the crowd by any individuals; and no one appeared to be taking over leadership of the crowd subsequent to GREGORY's arrest.

At about this time, the National Guard troops that were assembled at the spot put on gas masks. Mr. BELL said he walked back about 20 or 30 feet from the front of the crowd; and while he was back there, he heard the command, "push 'em back". He said he does not know who gave the command, but he assumed it was a National Guard officer. He said he does not think the crowd was pushing forward toward the National Guard, and he does not really know why the order to push the crowd back was given. However, about 12 National Guardsmen moved toward the crowd and pushed the crowd back by swinging their rifle butts at the crowd. Mr. BELL said he saw two members of the crowd knocked down by rifle butts with lacerations on their foreheads. He said he cannot identify the

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persons who were knocked down or the Guardsmen who knocked them down. Mr. BELL said he feels this move against the crowd by the Guardsmen was a little drastic since the front ranks of the crowd could not move back away from the Guardsmen.

Immediately after the Guardsmen began pushing the crowd back, the National Guard used tear gas and routed the crowd. The crowd was driven back on Michigan Avenue by the tear gas; and they reformed on Michigan Avenue about a block or two from the scene of the original confrontation. The crowd of demonstrators re-formed across the avenue facing the Guardsmen. The National Guard advanced toward the crowd in Jeeps, fender to fender, with barbed wire on the front. When the Jeeps were about 20 feet from the crowd, the Guardsmen began spraying tear gas and throwing white balls into the crowd. Mr. BELL said he does not know what the white balls were. Mr. BELL said he was behind the National Guard line at this point and he noted that a few rocks and bottles were thrown by the crowd at the Guardsmen.

Mr. BELL said the Guardsmen completely routed the crowd with tear gas and the use of Jeeps, and the crowd retreated into Grant Park at about 9:00 PM. He said he remained in the area until about midnight and observed that the crowd of demonstrators remained in Grant Park and there was no further confrontation between the demonstrators and the authorities that evening.

Mr. BELL said from what he observed on Thursday evening, August 29, 1968, RICHARD GREGORY did not plan or desire any violence. While GREGORY was with the crowd, he was in control and there was no trouble.

Mr. BELL said at no time did he receive any information from the demonstrators that there would be a violent confrontation with the authorities at a particular place or time, which would indicate that such a confrontation was planned. He said he heard no haranguing of demonstrators by anyone in which violence was advocated or demanded. He said he recalls that the crowd of demonstrators did sing and chant some at times, but there was very little such singing

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and chanting, and he cannot recall the substance of it.

Mr. BELL also stated that he has no knowledge of any commands to or from the authorities which, in his opinion, provoked violence by the demonstrators during the DNC.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(RUC)  
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 ARL; RACIAL MATTER

Re CGairtel to the Bureau and all SACs, 9/17/68,  
 captioned, "DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH DEMOCRATIC  
 NATIONAL CONVENTION (DNC), ARL."

Reairtel sets forth a lead for recipient offices  
 to review indices relative to RICHARD GREGORY and where  
 he appeared in our territory to develop witnesses relating  
 to possible ARL violation.

Instant SA file reflects GREGORY appeared and  
 spoke at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas, on  
 2/6/68; however, it does not reveal he made any comments  
 in violation of the ARL.

Further, SA desires to point out the following  
 for the consideration of the Bureau:

CG LHM dated 1/11/68, captioned, "RICHARD CLAXTON  
 GREGORY; RM," sets forth a lengthy itinerary of GREGORY  
 from a period covering 1/10/68, to 5/16/68. During this  
 period he was to speak at various colleges and/or universities.

The ARL, which is Public Law 90-284, was passed  
 on 4/11/68. It would appear that any comments or activity  
 of GREGORY made or performed prior to 4/11/68, would not  
 be admissible evidence in any ARL violation since this would  
 be an ex post facto situation.

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The above-mentioned CG LHM reveals GREGORY planned appearances at some 18 campuses subsequent to the passage of the law on 4/11/68. It would, therefore, appear that with that large number of appearances there would be more than sufficient opportunity to develop legally admissible evidence concerning any possible ARL violation on GREGORY's part.

Since GREGORY's appearance in San Antonio was prior to the passage of the ARL, San Antonio will conduct no investigation in this matter.

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>SEATTLE</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>CHICAGO</b>	DATE <b>10/3/68</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>9/26 - 10/3/68</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>KENNETH C. HOWE</b>	TYPED BY <b>pla</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>ARL</b>	

REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 9/13/68 entitled  
DISTURBANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEMOCRATIC  
NATIONAL CONVENTION, CIVIL RIGHTS - ANTIRIOT LAWS.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

All individuals interviewed in the course of this investigation were advised it was being conducted at the specific request of [redacted] Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Investigation at Olympia, Washington, was conducted by SA ROBERT H. WICK; that at Ellensburg by SA EUGENE P. CLARK; and that at Bellingham by SA [redacted]

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At no time during the occasions when GREGORY has been in the Seattle Field Division has any personal contact with him been reported by any confidential sources or informants.

GREGORY's appearances in the State of Washington, and his incarceration here, were all given extensive coverage by the press. A review of the published material in this regard for leads has revealed no reporting of any statements or activities of GREGORY which would appear pertinent to instant matter.

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The investigation at Bellingham was not pursued beyond what is reported herein since the statement GREGORY is reported to have made there, while possibly subject to interpretation as at least indirectly indicative of his one time intent to disrupt the Democratic National Convention (DNC), is, at the same time, equally indicative of an abandonment of any plans he had had in this connection.

The remark GREGORY is reported to have made at Ellensburg is shown by investigation to have been vague and lacking in specificity, and loses significance when considered in the light of those made by him the following day at Bellingham, and to [REDACTED]

Available information does not reveal GREGORY was in the State of Washington subsequent to his conviction on illegal fishing charges in late 1966 and early 1967, until his speaking tour brought him to Ellensburg and Bellingham on April 10 - 11, 1968. It would seem likely, in view of the content of Chicago airtel to the Bureau of September 13, 1968, that his militant statements and activities with reference to the DNC at Chicago probably originated and subsided or entered a period of quiescence, at least, in the interim.

As noted in the instant report, GREGORY did, while in jail at Olympia, Washington, issue a threat to "demonstrate" against Governor DAN EVANS of Washington State at the Republican National Convention in Miami if EVANS did not comply with a request to visit him in his jail cell, but he later withdrew this and nothing is reported to have occurred at the Republican Convention to indicate any action by GREGORY or on GREGORY's behalf ever took place there.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: KENNETH C. HOWE  
Date: October 3, 1968

Office: Seattle, Washington

Field Office File #: 176-9

Bureau File #: 100-440423

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTIRIOT LAWS

## Synopsis:

GREGORY arrested for illegal fishing demonstration with Indians in Washington State in 2/66 and 3/66 and served sentence in County Jail in Olympia in June and July, 1968, as result of this. Made speech at Central Washington State College 4/10/68 and at informal conversation thereafter reportedly made vague reference to Democratic National Convention (DNC) in Chicago but did not specifically enlarge upon this and not interpreted as threatening. Made speech on 4/11/68 at Western Washington State College which did not include any references to DNC. In subsequent press conference was asked about prior reports he intended to disrupt the DNC and answered negatively, referring to "what has happened in Chicago". In conversation later with one [redacted] specifically said wanted to prevent any outbreaks at DNC and did not think it should be held in Chicago because he was fearful violence would erupt there if it was. While incarcerated GREGORY wrote letter asking Washington State Governor DAN EVANS to visit him in his jail cell, threatening to "demonstrate" against EVANS at Republican National Convention in Miami if he refused to do so. Not reported to have made any statements indicative of intent to personally disrupt, or promote the disruption of, the DNC while in Olympia.

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DETAILS:

Arrest Record

Items in Seattle, Washington, daily newspapers of general circulation between January 31, 1966, and February 5, 1966, reveal subject was appearing between those dates as an entertainer at the Edgewater Inn, Seattle, having come to Seattle from an engagement in Vancouver, B.C., Canada.

Articles in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer" and the "Seattle Times", issues of February 7, 1966, titled respectively "GREGORY Lends Hand To 'Fish-In'" and "Fish-In By GREGORY Called Publicity Stunt", set out GREGORY had cancelled engagements in Miami, Montreal and New York, "to help a group of Indians carry on their fishing-rights fight with the State". The articles state GREGORY participated in a "fish-in" with the Indians in the Nisqually River, between Tacoma and Olympia, Washington, and had said he would continue to do so "until the battle is won".

An article in the February 15, 1966, issue of the "Seattle Times", titled "DICK GREGORY Goes To Jail For Fishing", reflects GREGORY was arrested that date at Olympia, Washington, charged with two counts of illegal net fishing on the Nisqually River.

AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

On September 26, 1968, [REDACTED] Thurston County Sheriff's Office, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, FBI #769 519E, was first received by this jail on an arrest made on February 15, 1966, when he was charged with unlawful use of a set-net for fishing on the Nisqually River. He was released on February 17, 1966, on \$500.00 bond.

He was received a second time by this jail on March 1, 1966, after having been again arrested for aiding and abetting the setting of gill nets on the Nisqually River. He was released on March 2, 1966, on a \$1,000 bond.

He was most recently received on June 7, 1968, when he appeared to serve sentence resulting from the above arrests. He served 45 days and paid court costs of \$52.40, and was released on July 16, 1968.

Investigation Related to Possible Anti-Riot  
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AT ELLENSBURG, WASHINGTON

An article in the "Ellensburg Daily Record", daily newspaper of general circulation published in Ellensburg, issue of April 11, 1968, titled "'We Can't Wait' Says GREGORY", reflected that GREGORY had spoken at Central Washington State College (CWSC) on the evening of April 10, 1968.

On April 11, 1968, Sgt. [ ] Ellensburg Police Department, said he attended the talk made by GREGORY the night before at CWSC, although he did not remain to the end. [ ] said there were no demonstrations or disorder. In the text of his speech GREGORY made a remark to the effect if there were FBI or CIA agents in the audience they should "mark in their book that one policeman's life will be taken for every black person's life lost". He stressed that politicians are responsible for much of the disorder current in the United States, and said "they promise much but do not fulfill their promises".

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GREGORY referred to the fact his conviction on illegal fishing charges had been affirmed by the Washington State Supreme Court. He said he would "serve his time" quietly, but the period might be something the people of Washington would never forget, adding "Summer is rioting time"; however, he gave no specifics on this and [ ] noted no references to Chicago or any other locale.

[ ] said GREGORY had stayed at a local motel, and had not made or received any telephone calls.

[ ] was reinterviewed on September 27, 1968, with respect to GREGORY's appearance in Ellensburg and was questioned as to any recollection he might have of any remarks made by subject which might be pertinent to the disturbances in Chicago at the time of the Democratic National Convention, and he again said he can recall nothing in this regard.

Mrs. VIRGINIA OLDS, reporter for the "Ellensburg Daily Record" on September 27, 1968, stated she attended the speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the CWSC on April

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10, 1968, in her capacity as reporter. She said she did not recall that GREGORY made any reference whatsoever in this talk to Chicago or the Democratic National Convention, nor did he mention any plan to travel to any place to engage or participate in or encourage any type of demonstration, or urge others to do so.



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THOMAS BEAR, News Director, KXLE Radio, Ellensburg, stated he attended the speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, on April 10, 1968, and also had been present later when GREGORY was conversing informally with a small group of individuals following his regular address.

In the regular address GREGORY did not mention any plan for going to Chicago during the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. BEAR does not recall he mentioned the Convention in any way whatsoever, or an intended demonstration or "disruption" anywhere.

In the latter informal conversation with the small group, following a question by an unidentified Negro who was present on "What about Chicago", GREGORY replied, in effect, "We are working on the Democratic National Convention in Chicago and they may move it from Chicago when we get through". He made this comment in a rather "just in passing" manner, was not asked to and did not enlarge upon it. BEAR said he has no reason to believe GREGORY meant this as any threat against the Convention, or that he planned any disruptive action with respect to it.

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by SA EUGENE P. CLARK:pla Date dictated 10/2/68

PAUL HART, Reporter, "Yakima Herald Republic", on October 2, 1968, advised that he attended the meeting April 10, 1968, at the Pavilion at the Central Washington State College at Ellensburg where RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was the featured speaker. He stated that following the featured speech, GREGORY conversed with a small group of individuals, most all of whom were colored, but he did not know what transpired at this discussion which appeared to be impromptu and informal. He recalled that GREGORY stated sometime during his speech that he would be returning to Chicago although he had no recollection GREGORY made any reference to the Democratic National Convention, or that there was any threatening overtones to this statement.

On October 2, 1968, [redacted] Student Union, Central Washington State College, advised that he recalled the appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the College on April 10, 1968; however, his only contact with Mr. GREGORY was in the Pavilion where the meeting was held and he did not attend nor did he see any subsequent meeting of GREGORY in that area. He stated [redacted] whom he believed was the [redacted] at the time, could possibly have been with GREGORY later because [redacted] was reported to have gone to Yakima for the purpose of bringing GREGORY to Ellensburg. [redacted] could recall the names of no other individuals who might have been in close contact with GREGORY or any persons who might have heard any remarks he possibly made regarding his return to Chicago or in connection with the Democratic National Convention. He stated he himself recalled no statement by GREGORY regarding these matters in his regular address.

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On October 2, 1968, [redacted] Student Government Association, in charge of speeches, Central Washington State College, Ellensburg, Washington, advised that when RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY made his appearance at Ellensburg on April 10, 1968, he, [redacted] had picked up GREGORY at the Yakima Airport, transported him to Ellensburg, and remained with him during and after the speech which he made at the Pavilion at the college. [redacted] stated he was also present following the speech when GREGORY met with a small group of individuals who wanted to speak to him and shake hands with him. He held a press conference at approximately 7:00 p.m. prior to his speech and he insisted throughout his stay in Ellensburg he would not meet with any private groups whatsoever and he rebuffed efforts with

the leader of the Black Student Union to have him meet with them as a group stating he would not meet with anyone unless the press or anyone else interested were present, and this attitude on his part was quite obvious. He made no statements at any time indicating he intended any disruption in Chicago or anywhere else, or desired any such action on the part of others.

AT BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON

An article in the "Bellingham Herald", daily newspaper of general circulation published in Bellingham, issue of April 12, 1968, titled "GREGORY Tells College Students They Have Job To Do On Rights", reflects that GREGORY spoke in that city at Western Washington State College (WWSC) on April 11, 1968.

With reference to GREGORY's talk at WWSC, [REDACTED] WWSC, who attended the affair, offered the following remarks on April 11, 1968:

GREGORY said nothing in the course of his talk about disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he has in the past threatened to do. He talked a good bit about the Indians in the State of Washington and how they have suffered. He referred derisively to President JOHNSON on several occasions, and described him as the "slickest politician since Caesar"; said he originally had a rather high opinion of ROBERT F. KENNEDY, but this was before he became "a politician". He now holds him in low esteem.

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At a press conference following his talk, [REDACTED] said GREGORY was specifically asked whether he was still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention as he reportedly had on prior occasions said he intended to do, and he replied, "No, I don't have to now; you saw what happened in Chicago". He did not enlarge upon this.

[REDACTED] said there were no disturbances, demonstrations, or disorder of any kind incidental to subject's appearance in Bellingham.

[REDACTED] is no longer with WWSC and sources could not readily provide his present location.

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[redacted] student at Western Washington State College, residence address [redacted] Bellingham, Washington, advised he was present at a press conference held by DICK GREGORY, well known comedian, on the Western Washington State College campus on April 11, 1968, following a talk at the school.

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[redacted] recalls at the press conference someone in attendance specifically inquired of GREGORY if GREGORY was "still planning on disrupting the Democratic National Convention", which was to be held in Chicago, Illinois, in August, 1968.

[redacted] recalls GREGORY replied to the effect he did not have to "now, because you saw what happened in Chicago" recently, but he did not make any specific reference to what had recently happened in Chicago, and he was not asked to and did not enlarge upon these remarks to [redacted] recollection.

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[redacted] Bellingham, Washington, was interviewed on September 30, 1968. He advised he believes in non-violence, peaceful co-existence among all races, and the existence of God.

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He advised he was in Hawaii in 1963, when he heard DICK GREGORY make some remarks on a TV program concerning violence with which he disagreed. He telephoned GREGORY and expressed his disagreement. He and GREGORY then spent the next three days in discussions, GREGORY canceling all his commitments for those three days.

After that time he had several other discussions with GREGORY, terminating in approximately 1964. During that time he found GREGORY did not have any basis in history; had no knowledge of the origin of slavery in England and the United States; no knowledge of the life and philosophy of ABRAHAM LINCOLN; and had not "found himself".

He advised he had read all the books that GREGORY had written, and when he learned GREGORY was to speak at the Western Washington State College in Bellingham on April 11, 1968, he attempted to hear the speech and to attend the press conference held by GREGORY, to determine whether GREGORY had changed his thinking and if his espoused thoughts were "sincere", or merely to attract publicity as a comedian.

He stated he went to the college to attend the speech and the press conference, but was refused admission because he was not a member of the student body of the college.

After the speech and the press conference, he did have opportunity to talk with GREGORY briefly, and later took GREGORY in his [redacted] automobile to Seattle to a motel where GREGORY was staying. He talked at length with GREGORY there and GREGORY stated at that time, in the motel, he did not feel the upcoming Democratic National Convention should be held in Chicago, Illinois, because he was afraid violence might erupt, and he, GREGORY, did not want any violence to break out in Chicago, or anywhere else, and he was returning to Chicago to try to exert his influence to prevent any outbreaks of violence, both in Chicago in general and at the Democratic National Convention, specifically, should the latter be staged there.

[ ] said at no time did GREGORY ever reveal to him he was influenced or directed, or was working under the direction or instruction of anyone else, or any organization, and at the time GREGORY talked with him in the motel in Seattle, Washington, in April, 1968, GREGORY appeared sincere to him concerning his statement he did not want any violence to break out in Chicago, at any time, and particularly at a Democratic National Convention.

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AT OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON

Jailor [ ] supra, said in any conversations he had with GREGORY, or that he heard about between GREGORY or any other person, there was nothing said to indicate subject had any plan or intention of engaging in any disruptive or riotous activities in Chicago during the Democratic National Convention.

On September 26, 1968, DEAN SHACKLETT, Editor, "Daily Olympian", daily newspaper of general circulation, said he followed the "GREGORY story" rather carefully while GREGORY was in Olympia, and he has no recollection of any statement made either to him, or to anyone else, by GREGORY which would signify GREGORY had any plans to personally attempt to disrupt the Democratic National Convention, or incite such disruption or riotous activities by others.

On September 27, 1968, STEVE KENT and BILL MERTENA, both members of the Olympia staff of the Associated Press, Legislative Building, advised they reported on the activities of GREGORY and spent time talking to him when he was confined both in Olympia in June and July, 1968, and in the hospital in Tacoma, Washington, where he was for a few days for a cold contracted during his incarceration. Neither knew of any instance where GREGORY advocated violence at the Chicago Convention of the Democratic Party. They said, if anything, GREGORY feared violence and for this reason implied he would probably skip the convention.

On September 27, 1968, MIKE FLYNN, United Press International, Legislative Building, said he knew of no advocacy of violence by GREGORY at the Chicago Convention. He said he followed GREGORY's case while incarcerated in Olympia from a press standpoint.

On September 26, 1968, Prosecuting Attorney HAROLD KOCH and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney FRED GENTRY, for Thurston County, informed that they spoke with GREGORY on a number of occasions during his incarceration. They could not recall any action or statements made by him indicative of any intent or plan to demonstrate at or disrupt the Democratic National Convention.

On September 27, 1968, [redacted] advised he was [redacted] during [redacted]. He said GREGORY said he was going back to his home in Chicago when released, for several weeks, then hoped to go on a fact finding tour around the world concerning the Civil Rights movement. At one time, GREGORY wanted an audience with Governor DANIEL EVANS, and threatened that if he was refused, he would "demonstrate" at the Republican Convention in Miami. He was never granted the audience. [redacted] said GREGORY contended he did not believe in violence and was concerned about the welfare of his fellow man. GREGORY made no remarks in [redacted] presence about a possible disruption of the Democratic National Convention.

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An item in the "Seattle Post-Intelligencer", issue of June 30, 1968, titled "GREGORY Invites EVANS to Jail", is quoted, in part, as follows:

"Comedian DICK GREGORY last night invited Gov. DAN EVANS of Washington to visit him in his Thurston County jail cell 'or I'll have no alternative but to lead demonstrations against you at the Republican National Convention in Miami'.

"The invitation came in a letter which GREGORY, who is serving a 90-day sentence for illegal fishing, gave to his wife [redacted] to give to the governor. Mrs. GREGORY arrived here yesterday to visit her husband.

"'I hope you will find time to come over during your lunch hour one day to discuss with me the problems of Indians and other minority groups', GREGORY said.

"GREGORY, who has gone without food and taken only distilled water since he entered his cell June 7, told

"EVANS he intends to serve his full 90-day sentence and 'continue my fast until I am released to demonstrate to the world the problems confronted by my Indian brothers'.

"GREGORY's conviction stemmed from a fish-in on the Nisqually River near Olympia more than two years ago to dramatize the Indians' dispute with the state over fishing rights."

An article in the "Seattle Times" of July 3, 1968, titled "Reservation Fishing Ban Is Seen as Next", reported on a press contact at Olympia that date with LILLIAN GREGORY, subject's wife, wherein she made the statement the Republican National Convention in Miami would be picketed by friends of GREGORY in opposition to Governor DAN EVANS "the keynote speaker".

The "Seattle Times" of July 17, 1968, in an article titled "GREGORY to Tour World", stated:

"GREGORY said that in light of his world-wide fact-finding tour as a presidential candidate, he has canceled plans for a demonstration against Gov. DAN EVANS at the Republican National Convention in Miami. He said that in return he expects the governor to meet with Indian leaders."

The "Bellingham Herald" in its July 17, 1968, issue carried an article under a Tacoma dateline titled "GREGORY Eyes Visit With Pueblo Crew", and therein comments on the above statement of subject, saying:

"During a news conference at his attorney's home here, GREGORY said he was canceling 'in good faith' a threatened demonstration against Gov. DAN EVANS when EVANS keynotes the Republican National Convention.

"GREGORY said he hoped EVANS would meet with Mrs. JANET MC CLOUD, a Nisqually Indian heading the fishing rights protest, but he would not say what might happen if EVANS refused such a meeting.

"I feel that the cause of the Indian in America is the number one cause confronting the country today. I put it even ahead of the black struggle", he said."



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The "Post-Intelligencer", issue of July 18, 1968, in an article titled "DICK GREGORY Resumes His Drum-Beating for Indians", stated, in part:

"While in jail, GREGORY had TANNER tell the press he hoped to be out in time to lead demonstrations against Gov. DAN EVANS at the GOP national convention. GREGORY said yesterday he would probably be out of the country at the time, and the demonstrations 'probably wouldn't be necessary'.

"GREGORY described racism as nothing but 'hunger feeding on Indians, Negroes, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans'. He admonished:

"'Baby, you'd better change your appetite or have the menu changed on you'."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

DATE: October 8, 1968

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS

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Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent Kenneth C. Howe dated 10/3/68  
at Seattle.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and  
no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken  
by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will  
be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now  
been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further in-  
quiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Depart-  
ment, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless  
specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further in-  
vestigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you  
will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no  
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H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/28/68

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-13)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO Chicago

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a reported dated 9/28/68 and captioned as above and five copies of a letterhead memo dated 9/28/68 and captioned as RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of each of the enclosures enclosed for the Bureau.

The enclosed LHM reflects information furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The tape recording of subject's speech at Pittsburg, Kansas on 9/23/68 is being transcribed and will be furnished in report form as soon as possible.

AGENCY: ACSI, [redacted], SEC. SERV., [redacted]  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

September 28, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 16, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to make an appearance at Carney Hall, on the campus of Kansas State College, at Pittsburg, Kansas, on the night of September 23, 1968. Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Kansas State College Student Union Board, [redacted] the program director, and the main theme of his address is supposed to deal in the area of "Civil Rights". His appearance time is scheduled for 8:00 PM, and it is expected that he will speak in the neighborhood of two hours. The source stated that he will personally cover Gregory's appearance at Kansas State College on the 16th.

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On September 23, 1968, the same source advised that Gregory arrived at the Joplin Airport, Joplin, Missouri, on this date at 6:27 PM, on Frontier Airlines Flight # 447, arriving from Kansas City, Missouri. Gregory was met at the airport by [redacted] and was transported to the campus of Kansas State College in Pittsburg in the [redacted] personally owned automobile, a 1968 Plymouth.

On September 24, 1968, the same source advised that he personally covered Gregory's address at Kansas State College on the night of September 23, 1968, and the following information is set forth reference Gregory's appearance as furnished by the source:

At 8:00 PM on the night of September 23, 1968, Gregory spoke for approximately two hours before approximately 1,500 people at Carney Hall on the campus of Kansas State College, Pittsburg, Kansas. Gregory's central theme throughout his speech was that of criticizing the "corrupt political system" of the United States of America. He

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mentioned the fact that he was a write-in candidate for the persident of the United States and stated that if he had to choose between Nixon, Humphrey and Wallace, as our next president, he would choose "Tricky Dick" as the lesser of evils.

He stated that Richard Daley, mayor of Chicago, Illinois, is literally a "pawn" for organized crime in Chicago and is no better than a syndicate hoodlum himself. He referred to the Chicago police force as "Mayor Daley's Niggers" and was highly critical of the way the entire situation surrounding the Democratic National Convention in Chicago this year was handled by Daley and his "Niggers". Gregory made the statement that he was sitting in his Chicago apartment watching the "police brutality" going on in the streets of Chicago on television during the Democratic National Convention and that he couldn't stand it any longer and that he just had to go into the street and be a part of it. He referred to all policemen as this generation's "Niggers", based on the fact that he believes the policemen of today are receiving the same treatment Negro people received 30 years ago.

He accused the Kansas Bureau of Investigation of being in the audience tapping his speech for the benefit of the govenor to hear what he had to say. He said "tape all you want" because you're not going to get anything. He said the KBI should be trying to obtain tape recordings of the Kansas City mofia and crime syndicate who are lawbreakers rather than himself.

Gregory, speaking of the subject "Racism" made the comment "we're not going to be your nigger anymore". Throughout his entire address he constantly praised the youth of America as the only surviving hope to save our political system and made mention time and time again that "you young people are faced with a big job". He called today's college students "the most morally committed and ethical group of young people the United States has ever produced. He referred to "LBJ" as the "Shrewdest" politician ever and that all politics are crooked. He stated that if the Constitution of this country was upheld civil right laws would be unnecessary.

In reference to demonstrations throughout the country, Gregory said that they will begin in full swing in the near future and continue through Thanksgiving and Christmas, and you might even see "Niggers rioting on skis" before it is over. He made no specific reference to any cities or future "troublespots" but merely warned that they were coming.

Upon the conclusion of his address, Gregory held a short question and answer session, and was thereafter interviewed by one of the local radio stations. Following this Gregory was the guest of the United Christian Fellowship (UCF) on the campus. Gregory's time and means of departure from Kansas State College is unknown, but it is believed through information furnished by this same source that Gregory was driven to Kansas City, Missouri, by two former Negro students of Kansas State College from the Kansas City area, on the night of September 23, 1968, or early morning of September 24, 1968. These two individuals were probably [redacted] and First name unknown [redacted] b6 b7c

Gregory was well received by the persons in attendance and there was no disorders during his visit to Kansas State College. The entire program was conducted in an orderly fashion.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-NEW)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL;  
JULIAN BOND;  
DICK GREGORY APPEARANCES  
BLACK POWER CONFERENCE  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
9/29/68  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM relative to above-captioned matter.

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Detroit, Michigan  
September 26, 1968

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory Appearances  
Black Power Conference  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 26, 1968, that a Black Power Conference is scheduled for the University of Michigan (U of M), Ann Arbor, Michigan, September 29, 1968, with the announced joint appearances by Adam Clayton Powell, Julian Bond, and Dick Gregory. The event is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 29, 1968, at the Hill Auditorium, U of M, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Following the conference, the Black Law Student Association (BLSA), U of M, a newly-formed group, announced a "Black Power Reception" for Bond and Gregory to be held in the Law Club, U of M, at 4:00 p.m. that date.

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TO: DIRECTOR

FROM: DETROIT (157-NEW)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; JULIAN BOND; DICK GREGORY; APPEARANCE  
BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, ANN ARBOR, MICH.,  
SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINE, SIXTY-EIGHT. *RACIAL MATTER* EN.

RE MY TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY NINTH, SIXTY-EIGHT.

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL, JULIAN BOND, DICK GREGORY PRESENTED  
A BLACK POWER CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN (U OF M),  
ADDRESSING AN AUDIENCE OF SOME FOUR THOUSANDS IN  
HILL AUDITORIUM.

BOND PRESENTED INTELLECTUAL APPEAL TO YOUNG WHITES AND  
BLACKS TO JOIN IN A COMMON CAUSE TO REWRITE RACIAL TILLS OF  
U.S. SOCIETY. HE SPOKE AGAINST BLACK SEPARATISM.

GREGORY APPEALED TO YOUNG AMERICANS TO PLACE *NOT RECORDED*  
STRUCTURES IN PROPER PROSPECTIVE; PUTTING IT BEHIND CONSTITUTION  
RATHER THAN IN FRONT OF IT. HE GENERALLY APPEALED FOR ECONOMIC  
BOYCOTT IF THE ECONOMICS PROSPER BY REASON OF WAR OR SOCIAL  
TILLS.

IN SYRESSING MILITANT NON-VIOLENCE, HE SAID, "NORTHERN WHITE  
LIBERALS HAVE NOT LIVED USEFULLNESS TO THE NEGRO CAUSE AND WE NEED  
WHITE RADICALS NOW. A WALLACE VICTORY WOULD MAKE LIBERALS OF  
MODERATES, RADICALS OUT OF LIBERALS, AND GOD KNOWS WHAT, OUT OF  
LIBERALS."

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HE STRESSED GROWING PERCENTAGE OF THOSE UNDER TWENTY-SIX <sup>YEARS</sup> YRS. OF AGE AND SAID THIS FRACTION SHORTLY COULD DO ANYTHING THEY WANTED TO DO, AS IT WOULD SOON REPRESENT A MAJORITY. HE SUPPORTED EFFORTS TO LOWER THE VOTING AGE TO EIGHTEEN.

POWELL CLAIMS DISCRIMINATION IN HIS CENSURE BY CONGRESS. HE RELATED THAT YOUTHS HAVE PROVEN THROUGH INCIDENTS AT COLLEGES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY THAT THEY CAN FORCE CHANGES BY THOUGHT, ACTIONS; HE NOTED THAT THE YOUTH IS THROUGH WITH PARENTS, PREACHERS, PRIESTS, WHO HAVE MISREPRESENTED FACTS TO THEM.

POWELL WAS NOT WELL RECEIVED; HOWEVER, BOND AND GREGORY DREW SYMPATHETIC AUDIENCE RESPONSE.

NONE OF THEM ADVOCATED VIOLENT ACTION.

NO INCIDENTS, VIOLENCE, OR COUNTER-DEMONSTRATIONS, OR ARRESTS.  
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ADAM CLAYTON POWELL; JULIAN BOND; DICK GREGORY

APPEARANCES, BLACK POWER CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF MICH.,  
ANN ARBOR, MICH., SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, SIXTYEIGHT; RM

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST ADVISED INSTANT THAT A BLACK  
POWER CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MICH.  
(U OF M), ANN ARBOR, MICH., SEPTEMBER TWENTYNINE, NEXT, WITH  
ANNOUNCED JOINT APPEARANCES BY ADAM CLAYTON POWELL,  
JULIAN BOND, AND DICK GREGORY. EVENT SCHEDULED FOR TWO  
P.M., SUNDAY, NEXT, HILL AUDITORIUM, U OF M, ANN ARBOR,  
MICH.

FOLLOWING CONFERENCE, THE BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
(BLSA), U OF M, NEWLY FORMED GROUP, ANNOUNCED A "BLACK POWER  
RECEPTION" FOR BOND AND GREGORY TO BE HELD IN LAW CLUB,  
U OF M, FOUR P.M. THAT DATE.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

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Re Bureau airtel dated 9/18/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM concerning captioned matter. One copy of this LHM is being furnished U.S. Secret Service, Chicago and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

The source referred to in this LHM is [redacted]  
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Chicago, Illinois  
September 21, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

In September, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, said that Dick Gregory visited with the North Vietnamese Peace Delegation in Paris, France, when Gregory was there in early September, 1968.

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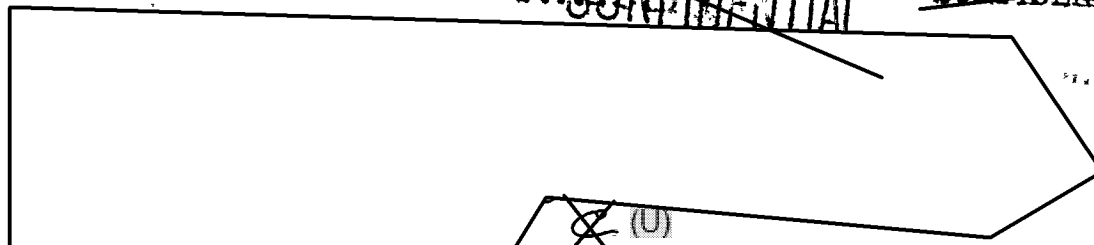
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FROM: SAC OKLAHOMA CITY (157-485) (RUC)

*Richard C. Gregory*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

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OO Chicago

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Re Oklahoma City tels to Director, 9/19/68  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM relating to captioned subject. Two copies of the LHM furnished to Chicago as office of origin.

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Source #1 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma City, contacted by SA [redacted]  
on 9/18/68 and 9/19/68.Source #2 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma,  
an established source, contacted by SA [redacted]  
on 9/18/68.Source #3 is [redacted]  
[redacted] Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, who has requested his  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

September 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 13, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contained an article reflecting that "Civil Rights activist" Dick Gregory had been scheduled as a guest speaker at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 1968; Oklahoma State University (OSU), Stillwater, Oklahoma, night of September 18, 1968, and University of Oklahoma (OU), Norman, Oklahoma, on night of September 20, 1968.

On September 18, 1968, Source No. 1 advised that Dick Gregory arrived in Oklahoma City at 4:40 AM, on September 18, 1968, on Braniff Airlines flight 129 from Chicago, Illinois. This source is an individual who has furnished reliable information in the past.

On September 18, 1968, Source No. 2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was a guest speaker at the student assembly held at Langston University at 10:00 AM, on September 18, 1968. According to the source, Gregory spoke about civil rights matters and the coming national elections. He was well received by the students and there were no demonstrations or incidents during Gregory's appearance at Langston University.

The September 18, 1968, issue of the "Oklahoma City Times" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke before an estimated 1500 students at Langston University on September 18, 1968, and charged that moral pollution is the nation's number one problem. According to the article, Gregory referred to both Hubert Humphrey and Richard Nixon as "scum candidates." He stated the nation is waging a war in the name of democracy, but while doing it, requires the black citizens to be non-violent in obtaining their rights in a democracy. He told the students that they do not have to destroy capitalism but should "beat it down behind the constitution." He stated that black students must demand a full share of American constitutional rights now.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The September 19, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke to a crowd of about 2300 at OSU on the night of September 18, 1968, and again charged that moral pollution is the nation's number one problem and that the young people would have to straighten up the mess made by the old folks. He stated that "as long as capitalists control this country---then property rights will come first and human rights second." The article reflects that during his speech earlier in the day at Langston University, he had called on Negro students to get their educations at all Negro schools and then attend white colleges to "demonstrate and kick in doors."

On September 19, 1968, Source No. 1 advised that Gregory departed from Oklahoma City at 4:38 PM, September 19, 1968, on Braniff Airlines flight 127 to Dallas, Texas. According to the source, Gregory had a connecting flight on American Airlines flight 313 departing Dallas to Tuscon, Arizona, leaving Dallas at 5:32 PM on September 18, 1968, and had return reservation on American Airlines flight 138 departing Tuscon at 8:25 AM, September 20, 1968, arriving in Dallas at 12:15 PM. He had connecting flight on Frontier Airlines flight 422 leaving Dallas at 1:05 PM, arriving in Oklahoma City at 2:42 PM on September 20, 1968.

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On September 20, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] [redacted] Police Department, advised that Gregory arrived in Oklahoma City at 2:42 PM that date aboard Frontier Airlines Flight 412.

The September 21, 1968, issue of the "Daily Oklahoman" contains an article reflecting that Gregory spoke before a crowd of 3,000 students in the OU fieldhouse on the night of September 20, 1968. According to the article, Gregory told his audience that "it is up to you youngsters to help America get her sanity back." He stated, "We want the U. S. Constitution, nothing more, nothing less."

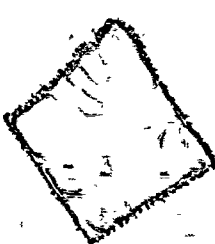
On September 23, 1968, Source No. 3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he attended the speech of Gregory at OU on the night of September 20, 1968.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to the source, literature of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) was distributed by several individuals among the audience. The introductory speaker remarked that to his knowledge, the material being distributed among those in attendance was not a part of the official program and, therefore, not official material sanctioned by the University.

The above source advised that during his speech Gregory was extremely critical of all the Presidential candidates and made several ridiculing remarks concerning President Johnson. Gregory remarked that the Attorney General of the U. S., the FBI and the CIA are attempting to intimidate and accuse him of acts of treason. During his speech he stated he advocates the carrying and using of weapons, and black militants found their justification in the U. S. Constitution where it states that a citizen has the right to bear arms. He stated that present social and political institutions in this nation have compelled Negroes to acts of violence.

A characterization of the SDS appears in the Appendix attached hereto.



## APPENDIX

### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. Gus Hall, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anticommunist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9/28/68

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (176-13)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO Chicago

Enclosed to the Bureau are five copies of a reported dated 9/28/68 and captioned as above and five copies of a letterhead memo dated 9/28/68 and captioned as RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of each of the enclosures enclosed for the Bureau.

The enclosed LHM reflects information furnished by [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past.

The tape recording of subject's speech at Pittsburg, Kansas on 9/23/68 is being transcribed and will be furnished in report form as soon as possible.

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614PM URGENT 9/30/68 EOM

TO DIRECTOR, BOSTON, CINCINNATI, DETROIT, KNOXVILLE, LOS ANGELES  
MINNEAPOLIS, AND NEW YORK.  
FROM CHICAGO 3P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

CHICAGO AIRLINE SOURCE, ADVISED INSTANT THAT THE FOLLOWING  
AIRLINE SCHEDULE FOR GREGORY HAD BEEN DETERMINED:

SEPTEMBER THIRTY INSTANT CHICAGO TO LOS ANGELES VIA  
AMERICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT ONE NINE ONE TO ARRIVE LOS ANGELES  
TWELVE EIGHTEEN P.M. LOS ANGELES TIME.

OCTOBER TWO NEXT, TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX, LOS ANGELES  
TO DAYTON, OHIO.

OCTOBER THREE NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO, DAYTON  
TO DETROIT.

OCTOBER FOUR, UNITED FLIGHT SEVEN SEVEN SEVEN, DETROIT  
TO SAGINAW, MICHIGAN.

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MICHIGAN TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER FIVE NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT THREE FOUR THREE, CHICAGO  
TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE.

OCTOBER SIX NEXT, DELTA FLIGHT THREE SIX TWO, KNOXVILLE  
TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER SIX NEXT, NORTHWEST FLIGHT SEVEN ZERO NINE,  
CHICAGO TO MINNEAPOLIS.

OCTOBER SEVEN NEXT, NORTHWEST FLIGHT TWO ZERO ZERO,  
MINNEAPOLIS TO NEW YORK (JFK).

OCTOBER SEVEN NEXT, AMERICAN FLIGHT THREE NINE ONE,  
NEW YORK (LA GAURDIA) TO CHICAGO.

OCTOBER ELEVEN NEXT, TWA FLIGHT FOUR THREE FOUR,  
CHICAGO TO BOSTON.

GREGORY HAS RECENTLY BEEN APPEARING AT VARIOUS COLLEGE  
AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES ACROSS THE COUNTY.

IT HAS ALSO BEEN OBSERVED THAT GREGORY HAS NOT ALWAYS  
FOLLOWED HIS PLANNED AIRLINE ITINERARY.

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MILITARY ADVISED; SECRET SERVICE, USA TO BE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING  
LHM. RECIPIENT OFFICES SUBMIT LHM RE PERTINENT ACTIVITY.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO LOS ANGELES INDIANAPOLIS

FROM CINCINNATI (157-1077) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

FOR INFORMATION OF INDIANAPOLIS, CHICAGO AIRLINE SOURCE ADVISED CHICAGO OFFICE SEPTEMBER THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT FOLLOWING AIRLINE SCHEDULE FOR SUBJECT HAS BEEN DETERMINED:

DEPART CHICAGO SEPTEMBER THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT FOR LOS ANGELES ON OCTOBER TWO SIXTYEIGHT, DEPART LOS ANGELES VIA TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX TO DAYTON, OHIO. OCTOBER THREE SIXTYEIGHT DEPART DAYTON VIA DELTA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO FOR DETROIT. REMAINDER OF SCHEDULE NOT PERTINENT TO INDIANAPOLIS.

CHICAGO ADVISED GREGORY HAS BEEN APPEARING AT VARIOUS COLLEGE CAMPUSES THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND REQUESTED EACH OFFICE COVERING APPEARANCE TO SUBMIT LHM RE PERTINENT ACTIVITIES.

TWA, DAYTON ADVISED TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX DEPARTS LOS ANGELES ELEVEN THIRTY PM (LOS ANGELES TIME) EACH WEEK DAY AND ARRIVES DAYTON AIRPORT SIX THIRTY AM (DAYTON TIME). SGT. [REDACTED]

OHIO, DETERMINED SUBJECT WILL SPEAK

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AT EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, INDIANA, NINE AM OCTOBER THREE NEXT.

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SGT. [REDACTED] SUPRA, ADVISED THEIR OFFICE WILL CONDUCT DISCREET  
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
ELSUR OF SUBJECT WHILE IN DAYTON, OHIO AREA AND DESIRES VERIFICATION  
OF SUBJECT DEPARTING LOS ANGELES.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE TO BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES SEPTEMBER  
THIRTY SIXTYEIGHT.

LOS ANGELES WILL ADVISE OF SUBJECT'S DEPARTURE SINCE DAYTON PD  
PHYSICAL SURVEILLANCE  
PLANS FISUR OF SUBJECT.

INDIANAPOLIS WILL VERIFY SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE AT EARLHAM COLLEGE  
AND NOTIFY APPROPRIATE LOCAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES.

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226PM URGENT 10-2-68 LAC

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, CINCINNATI, DETROIT

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-64492)

ENCODE

*af* RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTER.

RE CI TEL OCTOBER ONE LAST. *rev 4*

[REDACTED], RESERVATIONS SUPERVISOR [REDACTED]

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ADVISED THIS DATE  
GREGORY VERIFIED HIS RESERVATION ON FLIGHT FOUR

SEVEN SIX, DEPARTING LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT ELEVEN THIRTY P.M., THIS DATE, ARRIVING DAYTON,

OHIO, SIX THIRTY A.M., OCTOBER THREE NEXT.

GREGORY WILL DEPART DAYTON ON DELTA AIRLINE,

VIA FLIGHT FIVE THREE ZERO, AT THREE NINE, P.M.

AND WILL ARRIVE DETROIT FOUR THIRTY-ONE P.M.,

OCTOBER THREE NEXT.

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1153AM10/2/68 URGENT DFS  
TO DIRECTOR, CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM. OO:CHICAGO.

RE CINCINNATI TEL OCT. ONE LAST.

ESTABLISHED SOURCE, EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, IND. ADVISED  
HE IS ATTENDING CONVOCATION MEETING TO BE HELD EARLHAM COLLEGE  
NINE AM. OCT. THREE NEXT WHEREIN GREGORY WILL SPEAK.

MILITARY AUTHORITIES, FT. HARRISON; RICHMOND, IND. PD. AND  
SECRET SERVICE, INDIANAPOLIS, ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA: ESTABLISHED SOURCE IS  
EARLHAM COLLEGE, RICHMOND, IND. LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED FOLLOWING  
SPEECH.

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TO DIRECTOR, DETROIT, CHICAGO  
FROM INDIANAPOLIS 157-1032

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INFO RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL RACIAL SOURCE, GREGORY TO  
DEPART INDIANAPOLIS OCT. FOUR, INSTANT, ONE O'CLOCK AM, VIA PLANE  
FOR DETROIT.

DELTA AIRLINE HAS FLIGHT LEAVING INDIANAPOLIS ONE TWENTY AM  
ARRIVING DETROIT THREE ZERO FIVE AM. THIS BELIEVED FLIGHT GREGORY  
WILL USE.

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3:53PM URGENT 10-3-68 SCL

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO AND DETROIT

FROM INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE CINCINNATI TEL TO DIRECTOR TEN ONE SIXTYEIGHT.. *per 7*

GREGORY MAKING PERSONAL APPEARANCES IN INDIANA THIS DATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH HIS RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT ON NEW POLITICS PARTY TICKET. HE APPEARED AT RICHMOND, INDIANA, THIS AM. ARRIVED MUNCIE, INDIANA EARLY PM AND SCHEDULED FOR SPEECH BALL STATE UNIVERSITY. HE IS SCHEDULED FOR TWO SPEECHES AT ANDERSON, INDIANA THIS EVENING AND AT APPROXIMATELY NINE THIRTY PM HE WILL GIVE SPEECH AT BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH, INDIANAPOLIS. FURTHER PLANS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. BUREAU AND CHICAGO WILL BE ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR CHICAGO INDIANAPOLIS DETROIT  
FROM CINCINNATI (157-1077) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

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TODAY, A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED SUBJECT ARRIVED DAYTON, OHIO,  
ABOARD TWA FLIGHT FOUR SEVEN SIX, SIX THIRTY AM INSTANT. SUBJECT  
MET BY UNKNOWN PERSON DRIVING GREEN NINETEEN SIXTYEIGHT PLYMOUTH,  
INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED] WHICH IS  
REGISTERED TO EARLHAM COLLEGE. SUBJECT TRAVELED VIA INTERSTATE  
SEVENTY TO RICHMOND, INDIANA.

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SOURCE DETERMINED SUBJECT ARRIVED EARLHAM COLLEGE TEN AM  
INSTANT DATE. SUBJECT DEPARTED EARLHAM COLLEGE WITH ONE [REDACTED]  
(LNU), NEGRO FEMALE. ALLEGEDLY [REDACTED] HAS TRAVELED WITH SUBJECT  
IN PAST AND ATTENDS INDIANA UNIVERSITY. [REDACTED] DRIVING NINETEEN  
SIXTY FOUR VALIANT WITH INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED]  
WHICH IS REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] INDIANA. THEIR CAR WAS FOLLOWED BY AN UNKNOWN  
WHITE MALE IN BLuish GREEN FOUR DOOR NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE OLDSMOBILE

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WITH INDIANA LICENSE [REDACTED] THIS CAR  
REGISTERED TO [REDACTED]  
MUNCIE, INDIANA.

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SOURCE DETERMINED SUBJECT SPOKE AT BALL STATE UNIVERSITY  
TWO PM EST AND FROM THERE WILL <sup>TR</sup>AVEL TO ANDERSON, INDIANA AND THEN  
TO INDIANAPOLIS.

SUBJECT'S SCHEDULE UNKNOWN TO SOURCE.

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SOURCE IS [REDACTED] OHIO

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[REDACTED] NOTED THAT PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE GEORGE WALLACE IS  
CURRENTLY IN INDIANAPOLIS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO

FROM KNOXVILLE 157-1523

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

RE CHICAGO TELETYPE SEPT. THIRTY, LAST. *perp*

GREGORY DID NOT ARRIVE KNOXVILLE, TENN., VIA DELTA FLIGHT

THREE FOUR THREE. DELTA AIRLINES ALERTED FOR POSSIBLE ARRIVAL  
FUTURE FLIGHTS.

DIRECTOR. AND CHICAGO WILL BY KEPT ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3144) (C)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY, ROCHESTER, MICHIGAN  
10/4/68  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding captioned matter. Two copies of this LHM are being furnished Chicago for information. Two copies of the LHM are also being furnished G-2 and Secret Service, and one copy being furnished USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

Sources utilized in the LHM are:

Source one is [redacted]

[redacted] Oakland University, an established source.

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Source two is [redacted]

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File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
October 7, 1968

Re: Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan  
October 4, 1968

Source one advised on October 4, 1968, that Richard Claxton Gregory appeared as a guest speaker at Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan, October 4, 1968, before an estimated gathering of students and general public of over 2,000 persons. The speaking engagement which began shortly after 10:00 a.m. was sponsored by "The Oakland Observer", the student publication, Oakland University, as an approved University function.

Gregory spoke for one and one-half hours and thereafter attended a luncheon and departed the University about 1:30 p.m., October 4, 1968.

This source stated that no incidents occurred regarding the appearance of Gregory and no literature was observed being distributed. No signs or placards were in evidence.

Source two on October 7, 1968, advised that Richard Gregory at the time of his October 4, 1968 appearance at Oakland University, made reference to his recently published book, but did not mention any political affiliation by name nor did he appear to be accompanied by any large following.

During the speech Gregory appeared to have one message which was that the young people of the United States have a big job ahead, to change the social and moral establishment created by "old fools". Gregory reportedly advised that the young people should not blindly accept values handed down to them, and recommended that one should "create an America where the black trust the white and free our Indian, farmer, Jew, Mexican, Puerto Rican brothers, and if you're not willing, you'd better buy the biggest

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Re: Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan  
October 4, 1968

guns you can, - cause you're gonna need them". Gregory reportedly told students to understand their power in an effort to save the soul and conscience of America.

Gregory advised that youth has the power to fight its own wars. Gregory praised the students as, "The most moral, ethical, sane group of kids who ever lived in this country".

Gregory criticized the handling of the demonstrations at the National Democratic Convention in Chicago by advising, "It's groovy about Chicago. The kids were outnumbered six to one by the law and the Army. If they (the authorities) couldn't handle the situation any better, we'd better never say anything to the Russians".

This source stated that remarks about civil rights by Gregory were in tone with his frequently used humor.

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Detroit, Michigan  
October 7, 1968

Title	Appearance of Richard Claxton Gregory, Oakland University, Rochester, Michigan October 4, 1968
Character	Racial Matter
Reference	Detroit letterhead memorandum, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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525PM URGENT 10/8/68 CAK

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT THE SUBJECT WILL  
BE IN PITTSBURGH ON TEN FOURTEEN THROUGH TEN SIXTEEN NEXT,  
AND WILL APPEAR AT COLLEGES, FACTORIES, HIGH SCHOOLS, AND  
SHOPPING CENTERS.

PITTSBURGH WILL ARRANGE FOR DISCREET COVERAGE OF  
SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE BUREAU AIRTEL TEN TWO LAST.

PD, G DASH TWO, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA BEING ADVISED.

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TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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ReCGtel, 9/30/68; CItel, 10/1/68; IPtel, 10/2/68; LAtel, 10/2/68; and CItel, 10/3/68.

For information of the Bureau and all receiving offices subject did not speak and made no known contacts with individuals from Cincinnati Division.

*[Redacted]* and *[Redacted]*  
*[Redacted]* Dayton, Ohio advised they had no information concerning subject visiting or contacting anyone from the Dayton, Ohio area.

As set forth in referenced Cincinnati teletype, 10/3/68, subject arrived Dayton Airport, Dayton, Ohio AM, 10/3/68, and traveled directly to Richmond, Indiana. Subject's only reason for coming to Dayton was because of plane schedule and location of airport.

In view of the above no LHM being submitted by Cincinnati Division and this matter being RUC'd.

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1000PMURGENT 10-8-68 WMG

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO 157-347

FROM BOSTON 157-844

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTER.

RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU DATED OCTOBER ONE LAST.

GREGORY SCHEDULED TO APPEAR AT NEWTON HIGH AUDITORIUM AT

EIGHT P.M., OCTOBER ELEVEN NEXT, SPONSORED BY STUDENTS OF THAT  
SCHOOL. APPEARANCE WILL BE COVERED AND LHM SUBMITTED.

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1132AM URGENT 10-8-68 DMW

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (PLAINTEXT)

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM NEW YORK (157-1093) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

RE CHICAGO TEL, NINE THIRTY SIXTY EIGHT. *rev 6*

[REDACTED] RELIABLE IN PAST,

ADVISED GREGORY MADE NO PUBLIC APPEARANCE NYC, TEN SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT. ~~(U)~~

NYCPD ADVISED IT HAD DEVELOPED NO INFORMATION OF SCHEDULED APPEARANCE OR ACTIVITY BY SUBJECT IN NYC, TEN SEVEN SIXTY EIGHT.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-New) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
aka Dick Gregory  
Planned Appearance at  
Newport News, Virginia  
October 17, 1968  
RM

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago and Detroit one copy each of an LHM reflecting the planned visit of DICK GREGORY to Newport News, Va. Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to all military intelligence agencies, Secret Service and the U. S. Attorney.

The source in the LHM is [redacted] who was contacted by SA JOSEPH L. TIERNEY, as was Lt. [redacted]

Norfolk notes Lt. [redacted] is an experienced and reliable Negro police officer at Newport News, Va., who is responsible in his department for activities of the Black Unity Congress.

Norfolk will maintain contact with informants and arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearance, advising the Bureau of any pertinent developments.

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- ③ Bureau (Enc.-11) (RM) 1-Chicago (176-31-Gregory) (Enc.-1) (RM)  
1-Detroit (100-35206) (Enc.-1) (RM)  
8- Norfolk (2-157-New; 1-ea. 100-6672-Peace and Freedom Party;  
176-5-ARL; 157-1287-BUC;  
157-246-PRV; [redacted])

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DATE FORW: 10/16/68

BY: [redacted]

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Norfolk, Virginia

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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On October 7, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Newport News, Virginia, advised that he had been informed that Dick Gregory, formerly a nationally known comedian and presently active in civil rights activities, would visit Newport News, Virginia, on October 17, 1968. Lieutenant [redacted] advised that he had received this information from [redacted] Hampton, Virginia.

According to Lieutenant [redacted] stated that he was [redacted] for the Reverend J. Cornelius Fauntleroy, Jr., President of the Newport News Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a candidate for Congress in the coming election. [redacted] claimed to have arranged the visit himself and stated that it would be from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the vicinity of Fauntleroy for Congress Headquarters in the 2200 block of Jefferson Avenue.

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Lieutenant [redacted] stated that while [redacted] affects Afro style clothing and hair, he has no particular indication that [redacted] is a member of the Black Unity Congress at Newport News, Virginia.

On July 11, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] advised that the Black Unity Congress was formerly known as the Newport News Community Unity Congress and the "Deacons." It was formed in the early part of 1968 and holds meetings at Newport News, Virginia.

During July, 1968, the Black Unity Congress distributed a handbill among the public. The handbill indicated that the black people must seek a total change in white society's corrupt system. It indicates that they must use all the tools at their disposal to free themselves from "whitey." It continues:

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"The greatest weapon we possess is violence,  
so let's turn that violence on those who  
taught us to be violent."

On October 8, 1968, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past concerning the Black Unity Congress advised that he had received no information concerning an appearance by Dick Gregory at Newport News, Virginia. *xy*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/9/68

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Knoxville teletype to Chicago and Bureau, 10/5/68. *REV 9*

*f*  Intelligence Division, Knoxville PD, Knoxville, Tenn., advised on 10/8/68, that he and another officer, along with University of Tennessee Campus Police, were at the McGhee-Tyson Airport, 10/5/68, in order to meet Delta Flight 343 in order to ascertain activities of GREGORY while in Knoxville. He stated that GREGORY did not arrive on this flight nor on subsequent flights, and after contacting sources he indicated that apparently GREGORY did not visit Knoxville weekend 10/5/68.

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In view of the above, no further action is being taken in this case.

If any information is received concerning any future visits of GREGORY to Knoxville Division, Bureau and Chicago will be immediately notified.

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12:47 EDST URGENT 10-16-68 DAA

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST, GREGORY TOURED NEGRO AREAS IN  
PITTSBURGH, GREETED WORKERS OUTSIDE LOCAL FACTORY, AND  
BETWEEN SIX THIRTY AND EIGHT THIRTY PM ADDRESSED ABOUT  
TWO THOUSAND PERSONS AT PUBLIC ASSEMBLY AT UNIVERSITY OF  
PITTSBURGH.

SUBJECT ATTACKED U.S. VIETNAM INVOLVEMENT AND CITED  
RACISM AND CORRUPTION AS INDICIA OF SICK SOCIETY.

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12:45 AM EDST URGENT 10-15-68 DAA

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

GREGORY ARRIVED PITTSBURGH AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER FOURTEEN  
LAST AND WILL REMAIN IN CITY UNTIL OCTOBER SIXTEEN NEXT  
TO CAMPAIGN FOR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT ON PEACE AND  
FREEDOM PARTY TICKET.

DURING AFTERNOON OF OCTOBER FOURTEEN, SUBJECT HELD PRESS  
CONFERENCE AT POINT PARK COLLEGE AND DURING EVENING FROM  
EIGHT TO TEN PM, HE SPOKE BEFORE APPROXIMATELY FOUR HUNDRED  
STUDENTS AND FACULTY. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND SPEECH WAS  
NON INFLAMMATORY, ALTHOUGH HIGHLY CRITICAL OF DOMESTIC AND  
FOREIGN POLICY.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM SAC, INDIANAPOLIS (157-1032)  
 RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 OO: Chicago

Re CI teletype, 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Four copies of this LHM are being disseminated for Chicago Office. Chicago is requested to disseminate to USA their territory.

Indianapolis disseminating locally to U. S. Secret Service and MIG.

Source is \_\_\_\_\_  
 by request. \_\_\_\_\_ is an established source of the  
 Indianapolis Office, who has volunteered information previously.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
October 11, 1968

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File No.

Richard Claxton Gregory

On October 3, 1968, [redacted] Student, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, advised Gregory was met by two students from Earlham College at the Dayton, Ohio Airport at 6:30 AM and accompanied them to the Earlham College Campus, where he spoke to the student body and interested faculty members at a 9:00 AM convocation. His address was approximately one and one-half hours in duration and was somewhat humorous. Gregory attacked American capitalism and the democratic system which received enthusiastic applause and repeated standing ovation during his talk. Gregory was introduced to the student body by [redacted] Earlham College student from Springfield, Ohio. Gregory was introduced as the political candidate for United States presidency on the Indiana New Politics Party.

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[redacted] stated that Gregory's speech was somewhat humorous; however, he charged college youth to change the American system through protest and demonstrations but within the framework of the Constitution. He directed the college students to fulfill their obligation to study for the purpose of learning the truth and not for the obligation of fulfilling what is expected of them. Gregory directed the students to "learn how to live, not just how to make a living". "You don't have to destroy the capitalistic system, but you have to beat it behind the Constitution, from where it is now, out in front of it".

Gregory cited the tremendous economic power possessed by today's youth, which he said could be used effectively to change American foreign and domestic policy to restore "sanity" in our affairs.

Gregory stated that if elected president, he would "paint the White House black, bring the boys home from Vietnam, and would send LBJ instead".

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

[ ] stated that he regarded Gregory's speech to be profane through his repeated use of profanity. [ ] stated that in demanding change in American Government, Gregory pointed to the ceiling and called for "an end to the white crackers up there" who are running America for profit and who give more attention to property rights than human rights. Gregory stated "if the system resists too much, destroy it". Gregory demanded that youth should ask themselves why they are not permitted to vote at age 18. He answered the question by stating, "those old fools know how you'd vote". Gregory commented on the danger of impending civil disorders in America if more attention to the rights of the Negro, Puerto Rican, Indian, Jewish, and Mexican population is not received. Gregory commented on foreign policy and drew laughter by commenting upon what he called an end to "insane, filthy" policies which will lead the country to disaster and centering his remarks upon United States involvement in Vietnam and worries about Communism abroad. Gregory advocated making American democracy work at home before forcing it on people of other nations, like Vietnam.

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Gregory denounced Chicago Mayor Richard Daley as a "raving maniac" for his orders to police during the Democratic National Convention and upheld the relative innocence of the hippie and yippie demonstrators. Gregory attacked the CIA and police agencies of the country stating that they had no concern for his welfare but did not want to see him killed in their area of responsibility.

He complained of being photographed, surveilled, and recordings of his speeches made wherever he traveled.

Gregory attacked the morality of those in attendance at the Democratic National Convention by asking "who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago, the hippies who slept in the parks or the shriners who slept in the hotels? A country that won't take control of the cities from the criminal syndicate can't expect to get respect from the black folks in the inner city".

Following the one and one-half hour address to the student body and faculty members, Gregory appeared at Runyan Center, a student facility, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana,

Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

and conducted a question and answer session prior to his departure for Muncie, Anderson, and Indianapolis, Indiana. Gregory departed from Richmond about 12:35 PM.

On October 3, 1968, Captain [redacted] Campus Police, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, advised that [redacted] a senior at Ball State University and [redacted] of the New Politics Party, had furnished him with the following itinerary of Gregory, while the latter would be in Muncie, Indiana, on October 3, 1968:

Gregory would arrive at Whitely Community Center, Muncie, Indiana, at 1:00 PM and have a walking press conference while proceeding to Longfellow Elementary School, where he would talk to students. Gregory would leave the Whitely area and arrive at Ball State University at 3:00 PM where he would give a talk at the ballroom of the Student Center. At 4:15 PM, Gregory would take a walking tour of the campus. At 4:45 PM, he would leave for Trinity Methodist Church, Willard and Hackly Streets, Muncie, for dinner. At 5:30 PM, he would speak at the church and at 6:45 PM, would leave Muncie for Anderson, Indiana. Gregory was to be accompanied by [redacted] New Politics Party Candidate for the Indiana Senate and [redacted] [redacted] for the New Politics Party.

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On October 3, 1968, Lieutenant [redacted] Campus Police, Ball State University, advised that Gregory gave a talk in the ballroom at the Student Center for about 45 minutes. The crowd ranged from 75 to 200 people and consisted mostly of students and faculty at Ball State University. Gregory's main issue seemed to be for young people to demonstrate and boycott in order to get what they want. Gregory said something about a nude march in Washington, D. C. The reason for the march was to get arrested and thereafter, take the matter from court to court until a ruling was handed down from the Government for people to have to wear clothes and thus make the Government clothe the people. Gregory also had a brief question and answer period.

The October 4, 1968, issue of the "Muncie Star," Muncie, Indiana, carried an article entitled "Gregory Tells BSU Audience to Use Economic Needs to Change America". The article stated Gregory spoke before an audience of about 500 persons, mostly college students, and said actions of youths are looked at

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in a different light today than when he was in school and when panty raids and stuffing as many into a phone booth was considered "All in growing up and kids will be kids". Gregory had stated, "If you get five students around a phone booth today for a demonstration against high long distance rates, it's considered Communist inspired, when all the student is looking for is more responsibility and a bigger share of the action." Gregory said if the youth would "go after the economic structure, you can get everything you want". He advocated a boycott of record purchases until the record industry lobbied for 18-year-olds to vote. Gregory, whose speech bordered on a comic dialogue at points, when he referred to President Johnson and when he talked about hippies, said his qualifications to be President are that he is a "35-year-old and an American, like it says in the Constitution". He backed the Constitution but said it had to be whipped into shape to put it in front of capitalism. One of the first actions if he is elected would be to take five hours on television and read the Constitution "real slow so any fool can understand". He said that when the country determines to enforce human rights, like property rights, then we will have a groovy country. Gregory charged the country with being in Vietnam to allow North Vietnamese to walk streets unmolested while white Americans cannot go into Harlem safely and black Americans are not safe in white communities. He said America has no right to act as a policeman and especially to choose what country to police.

On October 4, 1968, Chief of Police Doyle Wright, Anderson, Indiana, advised as follows:

Negro comedian Dick Gregory, write-in presidential candidate of the Indiana New Politics Party, spoke at the Trinity Methodist Church and at Hartung Hall, Anderson College, both places at Anderson, Indiana, on the evening of October 3, 1968. Gregory predicted the end of the two-party system after the November 5 election because of independent political action. Gregory said the United States should get out of Vietnam. Gregory stated the number one problem facing the United States was "moral pollution" and that young people "caused LBJ to step down" and said that the power would be in the hands of young people by the 1970's. Gregory said George Wallace was calling for law and order yet blocked law and order several years ago by standing in front of school doors in his home state. Gregory also

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criticized Mayor Richard Daley's use of law enforcement officials during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, Illinois.

After leaving Anderson, Indiana, Gregory went to Indianapolis, Indiana.

A source, which has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Gregory arrived one hour late for his speech at the Broadway Christian Church, Indianapolis.

His speech began at 11:30 PM on October 3, 1968; his statements were essentially those which are set out above.

The crowd was estimated at 150 people of which 25 were caucasians.

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Date: 10/16/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (100-6672) (P)

PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau dated 10/8/68 entitled  
"RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka, Planned Appearance at  
Newport News, Virginia, October 17, 1968; RM."

The Norfolk "Virginian-Pilot" newspaper dated 10/13/68  
reported that DICK GREGORY, Presidential candidate of the  
Peace and Freedom Party, will speak in Norfolk, Va., and  
Newport News, Va., on Friday, 10/18/68.

[redacted] Norfolk, Va. Police  
Division, reported on 10/15/68 that no violence is anticipated;  
however, close liaison will be maintained with police and  
racial sources. The proceedings will be covered and the  
Bureau will be kept advised.

[redacted] a Racial Liaison Source who  
is [redacted] reported on 10/15/68 that  
no trouble is anticipated with the coming to Norfolk of  
DICK GREGORY. He indicated that GREGORY has attracted little  
attention in Norfolk among the Negro citizens.

[redacted] U. S. Secret Service, Norfolk, Va.,  
confidentially advised on 10/16/68 that no action will be  
taken by Secret Service in connection with GREGORY's visit  
to Norfolk and Newport News.

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Bureau will be kept advised of any pertinent  
developments. Intelligence agencies are aware of GREGORY's  
anticipated visit to Norfolk and Newport News, Va.

An information copy furnished Richmond as Richmond and  
Danville listed as places to be visited by GREGORY.

3- Bureau (RM) 2- Detroit (100-35206) (RM) 1- Richmond (Info.)  
4- Norfolk (100-6672; 100-6289-Demonstrations Anti-Vietnam;

Approved: [redacted] 100-5975-TROPUS; 157-Newent Dick Gregory, Per  
Special Agent in Charge Appearance in Newport News).

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/23/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 10/1/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned as above. Two copies are designated for Chicago. Dissemination is being made locally to 108th MI Group and NISO, both at Boston, Mass.

A tape recording of GREGORY's appearance at Newton High School Auditorium, Newton, Mass., on 10/11/68, was made by SAs JOHN F. NOONAN and JOHN F. SWEENEY through the cooperation of [redacted] at Newton High, who requests his identity be protected. Both agents heard GREGORY's speech. The tape is being sent to Chicago as an enclosure with this letter.

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Boston, Massachusetts

October 23, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On October 11, 1968, Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation were present at Newton High School, Newton, Massachusetts, and heard Richard Claxton Gregory address an audience, the majority of whom appeared to be in the age group of high school students.

Gregory stated that as a presidential candidate he is frequently asked what he would do if he were elected president. He said he would bring back all the boys from Vietnam and send Lyndon B. Johnson over there by himself.

He would get an appropriation of about \$50,000,000 and retire all the white people and give their jobs to Negroes. Six months later all the Negroes would be griping about working to support all the white folks who do nothing but sit around.

He stated he was 33 years old and had been an orphan for 30 years. His father was killed by a German during World War II. His mother received \$10,000 from the government but could not use this to buy a home in any area she wished. Yet the German who killed his father could come over to his father's country and buy a home anywhere.

He asked who said, "Give me liberty or give me death," and then answered "Rap Brown." He said that Brown made a statement urging Negroes to take a gun and go and shoot a policeman. He pointed out that the things the Negroes are doing have precedent in history.

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Paul Revere urged citizens to arm themselves against the British, who were the police then. He told the audience that the Constitution gives the right to bear arms. He said, "Read your damn constitution." He suggested that if Negroes are not peaceably given the rights guaranteed them by the Constitution, they would have to get them by the rifle.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RACIAL MATTER.

GREGORY APPEARED LAST NIGHT AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, LORETTO. PENNSYLVANIA, SPEAKING TO A GROUP OF ABOUT SIX HUNDRED FIFTY, COMPOSED PRIMARILY OF STUDENTS. HE GAVE HIS OPINION OF CURRENT EVENTS, CRITICIZED THE POLICE IN GENERAL AND THE ACTIONS OF THE CHICAGO POLICE DURING THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS DURING OR FOLLOWING HIS TALK, WHICH LASTED TWO AND ONE HALF HOURS.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND BUFFALO

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

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ST RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM

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GREGORY CONCLUDED PITTSBURGH CAMPAIGN ON TEN SIXTEEN LAST  
WITH VISIT TO LOCAL FACTORY, TOUR OF NEGRO SECTIONS, APPEARANCE  
ON LOCAL RADIO INTERVIEW PROGRAM, AND SPEECH AT CHATHAM COLLEGE,  
A FEMALE INSTITUTION. SPEECH SAME AS THAT GIVEN AT OTHER SCHOOLS  
IN CITY.

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GREGORY TO SPEAK AT ST. FRANCIS COLLEGE, LORETTO, PA.,  
ON EVENING OF TEN EIGHTEEN NEXT.

NO INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT SUBJECT PLANS TO VISIT BUFFALO.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, PLANNED APPEARANCE AT NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA , TEN SEVENTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT

RE NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU TEN EIGHT NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT  
AND NORFOLK AIRTEL TO BUREAU TEN SIXTEEN NINETEEN SIXTY-EIGHT  
"PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY, INFORMATION CONCERNING; IS."

GREGORY APPEARED IN NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, TODAY AT FOUR PM,  
SPOKE FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE CROWD OF TWO HUNDRED IN PARK LOCATED IN  
CITY NEGRO HOUSING DEVELOPMENT.

HE THEN APPEARED IN NEWPORT NEWS, AT FIVE PM , AND SPOKE  
IN GHETTO AREA, DOWNTOWN NEWPORT NEWS, BEFORE CROWD OF ABOUT FOUR  
HUNDRED. HIS SPEECHES CONCERNED HIS CANDIDACY FOR PRESIDENT.  
CROWDS WERE ORDERLY AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS, RACIAL OR OTHERWISE  
GREGORY LEAVING NEWPORT NEWS AT SIX PM TONIGHT VIA MAC VIRGINIA  
AIRLINES, A CHARTER SERVICE, DESTINED FOR JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA,  
AND THEN GOING TO LORETTO, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR APPEARANCE. DUE  
TO ARRIVE JOHNSTOWN ABOUT SEVEN FORTY-FIVE PM TONIGHT. GREGORY  
CANCELLED PROPOSED APPEARANCES TODAY IN DANVILLE AND RICHMOND,  
VIRGINIA. RICHMOND AND PITTSBURGH DIVISIONS NOTIFIED BY TELEPHONE  
TODAY.

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Date: 10/29/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM pertaining to the visit of GREGORY to the Sullivan County Community College, South Fallsburg, NY, on the evening of 10/17/68. Two copies of LHM enclosed for Chicago.

Confidential sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

1. [redacted] student, Sullivan County Community College.
2. [redacted] Sullivan County Community College.
3. [redacted] Fallsburg, NY.

The LHM is classified "Confidential" since unauthorized disclosure of this information might impair the future effectiveness of the sources and such would have an adverse effect on the national defense.

Dissemination is being made locally to the 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO and Secret Service.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

NY 157-1093

New York, New York  
October 21, 1968

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Richard Claxton Gregory

On October 18, 1968, a confidential source advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, publicly known as Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and Presidential candidate on the Freedom and Peace ticket, spoke before a group at the Sullivan County Community College, South Fallsburg, New York, on the evening of October 17, 1968. Gregory spoke from approximately 8 to 10:30 p.m. on topics ranging from the Chicago riots at the time of the Democratic National Convention, need to get peace in Vietnam and Negro in society. Regarding the Chicago riots the source stated that Gregory said that the politicians were to blame for the riots because of the way they ran the convention.

As for getting peace in Vietnam, Gregory stated that the students could show their disagreement with the war by boycotting the Dial Chemical Company by not buying Dial soap. Another way of demonstrating disapproval would be to stop smoking for a whole year. This would economically hurt cigarette manufacturers who in turn would put pressure on the White House to stop the war.

Regarding the Negro in society, Gregory stated that the Negro should continually look for ways to better himself.

The source stated Gregory used a great deal of barbed comedy in making his speech and that he was enthusiastically received by the students.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Another source advised that Gregory was invited to speak at the college as part of the college's cultural events program. The source stated that for approximately the past five years the college's cultural events program has had very little response and participation and it was decided to invite Gregory to the campus to "spark up" the program and give it greater publicity. The source stated that Gregory was paid \$1,000 by the college for his appearance.

A third source advised that approximately 600 to 700 people attended the program. Approximately 75 were non-students who paid \$2.00 a piece for admission. This source advised that the audience was completely peaceful and that there were no demonstrations before or after Gregory's appearance.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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OO: Chicago

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DATE: 10/18/68

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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 10/2/68,  
Chicago airtel and LHM dated 10/1/68, Chicago teletype to  
Bureau dated 9/30/68.

On 10/2/68, [redacted]  
TWA, Los Angeles, California, advised that GREGORY verified  
his reservation on Flight 476 which would depart Los Angeles  
International Airport 11:30 p.m., 10/2/68. This flight  
would arrive Dayton, Ohio at 6:30 a.m. on 10/3/68. GREGORY's  
reservation indicated he would depart Dayton on Delta Airlines,  
Flight 530 at 3:09 p.m. and would arrive Detroit 4:31 p.m. on  
10/3/68.

On 10/2/68, [redacted] and [redacted] advised that  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY arrived Los Angeles on American Airlines,  
Flight 190 at approximately 12:20 p.m., Los Angeles, California,  
and they related that GREGORY made no speaking engagements  
during the time he was in Los Angeles, California from 9/30/68  
to 10/2/68.

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Due to the fact that GREGORY made no speeches in the  
Los Angeles area nor did he participate in any demonstrations,  
no LHM is being submitted.

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1 - Los Angeles

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Via AIRTEL (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-1475) -C-  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
PLANNED APPEARANCE AT  
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA  
10/18/68.

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Re Norfolk teletype to Bureau and Pittsburgh, 10/18/68.

Transmitted herewith to Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
entitled "VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA  
AND NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968."

One copy is being furnished to Chicago because of  
their interest in GREGORY. One copy is being furnished to  
Detroit as they are OO concerning the Peace and Freedom Party.  
One copy is being furnished to Pittsburgh in view of GREGORY's  
contemplated appearance in that division. One copy is being  
furnished Richmond inasmuch as GREGORY had been scheduled  
an appearance in that division. Dissemination made locally  
all military intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and USA.

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The sources in the LHM are identified as follows:

NF T-1 is [redacted] Police-Community Relations  
Officer, Norfolk PD (considered advisable);

NF T-2 is [redacted]

NF T-3 is [redacted]

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The Special Agent who identified [redacted]  
is SA [redacted]

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100-6672 (Peace)  
100-6289 (Demonstr)  
157-246 (Racial Violence)  
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File No.

Norfolk, Virginia

October 21, 1968

RE: VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA AND NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

The October 19, 1968 issue of the "Journal and Guide", a weekly newspaper published in Norfolk, Virginia, which received general circulation on October 18, 1968, contained an article which indicated that Dick Gregory would make stops in Norfolk, Newport News, Richmond, and Danville on his Presidential campaign swing into Virginia on October 18, 1968 according to Howard Schonberger, chairman of the Virginia Peace and Freedom Party. ~~(U)~~

On October 17, 1968, NF T-1 advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, commonly known as Dick Gregory, Presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, was scheduled to appear in Liberty Park, Norfolk, at 9:00 A.M. on October 18, 1968 and would then proceed to Newport News, Virginia for a scheduled appearance later that morning. Liberty Park is a part of the Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority and is occupied solely by Negro residents. ~~(U)~~

NF T-1 further advised that a crowd of approximately 400 to 500 persons assembled in the picnic area, Liberty Park, at about 9:00 A.M. but Gregory failed to appear as scheduled. It was learned that Gregory had been detained in New York City because of transportation difficulties; that he had chartered a private plane and would arrive at Norfolk, Virginia at about 3:00 P.M. that date. ~~(U)~~

Gregory appeared at Liberty Park at 4:00 P.M. on October 18, 1968 and spoke for about 15 minutes before a crowd of about 200. His comments concerned his campaign for the Presidency, running on the ticket of the Peace and Freedom Party. ~~(U)~~

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to the source Gregory was attired in a sailor cap, a denim jacket and checkered overalls. He stated "There is a need for a moral qualification too" and none of the other candidates measure up to that standard. He stated "Racial law and order is not a problem of black against white, but of right against wrong." He further stated that the crime syndicate in the United States has corrupted everyone "Right up to the Presidency." *u*

The crowd was orderly and there were no demonstrations, racial or otherwise. *u*

According to NF T-1, Gregory was introduced by [redacted] a student at Norfolk Division, Virginia State College, Norfolk, Virginia, and was transported to Norfolk, Virginia from Newport News, Virginia, where he had arrived by private aircraft and then returned to Newport News by [redacted] an instructor at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. ~~(U)~~

NF T-2 advised that [redacted] is a spokesman for the Black Liberation Action Council (BLAC), a newly formed militant black nationalist group in Norfolk, Virginia, and head of Peace and Freedom Party in Norfolk. ~~(U)~~

NF T-1 further advised that copies of a leaflet were distributed at Liberty Park which invited persons to write the Virginia Peace and Freedom Party, 512 Newport News Avenue, Hampton, Virginia for "Gregory buttons" and "Gregory literature" or to send financial contributions. ~~(U)~~

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According to NF T-1, Gregory departed Norfolk at about 4:25 P.M. on October 18, 1968. ~~(U)~~

On the same date, Lieutenant [redacted] Newport News, Virginia Police Department, advised that Gregory appeared in the 500 block of 23rd Street, Newport News, Virginia and spoke to a crowd estimated at about 400 persons from 5:00 P.M. to about 5:20 P.M. This location is in a ghetto area in downtown Newport News. His speech concerned his candidacy for the Presidency. The audience was orderly and there were no demonstrations, racial or otherwise. *u*

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to Lieutenant [redacted] Police Department, Gregory told the Newport News rally that organized crime is the biggest threat to law and order to the United States and vowed to wipe it out if elected.. He said that he would break up that "crime syndicate." In regard to the war in Vietnam he stated that if he were elected President he would "Get those soldiers home immediately, and let those fools decide if it is honorable." U

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On October 18, 1968, [redacted] Newport News, advised that Gregory was scheduled to leave Newport News at 6:00 P.M. that date via Mac Virginia Airlines Charter Service destined for Johnstown, Pennsylvania and then would go to Loretto, Pennsylvania for an appearance. He was due to arrive at Johnstown about 7:45 P.M., October 18, 1968. U

NF T-1 advised that Gregory had canceled his proposed appearances in Danville and Richmond, Virginia on October 18, 1968 because of his transportation difficulties mentioned above. X (U)

A Special Agent of the Norfolk Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation observed [redacted] and [redacted] a professor at Old Dominion College, Norfolk, Virginia at the above rally held in Norfolk. U

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U.S. / NF T-2 identified [redacted] as a former follower of John Kenyatta, coordinator of the Afro-American Liberation Movement (AALM). This same source advised that [redacted] was on the advisory committee of the AALM, and also taught at Norfolk Division, Norfolk State College. X (U)

In 1956, NF T-3 advised that [redacted] was a member of the Communist Party during the period 1945 - 1946. X (U)

A characterization of the AALM is attached.

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APPENDIX

AFRO-AMERICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

On May 27, 1968, a source advised that the Afro-American Liberation Movement (AALM) was formed in Norfolk, Virginia, in March, 1968. He advised that it is a pro-black movement. Its membership is restricted to Negroes but might include any white persons who might be sympathetic to its aims. The group is teaching the history of the black race, and members are encouraged to speak out for their own rights. u

The leader of the group is JOHN LEE MASON, Jr., who refers to himself as JOHN KENYATTA. He has remarked, "The only thing that will put fear in the whites is bloodshed. If you want land, take it. You cannot win in the courts." u

According to the source, the AALM is in the process of storing guns and other weapons and ammunition. Many of the members carry weapons concealed on their persons. u

The organization is primarily active in Norfolk, Virginia, but is beginning to spread to surrounding areas. It is not a part of any national organization. It holds periodic meetings in Norfolk. u

Most of the members wear the Afro-style haircut, and many wear a voodoo doll and/or beads around their necks. u

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Norfolk, Virginia

October 21, 1968

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**Title** VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA AND NEWPORT  
NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

**Character**

**Reference** Memorandum dated and captioned as  
above

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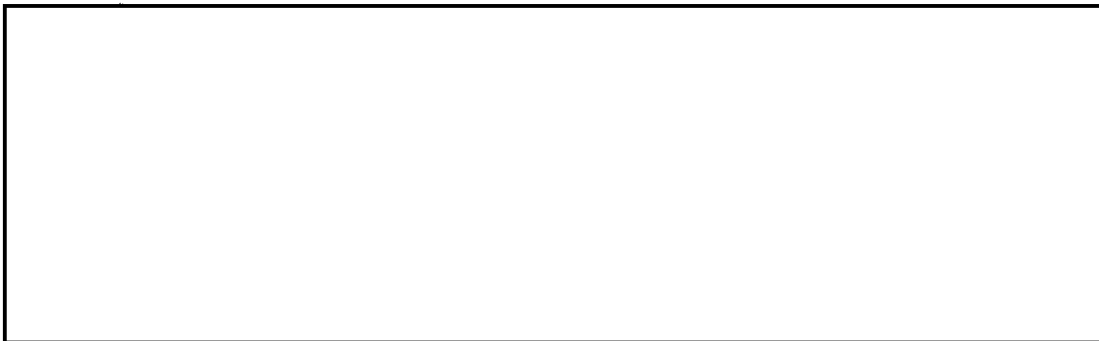
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From: Director, FBI (100-440423) - 342

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RACIAL MATTERS


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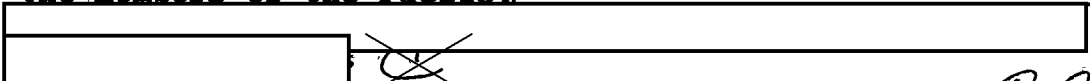
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NOTE:

Subject, comedian-entertainer and civil rights  
activist, is included in the Agitator Index. We have  
received information that subject plans to make a world  
tour to include the African nations, Russia, China, Cuba,  
and North Korea and further ~~that he plans to interview~~  
the members of the Pueblo. 

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TO :

DATE: September 30, 1968

FROM :

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SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

*phs.*  
[redacted] advised the [redacted] that Gregory b3  
arrived in Paris from London on September 8, 1968. [redacted] did  
not acquire any additional information.

## ACTION:

The above information is being directed to the  
attention of the [redacted] b7E

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ DATE: 10/4/68

FROM :  (157-99) (P) ~~C~~ (U)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

OO: Chicago (157-347)

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Re Chicago airtel 9/3/68. ~~C~~ (U)

Enclosed is copy of report dated

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12:13 AM EDT URGENT 10-27-68 WRJ  
TO DIRECTOR 100-440423 AND CHICAGO  
FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

GREGORY APPEARED NIGHT OF OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT AT  
WHEELING COLLEGE, WHEELING, W.VA., AND SPOKE TWO AND ONE HALF  
HOURS BEFORE CROWD OF APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN HUNDRED, COMPOSED  
PRIMARILY OF STUDENTS. HIS TALK CONCERNED HIS CANDIDANCY FOR  
PRESIDENT AND HIS OPINIONS ON CURRENT EVENTS AND RACIAL PROBLEMS.  
PRIOR TO HIS TALK, GREGORY AND PARTY HAD DINNER AT RESIDENCE OF

[REDACTED] AT WHEELING  
COLLEGE. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS. GREGORY DEPARTED WHEELING  
BY AUTO PM OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE:

10/28/68

FROM :

SAC, SEATTLE (157-511)(RUC)

SUBJECT:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Seattle letter to Bureau, 8/30/68.

Review of newspaper publicity with respect to a "Rock Festival" which was held at Sultan, Washington, 8/31/68 through 9/2/68, partially for the benefit of Indians in their fight for "fishing rights," and [redacted]

[redacted] one of the prime figures in this festival, on 9/2/68, revealed that subject did not appear at it and had not been scheduled for an appearance. There have been no other affairs of this type in the Seattle area, and no information has been received showing subject had been here on any other business.

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This matter being placed in RUC status in the Seattle Division.

2-Bureau (RM)  
2-Chicago (157-347)(RM)  
1-Seattle (157-511)  
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Date: 10/26/68

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3099) (RUC)

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL;  
JULIAN BOND;  
DICK GREGORY, APPEARANCES,  
BLACK POWER CONFERENCE,  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN,  
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN  
9/29/68  
RM  
(OO: DETROIT)

Re Detroit airtel and LHM, entitled as captioned above, dated 9/26/68; Bureau teletype to Detroit, dated 9/27/68; and Detroit teletype to the Bureau, dated 9/30/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2, Secret Service, and one copy to the USA, all Detroit, Michigan.

**The sources referred to in this LHM are as follows:**

DE T-1 is

DE T-2 1s

The LHM is classified confidential since information furnished by the sources could reasonably result in the identification of the sources and compromise their future effectiveness.

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Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
October 26, 1968

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory, Appearances  
Black Power Conference,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

All confidential sources referred to herein have  
furnished reliable information in the past.

DE T-1 advised on September 30, 1968, that a Black  
Power Conference was held on the University of Michigan  
( U of M ) campus at the Hill Auditorium, Ann Arbor, Michigan,  
on September 29, 1968, at 2:00 PM, at which time Adam Clayton  
Powell, Julian Bond, and Dick Gregory each addressed a capacity  
audience of some 4,000 individuals, which appeared to be mostly  
student - faculty personnel.

DE T-2 advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] at the U of M, [redacted]  
and introduced the first speaker, Julian Bond.

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DE T-2 said that Bond presented an intellectual  
appeal to the young people in the audience, both black and  
white, and that black people are, for the most part,  
generally poor, unemployed, uneducated and powerless.

Bond said that most of the black people are powerless  
and through their blackness they must solve their own problems

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
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Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

and care for each other. He said that being black is a nightmare for black people and that all black people have more respect for Southerners because they are honest, more so than the Northerners, because they are hypocrites.

DE T-2 advised that if the young white people want to help the Negro he should not spend all day, for example a Sunday, listening to the tape recording of the speeches of "Malcolm X", but should leave their rooms to go into the streets to visit the Negro people and make things happen.

DE T-2 advised that Dick Gregory was the next speaker who appealed to all young Americans, black and white, to begin immediately to place the economic structures of this country in proper perspectives; placing it behind the Constitution of the United States, not in front of it.

Gregory made the remark that the "white kids of the old days" have always had their days of demonstration, such as panty raids on college campuses, and the beach parties at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, but the young radicals, both black and white, were denied their day at the Democratic National Convention at Chicago, Illinois, the latter part of August, 1968.

Gregory said that in his opinion, regarding the present political presidential race, there is only one honest man running, George Wallace. He presents no real threat to the black people in this country, it is just "the white folks who are up-tight regarding voting for Wallace".

He further said that our whole system of voting should be changed and that 18 year olds must be given the right to vote because if they are old enough to die for their country, they should be old enough to vote.

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
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Black Power Conference,  
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He said that our whole system needs a change in that both black and white young people should work together to civilize the old whites.

Gregory told the audience that he was non-violent and that he even includes being non-violent towards animals and he believes that 90 per cent of the people are afraid to fight.

He said, "I want to throw dynamite, but I can't because I'm scared and yellow" so all I do is fast (hunger strike).

He said that "any stupid cat can throw a bomb if he has sense enough to get it out of his hand", but very few can fast in a demonstration for what he feels is right.

He said that economic boycotts are one way to beat the system and these do work.

Gregory ended by saying that "Northern white liberals have outlived their usefulness to the Negro cause and what we need now are white radicals". He continued, "A Wallace victory would make liberals out of moderates, radicals out of liberals, and God only knows what out of radicals".

DE T-2 advised the next speaker was Adam Clayton Powell who began by saying "If all of the FBI or CIA personnel were to leave the building now, over half of those present would leave".

He said the Black Nationalists and young activist whites must walk hand-in-hand and that 52 per cent of the people in the United States today are under 25 years of age. There are leaders willing to die if necessary to turn this establishment around the other way.

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Re: Adam Clayton Powell;  
Julian Bond;  
Dick Gregory, Appearances  
Black Power Conference,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
September 29, 1968

Powell said he was discriminated against when censured by Congress and other Congressmen who have done more than himself are still seated.

He said that the young people have proven at the University of California, Columbia University, Florida A&M, and Duke University that they can force changes by their demonstrations on each of the college campuses and the young people have already learned that they are and should be through listening to their parents, preachers, priests, who collectively misrepresent facts to them regarding the social ills of our country.

DE T-2 said that Powell wanted people to know that Black Power is not anti-white, but just true black and is a way you think and feel. He said that black people believe in separation, but he thinks this is not what will help the black race.

Powell ended by saying that "the only man with guts on the presidential scene today is George Wallace and that the black people know where they stand with Wallace and will be better off with Wallace as president.

DE T-2 said that Bond and Gregory were enthusiastically accepted by the audience, but Powell was not well received.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts

October 25, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Also Known as:

Dick Gregory

Racial Matters - Appearance  
at Plymouth, New Hampshire  
State College 10/21/68

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 22, 1968, that Dick Gregory appeared in Silver Hall at Plymouth State College, Plymouth, New Hampshire, on the evening of October 21, 1968. The audience was mainly composed of students and there were probably about 800 people in attendance. This would be a capacity crowd. The audience was friendly and source stated that it received Gregory well. There were only about five or six black people in the audience.

Gregory struck the source as colorful, gifted speaker and performed with the air of a professional. He spent a considerable amount of time describing his books and extolling them as good reading. Among the points he stressed on the national scene were the following:

Bring the boys back from Vietnam, blacks are second class citizens; the young are the only ones who are not corrupt; referred repeatedly to the three Presidential candidates as "fools"; two party system is dead; and the black man had as much right to bear arms as the white man.

The source advised that the whole thing was more like a sideshow barker in action at a carnival. He was well-received and there was a short question and answer period afterwards, but no questions of interest were asked.

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Also Known as:  
Dick Gregory  
Racial Matters - Appearance  
at Plymouth, New Hampshire  
State College 10/21/68

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The source advised that there were no disturbances or incidents and that the crowd was very well-behaved.

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## Dick Gregory Scores U.S. 'Moral Pollution'

By ROSAMOND ORR

PLYMOUTH — Comedian and presidential candidate Dick Gregory laced wit with pungent satire to alternately charm and stun about 800 persons who jammed Plymouth State College's Silver Hall Auditorium here last night.

Gregory, one of several speakers scheduled for a special lecture series at the college, listed the plight of the American Indian and the "moral pollution . . . in the United States," as the nation's two greatest problems.

On the Indian problem, Gregory likened the role of the Bureau of Indian Affairs to . . .

putting the KKK (Klu Klux Klan) in charge of civil rights." And continuing, maintained that the "Wall Street bust-watchers" and Shriners in conventions are the morally "degenerates of our time."

"A man has the right to burn his Social Security card," Gregory asserted, "why can't he burn his draft card?"

"What would I do, if I were elected President," he asked? "I'd paint the White House black. Then I'd bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over in their place and let Lena Horne telephone him every morning."

Speaking on the American system of government, Gregory said: "I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system, but I do advocate beating it back into its rightful position — behind the U.S. Constitution, not in front of it."

In his remarks, he repeatedly referred to organized crime in the U.S. On this subject, Gregory said two negroes from Gooseneck, La., who had never been out of Gooseneck, could go to New York or Boston and within two hours have a shot of heroin circulating in their veins. But, he charged, police in neither one of those cities would be able to locate the source of the heroin.

In another remark, he described holy communion as a cannibalistic rite.

At a press conference earlier, Gregory, completely devoid of the levity he showed last night, said New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Colorado, will allow his name to be written in on the Nov. 5 ballot. He said he was awaiting a court decision of five other states and indicated he would initiate court action to invalidate elections where no arrangements were made for a write-in.

Bernard Sweet, chairman for the lecture series, introduced Gregory.

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

Page 13, Manchester  
Union Leader,  
Manchester, N.H.

Date: 10/22/68

Edition: Daily

Author: ROSAMOND ORR

Editor: HUGH R. O'NEIL

Title: "DICK GREGORY

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, RICHMOND (100-10698)(RUC)

SUBJECT: PEACE AND FREEDOM PARTY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

OO: DETROIT

DATE: 10/28/68

Re Norfolk airtel to Director, 10/17/68.

For the information of the Bureau and Detroit, DICK GREGORY, the Presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, was scheduled to speak in Richmond and Danville, Va., on 10/18/68. His initial stop in the State of Virginia was to be at Norfolk and he was then to come to Richmond and later in the day appear in Danville. Due to weather conditions, his departure from New York for Norfolk was postponed several hours; and, although he did arrive in Norfolk late that afternoon, his scheduled appearances in Richmond and Danville were cancelled and he is not scheduled for any other appearances in the Richmond Division.

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FBI PITTSBGH

6:28 PM EDT URGENT 10-24-68 WRJ

TO DIRECTOR 100-440423

FROM PITTSBURGH 157-652

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT GREGORY WILL ARRIVE  
IN WHEELING, W.VA., OCT. TWENTYSIX, 'SIXTYEIGHT FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
DELIVERING A CAMPAIGN SPEECH AT WHEELING COLLEGE AT EIGHT PM  
THAT DATE IN THE COLLEGE FIELDHOUSE. A RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED  
FOLLOWING THE SPEECH IN THE SNACK BAR OF THE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION  
BUILDING WHICH RECEPTION IS SCHEDULED TO END AT ELEVEN PM.  
SCHEDULE OF GREGORY FOLLOWING RECEPTION NOT KNOWN. *B*

ADMINISTRATIVE:

DISCREET COVERAGE OF ACTIVITIES WILL BE ARRANGED. WHEELING  
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CC-MR. TRAINOR

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/29/68

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

Enclosed to the Bureau, Chicago, and New York are 11 copies and two copies of a letterhead memorandum pertaining to a press conference held 10/25/68 at the Main Post Office, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Copies have been disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, Secret Service, Nashville, and U. S. Attorney, Chattanooga.

SAS HOWARD A. McKAMEY and GEORGE F. ZOGRAFOS visited vicinity of the above press conference; however, it was observed that some students were taking photographs of people entering the Post Office or who were talking to personnel of the Intelligence Division, Knoxville Police Department, and Secret Service Agents.

Information from AUSA [redacted] obtained by ASAC [redacted] and information from [redacted] obtained by SA HOWARD A. McKAMEY.

Indices of the Knoxville Office fail to reflect any pertinent subversive information re [redacted]

STATE Crim Div.  
AGENCY: ACSI, WFO, OSI, SEC. SERV.  
DEPT: ISD, [redacted] IDIU  
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BY: [redacted]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1- Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 2) (RM)  
U. S. Secret Service, Nashville, Tenn.

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee

October 29, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On October 25, 1968, [redacted] Assistant United States Attorney, Knoxville, Tennessee, advised a Special Agent of the FBI at 10:30 a.m. that he had just learned that [redacted] of the "New Party" would hold a <sup>press</sup> press conference at 12:15 p.m., October 25, 1968, at the main door of the Main Post Office Building, Knoxville, Tennessee. [redacted] stated that he discussed this matter with United States Attorney JOHN H. REDDY and Mr. REDDY indicated as long as the press conference was orderly no further steps should be taken in this matter.

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On October 25, 1968, [redacted] University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, Tennessee, advised a Special Agent of the FBI that he observed approximately 15 - 20 UT students at the Main Post Office, Knoxville, Tennessee at approximately 12:15 p.m. [redacted] was holding a press conference in connection with the campaign of DICK GREGORY for President. [redacted] spoke for approximately 8 - 10 minutes. This speech consisted of reading from a leaflet which was also distributed by other students to people passing by.

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[redacted] stated this press conference was a complete failure and that individuals paused only to see what was going on and then continued on their way. He stated the conference lasted approximately 45 minutes to one hour and that no incidents occurred during this conference.

A Xerox copy of the leaflet that [redacted] read at this conference is attached. Also attached to this memorandum is a characterization of Southern Student Organizing Committee.

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October 23, 1968

Secret Service National Headquarters began a highly unusual case by declaring that "reproductions of \$1.00 Federal Reserve Notes bearing an advertisement requesting votes for Dick Gregory" were counterfeit bills despite the fact they were obviously campaign literature. These "Gregory bills" bore a picture of a hatted Dick Gregory, five exhortations to vote, the script "For President... Vote Gregory", a peace symbol and the name of Mr. Gregory's party. Printed on standard play money paper, they were to be used to promote candidate Gregory's write-in campaign.

Approximately thirty thousand "Gregory bills" were delivered to the East Tennessee chairman of presidential hopeful Gregory's campaign, Richard Horner. Mr. Horner was advised Wednesday afternoon to voluntarily surrender the "Gregory bills". Feeling this to be a direct violation of election laws, Mr. Horner informed the Knoxville Secret Service that these bills would not be surrendered voluntarily, due to their campaign value and the obvious falsity of the charge.

When interviewed, Mr. Horner was quoted as saying (what was said in Beacon). On return to his apartment at eight o'clock that evening, he was handed a copy of a search warrant and found his room had been ransacked by the Secret Service, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation and the U.T. campus police. On investigation, he found a box of ten thousand "Gregory bills" had been confiscated and his personal belongings thoroughly searched.

Harassment of personnel connected with the Gregory campaign continued through the night, as the Secret Service-led search continued for the remaining "Gregory bills". The bills had been placed for safety in an automobile, waiting for a decision from the National Gregory Headquarters as to the disposal of the remaining bills.

This car was located by the Secret Service at two a.m. after an intensive search. The owner of the car, David Morris, awoke to find his car being towed away. Present at the scene were three

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Knoxville City patrol cars, an unmarked car and the city tow truck. On asking the nature of the violation, he was told by the person in authority that the car was being towed away, would be inventoried and could be found later in the motor pound. Despite the fact the car was not illegally parked, the head agent made no explanation for the seizure of the car nor the presence of the large amount of law enforcement officers.

Upon retrieval of the car, it was found that the remaining "Gregory bills" and personal belongings, including a tape recorder and campaign literature, had been removed without warrant or receipt. These items were not mentioned in the official inventory compiled by the Knoxville Police Department.

Later that day, the Knoxville Secret Service branch announced that thirty thousand "Gregory bills" had been seized. Official protests at this violation of campaign law, according to the New York Gregory headquarters, include a suit to be filed Monday in Federal Court.

Distressed at this behavior of the Knoxville law enforcement officers, Mr. Horner contacted the New York headquarters, and was told "This is the only area of the country at the present time where actual harassment has taken place". The head of the national campaign, as well as the printers of the bills, were assured that there would be no prosecutions. This makes the actions of the Knoxville law enforcement agencies difficult to understand.

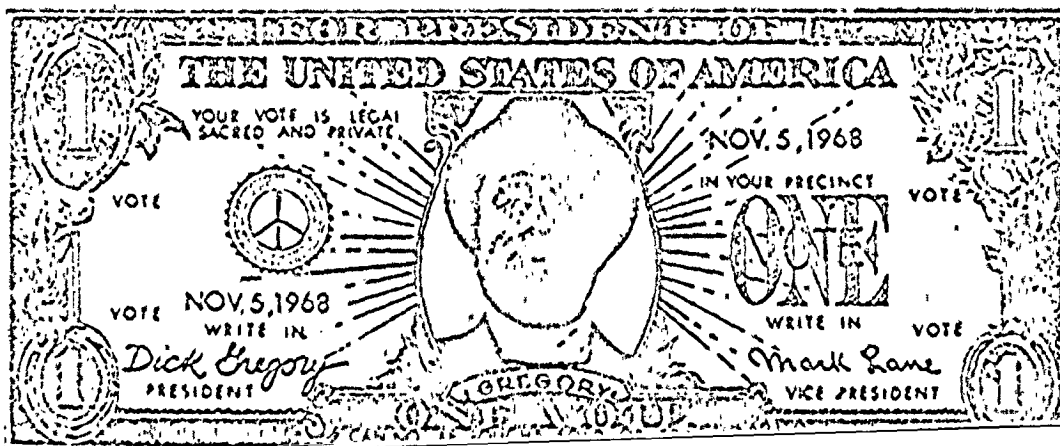
It seems impossible that this police repression can be taken in a free society. To be called down to Secret Service headquarters on a counterfeit charge for possessing campaign material, to have your possessions ransacked, to awake and see police cars surrounding your home; these seem unreal in America. Yet it happened. We were denied all basic rights, treated as criminals and harassed by the might of Knoxville's police force.

Members of a student community, members of SSOC, the Southern Student Organizing Committee, we are concerned with our country. We care; why are we being attacked? Why can't we work for a

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candidate that voices many of our concerns? Why are we denied our civil rights? We are Americans, and we are being oppressed. we are driven to identify with the blacks, the Wallace whites, the Mexican-Americans; all those who are denied equal rights in this society. We are learning the meaning of John Donne "Ask not for whom the bell tolls -- it tolls for thee".

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appeared on page 1 of the October 24, 1968 issue of the UT Daily Beacon, student publication of UT, Knoxville, Tennessee.

A Xerox copy of this article is as follows:

# Gregory Campaign Head Refuses 'Dollars' Release

By BILL PRESTON Jr.  
News Editor

Richard Horner, a UT senior and East Tennessee chairman for the Dick Gregory presidential campaign, said yesterday he had refused to voluntarily surrender approximately 20,000 "Gregory Dollars" which have been declared counterfeit currency.

A Secret Service spokesman was quoted yesterday as saying that the confiscation of the handbills—which are the same size, shape

\* See Picture on Page 3.

and similar design of U.S. currency—was ordered after complaints from Nashville and New York that the literature was confusing and has shown up in money-changing machines.

HORNER SAID he had received approximately 30,000 of the handbills from Gregory for President national headquarters Monday. He said that approximately 10,000 of the handbills had been distributed on the

UT campus both "to and by UT students."

"It would be advisable that they not be passed out any farther than they are now," he said.

Horner said he had voluntarily visited Secret Service officials here yesterday on advice from Baxton Bryant, Gregory's Tennessee campaign chairman.

HORNER SAID the Secret Service informed him that "the money (handbills) have been considered counterfeit and any student passing it out will be considered making a criminal offense."

"I talked to other members of the (Gregory for President) committee and to local representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union and I decided to await a seizure warrant," Horner said.

"I will do everything legally possible to prevent them from getting the money," he said, adding that he felt the government's action is "illegal confiscation of campaign materials."

HORNER SAID the remaining 20,000 bills



are in "an undisclosed place" and he would surrender them to Secret Service agents if they served him with "a legally correct seizure warrant."

"I will cooperate fully within my legal rights," he said.

Knoxville Secret Service headquarters could not be reached for comment last night.

GREGORY, PRESIDENTIAL candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, said in a statement issued in Washington yesterday that more than a million of the "pamphlets" were in circulation and "I expect one of them to be negotiated as a vote on election day."

Gregory said there was no question in his mind but that the literature "has been seized because it is definitely dangerous to the major political machines."

The "Gregory Dollars" are the shape and color of a dollar bill and has Gregory's picture in place of George Washington's. It pretends to be one vote which can not be bought, sold or traded, and on one side are the words:

"YOU'RE VOTE is legal, sacred and private."

On the reverse side, it says: "The Independents of America to End We Hope One Man, One vote."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appeared on page 12 of the October 24, 1968 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel, a daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Attached is a Xerox copy of this article.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

## Gregory Leaflets Seized in Knoxville

About 35,000 "Dick Gregory for President" leaflets, which closely resemble \$1 bills, were found in the trunk of a car early today after the car was towed to the City Pound on a parking violation.

Detective Robert Chadwell found the leaflets, which have the serial number 100-1000000000, printed on the front, have been declared illegal by the Secret Service. He said the leaflets will work in money-changing machines.

The car, which bore Indiana license plates, was parked near Laurel Ave. and Fifteenth St. when it was pulled in about 1:55 a.m. today. The officer said a man, who may own the car was staying in the area, but indicated he was a U-T student.

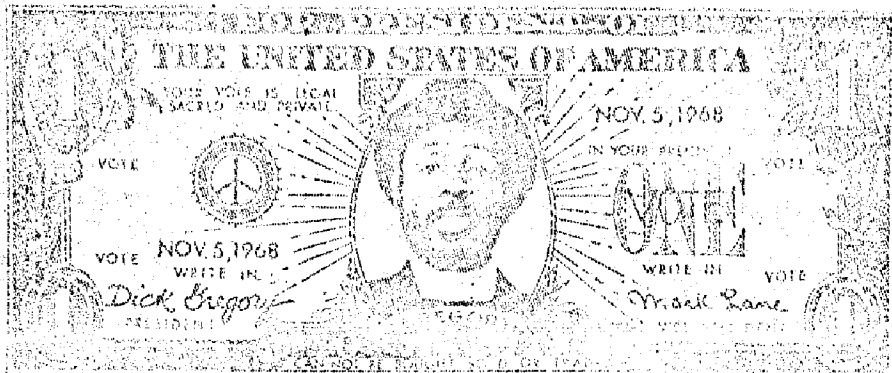
A number of the bills have been seized in Nashville and Memphis, where Police Chief Henry Lux said he made a purchase at a grocery store with one of them.

And in Nashville, J. Baxter Bryant, executive director of the Tennessee Human Relations Council, charged that the Secret



**QUITE A HAUL**—Detective Robert Chadwell counts several stacks of "Dick Gregory for president" bills which were confiscated from an impounded car here early today. The leaflets resemble \$1 bills and support the Negro comedian for president.

Service apparently was duped by white "racists" into seizing the leaflets. In Washington, aides of Mr. Gregory said they will go to court to block the presidential election on grounds the Secret Service violated Mr. Gregory's right to distribute campaign literature.



**GREGORY 'BILL'**—This is one of the leaflets which have been found in Tennessee, bearing a likeness of comedian Dick Gregory. The bill, which represents one write-in vote,

which "cannot be bought, sold or traded." About 35,000 of the bills were found in a car which was impounded in a parking violation here today, which

SOUTHERN STUDENT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (SSOC)

On November 1, 1966, a first source advised that the Southern Student Organizing Committee (SSOC) was formed on the weekend of April 3-5, 1964, to stimulate activity of Southern student groups in areas of civil rights, peace, academic freedom, civil liberties, capital punishment, and unemployment. Originally, it was to be a white counterpart of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). It has agreed to work with similar interested groups such as SNCC and Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. (SCEF), SSOC is a fraternal affiliate of the ~~SDS~~.

Beginning in the Fall of 1966, SSOC became a membership organization and embarked on a campaign to form local chapters on various college campuses throughout the South. SSOC publishes, October through May each year, a publication, "New South Student," which according to the above source has increasingly espoused and defended the pro-Communist and anti-United States position on domestic and foreign policy.

On July 2, 1968, a second source advised that SSOC continues to be headquartered at 1703 Portland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee, and continues to defend and espouse the pro-Communist and anti-United States position with particular emphasis on attacking United States policy in Vietnam and emphasis on attacking the Selective Service System. Source two noted that SSOC Chairman Thomas N. Gardner in the Summer of 1967 traveled to Prague, Czechoslovakia, where he met with representatives of the National Liberation Front (NLF) and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV), and that SSOC staff members [redacted] and [redacted] traveled to Cuba in the Summer of 1967 and February, 1968, respectively.

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By letter dated April 26, 1968, on SSOC letterhead mailed to the general SSOC membership over the signature of Mike Welch, Executive Secretary of SSOC, it was announced that as a step toward close relations with the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) and better communications with the movement nationally, SSOC and SDS have worked out an exchange of the "New South Student" and the "New Left Notes," and that SDS and SSOC were exchanging contact lists of their respective memberships for this exchange.

SSOC

The May, 1968, issue of "New South Student" indicates that the SSOC mailing address is P. O. Box 6403, Nashville, Tennessee, 37212, telephone number 615-291-3537, and the masthead describes the organization as "An association of young concerned Southerners dedicated to social change," as taken from the preamble of the SSOC constitution.

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REFERENCE: Chicago airtel to Bureau, 9/17/68; and  
Bureau airtel to Chicago, 10/22/68.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

St. Louis indices do not reflect any appearances by GREGORY in this Division at rallies, conferences, or campus activities during the period of 1968 prior to the DNC. His trip through St. Louis is included in this report.

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Case has been: Pending over one year ☐ Yes ☐ No; Pending prosecution over six months ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Field Office File #: SL: 157-5822

Bureau File #: 100-440423

Title: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character: ANTI-RIOT LAWS

Synopsis: GREGORY travelled through St. Louis, Missouri, on or about 1/16/68 enroute to SIU, Carbondale, Illinois. Reportedly he preferred St. Louis or Atlanta to Chicago as site for Democratic National Convention.

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DETAILS: AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

An article appearing on page 4A of the January 16, 1968 issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch related that DICK GREGORY had passed through Lambert Air Field, St. Louis, Missouri, enroute to Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, for a speech there during the weekend of January 16, 1968.

The article related that GREGORY indicated he preferred St. Louis, Missouri, or Atlanta, Georgia, as a site for the Democratic National Convention rather than Chicago, Illinois, inasmuch as the former cities were making more meaningful attempts at solving civil rights problems.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch is a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Civil Rights Division**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**ANTIRIOT LAWS**

DATE: **October 30, 1968**

FILE COPY

Reference is made to my memorandum dated 10/28/68  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent [redacted] dated 10/24/68  
at St. Louis.

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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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FBI

Date: 10/25/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NORFOLK (157-1475) (C)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 PLANNED APPEARANCE AT  
 NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA  
 10/18/68  
 RM

(OO: NORFOLK)

Re Norfolk airtel to Bureau dated 10/21/68.

Transmitted herewith for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM entitled, "VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968."

One copy is being furnished to Chicago because of their interest in GREGORY. One copy is being furnished to Detroit as they are OO concerning the Peace and Freedom Party. One copy is being furnished to Pittsburgh in view of GREGORY's contemplated

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     1 - 100-6672, Peace and Freedom Party;  
     1 - 100-5975, Tropus;  
     1 - 100-6289, Demonstrations;  
     1 - 66-820)

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appearance in that division. One copy is being furnished. Richmond inasmuch as GREGORY had been scheduled for an appearance in that division. Dissemination made locally to all military intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and USA.

The sources in the LHM are identified as follows:

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NF T-2 is [REDACTED] (Ghetto).

This LHM being submitted to set forth additional information concerning facsimile "money" distributed following the rallies for GREGORY in Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia on 10/18/68.

No further action is contemplated in this matter by the Norfolk Division.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Norfolk, Virginia

October 25, 1968

VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS,  
VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

Reference is made to memorandum dated October 21, 1968, at Norfolk.

NF T-1 advised that following the rally for Dick Gregory at Liberty Park, Norfolk, Virginia, in the afternoon of October 18, 1968, facsimile "money" was distributed to persons in the crowd. The "money" was apparently distributed by [redacted] the Peace and Freedom Party in Norfolk, Virginia, who in turn had given it to several teenagers who then dispersed it among the crowd. NF T-1 was contacted on October 21, 1968.

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On October 21, 1968, [redacted] Virginia, Police Department, advised that the same "money" was distributed to the crowd following the rally for Dick Gregory in Newport News later in the afternoon on October 18, 1968. The "money" is a loose facsimile of a one dollar bill containing a picture of Gregory. The face of it contains the wording, "For President of the United States of America," and also, "Vote Nov. 5, 1968 Vote for Dick Gregory President; Vote for Mark Lane Vice President." The back of it contains the wording, "The Independents of America." It also contains the wording, "In God We Hope, One Man One Vote. Take this one opportunity to express your free choice, this country is redeemable. Take this to the poll with you and vote for, Dick Gregory President Mark Lane Vice President."

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On October 23, 1968, [redacted] U. S. Secret Service, Norfolk, Virginia, advised that he was aware of the distribution of this facsimile "money." He stated that he had conferred with Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Norfolk, Virginia, who advised that there was a violation of Title 18, Sections 473 and 475 of the United States Code, which deals with process and distribution of bills and the manufacturing and printing of bills. [redacted] authorized confiscation of any of the "money," but did not authorize prosecution in this matter. However, [redacted] indicated that he would authorize prosecution if a subsequent determination indicated that someone was passing the "money" with intent to defraud.

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VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY TO  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND NEWPORT NEWS,  
VIRGINIA, OCTOBER 18, 1968

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An article appearing in the October 24, 1968, issue of "The Virginian-Pilot," a daily and Sunday newspaper in Norfolk, indicated that the Secret Service in Norfolk had advised the public to turn in the "Peace and Freedom Money" to the Secret Service.

The article further indicated that a spokesman for the Secret Service in Washington, D. C., said that Gregory had not applied for permission to print the bills, nor was he given permission.

On October 23, 1968, NF T-2 advised that to his knowledge there is very little enthusiasm for the Peace and Freedom Party in the Tidewater Area of Virginia, which includes Norfolk and Newport News. He stated that the relatively poor response to Gregory's appearances in the area obviously demonstrated apathy on the part of the Negroes for Gregory's principles.

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Norfolk, Virginia

October 25, 1968

Title

VISIT OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND  
NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA,  
OCTOBER 18, 1968

Character

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above at Norfolk, Virginia

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

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Date: 10/30/68

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (157-1865)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. One copy disseminated locally to MI.

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[REDACTED] recorded subject's speech which is being retained as a 1-A exhibit in this file.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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October 30, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 29, 1968, Philadelphia confidential informant T-1 who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the FBI as follows:

GREGORY spoke at Grace Hall, Lehigh University, from 8:30 to approximately 10:30 p.m., October 28, 1968. Approximately 1,400 to 1,500 individuals, mostly area college students, gave him several standing ovations. The meeting was peaceful and orderly and he was received more as an entertainer than a presidential candidate. He was introduced by [redacted]

[redacted]  
at Penn State University, University Park, Pa.

T-1 stated that [redacted] at Lehigh University organized for the purpose of improving the Negro social and cultural life at this university.

Most of GREGORY's lecture was concerned with the serious side of equal rights for minority groups and correcting abuses inherent in the social system. His lecture was interspersed with humor and drew sustained applause.

He criticized Vietnam and the compulsory draft system.

GREGORY stated that if he was elected president, he would paint the White House black and bring all the boys back from Vietnam.

He suggested that a solution to end the war in Vietnam would be to boycott the cigarette industry. He blamed the capitalists for creating a society which invariably favors property over human rights, but asserted that he

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did not advocate the destruction of the capitalistic system.

He stated that there has been no real democracy in the United States; that the American Indian has been robbed and exploited; that the labor unions must live up to their original purposes or be broken; that the Declaration of Independence asks for a violent reaction when the rights of the individual are abused over a period of time.

GREGORY declared, "You are dealing with a new black man today who is tired of the abuse and the injustices he has suffered. Call us black; that's what we are."

He appealed to the students not to make the mistake "old cats" did in spending four years in college learning to make a living but not learning how to live. He said "Don't let the old folks program you."

He called upon youths to do something to help America become a great country and to create an atmosphere which will make America as afraid of any quality at home as they are of Communism abroad.

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11:13AM URGENT 11/4/68 JLM

TO: DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND CHICAGO (157-347)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED ON NOVEMBER TWO, LAST, THAT  
THE SUBJECT WILL BE IN PITTSBURGH ON NOVEMBER SIX, NEXT,  
TO PARTICIPATE IN A SEMINAR ON "INSTITUTIONALIZED WHITE  
RACISM" AT MT. MERCY COLLEGE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

PITTSBURGH WILL ATTEMPT TO FURNISH DISCREET COVERAGE  
OF SUBJECT'S ACTIVITIES. PD, G-TWO, USA, AND SECRET SERVICE  
BEING ADVISED. LHM FOLLOWS. P

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Remytels dated 10/8/68; 10/15/68; 10/16/68; 10/17/68;  
and 10/21/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies; and for  
Chicago, two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

A copy of the LHM is being disseminated to the  
USA, G-2, Secret Service, and OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.

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Information from [redacted]  
[redacted], who is a [redacted]  
Pittsburgh, was furnished to SA [redacted]

Information from Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania  
State Police, Ebensburg, Pa., was furnished to SA [redacted]

The radio program "Comment " was monitored by  
SAs [redacted]

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from PG T-1 through PG T-3, and PG T-5, and PG T-6, could  
reasonably result in identification of confidential informants  
of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness  
thereof. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

INFORMANT

LOCATION

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PG T-2 is [redacted]

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On October 4, 1968, PG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Pittsburgh Branch of Pennsylvanians for a Peace and Freedom Ticket (PPFT), is located at 6303 Shakespeare St., Pittsburgh, Pa., but that most business is conducted at the Peace and Freedom Center (PFC), 5899 Ellsworth Ave., Pittsburgh. ~~(U)~~ (U)

A characterization of the PPFT and the PFC is contained in the appendix hereto.

PG T-1 said that [redacted] is one of the leaders of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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On May 5, 1968, PG T-1 advised that on May 3, 1968, [redacted] and his [redacted] attended a communist Party (CP), meeting in Pittsburgh where [redacted] stated that a Communist newspaper was necessary for proper understanding of world events. ~~(U)~~ (U)

PG T-1 continued that in the past, the [redacted] have been asked to join the CP, but have refused although they display their sympathy with CP policies and take part in activities of interest to the CP. ~~(U)~~ (U)

PG T-1 said that among the members of the Steering Committee of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT are [redacted], and [redacted] all of whom are members of the Communist Party of Western Pennsylvania (CPWP). ~~(U)~~ (U)

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PG T-1 advised on October 10, 1968, that on October 6, 1968, [redacted] and other members of the Pittsburgh Branch of the PPFT distributed in a predominately Negro housing project in Pittsburgh copies of a leaflet advertising the appearance of Dick Gregory at the University of Pittsburgh Field House on October 15, 1968. Also distributed were facsimiles of a one-dollar bill bearing a picture of Dick Gregory and urging the recipient to vote for him on November 5, 1968.

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PG T-1 made available copies of the aforesaid literature which is as follows:

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# DICK GREGORY

Peace & Freedom Candidate for U. S. President  
On the Ballot in Pennsylvania



WEDNESDAY NIGHT - OCTOBER 15

PITTSBURGH FIELD HOUSE 7  
Duquesne and Darrough Sts.

PM ADMISSION FREE  
ALL WELCOME

Meeting sponsored by Student Union Board, University of Pittsburgh. As a service to the community, the Student Union Board is opening this talk to the public.

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# Dick GREGORY Can Set It RIGHT!

- ☆ The black communities are exploding with demands for change . . . and the other presidential candidates offer the club of a policeman.
- ☆ They send our young men to fight for "freedom" in Vietnam when there is no freedom at home.
- ☆ This country has more industry than any other country in the world . . . yet thousands have no jobs.
- ☆ The Agricultural Dept. worries about overproduction while poor people don't have enough to eat.
- ☆ welfare for people who need it.
- ☆ The wealth of the country goes to weapons of destruction . . . while thousands of Americans go without good housing.

## Dick GREGORY Wants To Turn This Country Right Side Up Again!

1. An end to racism and enforcement of constitutional rights.
2. Immediate end to Vietnam War. He will bring our sons home.
3. The use of the money being wasted in Vietnam to build houses, schools, and provide decent jobs.

*Dick Gregory says "If America does not solve her social problems in the next five years, the problems will solve America."*

TV, Radio, and the Newspapers have ignored Dick Gregory's campaign, hear what he has to say himself.

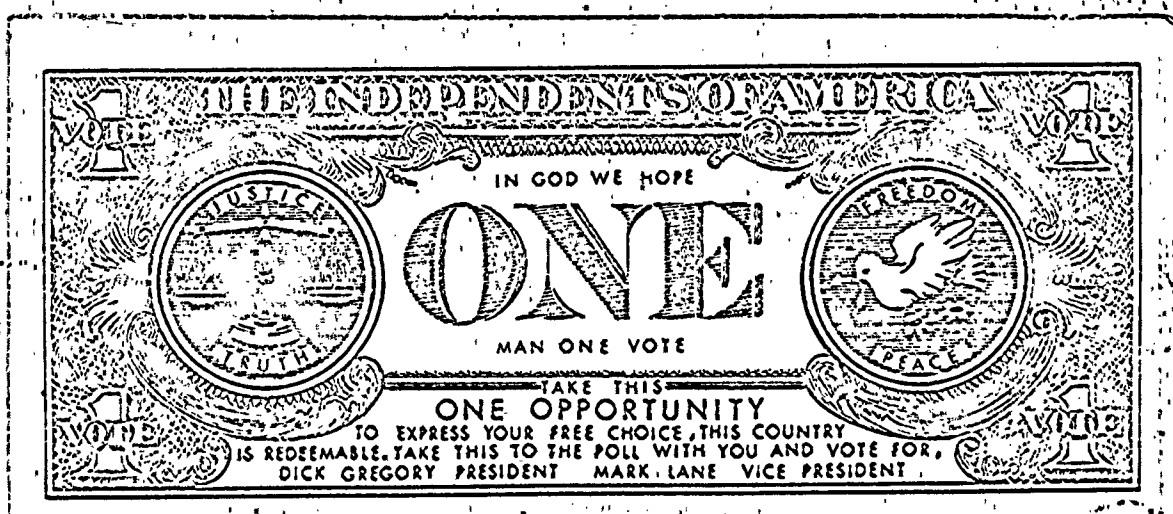
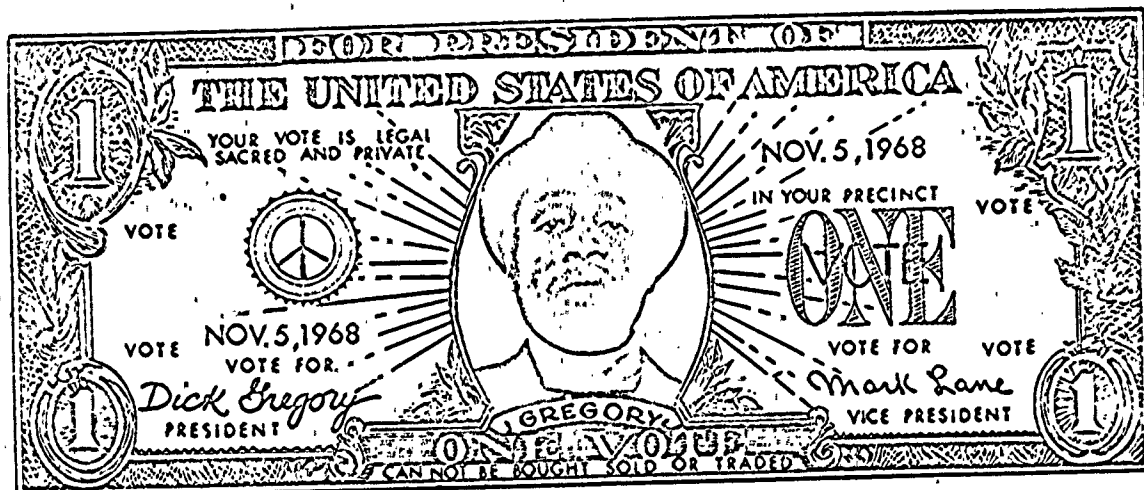
Pitt Field House (Aliquippa & Darraugh Streets)  
TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15th  
Admission Free. All welcome.

**VOTE**

**PEACE - VOTE FREEDOM VOTE DICK GREGORY FOR PRESIDENT**

DICK GREGORY IS ON THE BALLOT IN PENNSYLVANIA ONLY YOU CAN ELECT HIM

PEACE & FREEDOM PARTY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY





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On October 8, 1968, PG T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory would be in Pittsburgh on October 14, 1968, through October 16, 1968, in furtherance of his candidacy for the presidency on the PPFT.

PG T-2 furnished the following tentative itinerary for Gregory: ~~(U)~~ (U)

Monday, October 14, 1968

4:00 pm

Press conference at Point Park College.

6:00 pm

Dinner at Point Park College.

8:00 pm

Speech before students and faculty at Point Park College.

Tuesday, October 15, 1968

7:00 am

A visit to Main Gate of U. S. Steel Corporation, Homestead, Pa.

8:00 am

Appearance on Radio Station WAMO, Pittsburgh.

10:00 am

Speech before a student assembly at Westinghouse High School.

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Homewood section of Pittsburgh.

12:30 pm to 2:30 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Hill District section of Pittsburgh.

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3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

A tour of predominantly Negro Manchester section of Pittsburgh.

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Dinner.

6:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Appearance on Pittsburgh Radio Station WJAS.

7:15 pm to 8:30 pm

A speech at University of Pittsburgh Field House.

Wednesday, October 16, 1968

6:45 am

A visit to the Main Gate of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh.

8:25 am

Speech before student body at Fifth Avenue High School.

10:00 am

A visit to East Hills Shopping Center.

11:30 am to 12:30 pm

Appearance at Mellon Square, downtown Pittsburgh.

12:30 pm to 2:00 pm

Lunch; free time.

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Speech before student body at the Ellis School.

4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

A cocktail party at the residence of  *Pa*

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8:00 pm to 10:00 pm

A speech before students and faculty at Chatham College.

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Commander [redacted] furnished a copy of the itinerary, which is essentially the same as that set out above.

On October 15, 1968, the "Pittsburgh Post-Gazette," a daily newspaper, reported that on the afternoon of October 14, 1968, Dick Gregory held a press conference at Point Park College, Pittsburgh. Gregory said he believes the November Presidential election will not be completed, and that more candidates for the Presidency will be killed before the balloting. Gregory said "I look for a lot of vicious things to happen. There is a tremendous conspiracy to overthrow this country and it comes from the Central Intelligence Agency."

According to this article, Gregory linked the assassinations of President JOHN F. KENNEDY, ROBERT F. KENNEDY, and DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., to a conspiracy which he predicted will lead to the death of more candidates prior to November 5th.

Gregory debunked official reports regarding the assassinations of the KENNEDYS and said that the only reason he has not been killed is "because they are learning too much from me."

Gregory claimed his telephone is tapped and said, "If you want to guarantee to get a message to the White House, call Mr. Gregory."

In referring to the recent Democratic National Convention, Gregory said, "Chicago was very good for the people because it made people wake up. Ever since then, the whole power structure has been trying to convince people they didn't see what they saw, and some fools are believing them." He praised the press for telling what really happened in Chicago.

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Gregory characterized Richard Nixon and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey as "dirty, cheap politicians." He said that he thought George Wallace would be more honest than the other Presidential candidates, however, he accused Wallace of not being for the little man.

On October 15, 1968, the "Pittsburgh Press," a daily newspaper, reported that at a press conference held at Pittsburgh on October 14, 1968, Dick Gregory charged that the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is leading a conspiracy to overthrow the nation and that because of this plot, the November election may not take place. Gregory said "if the election comes off, it'll surprise the hell out of me."

Gregory described the "law and order issue" of the other candidates as a joke because none of them has promised to break up the crime syndicate.

According to the article, Gregory described himself as "a statesman, who is the most honest, ethical man running." He said that "politicians can be corrupted, but statesmen cannot be bought."

Gregory declared that the candidacy of George Wallace has done the nation "a great service by embarrassing us all over the world" and that "Wallace has shown black folks how much racism there is."

PG T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 17, 1968, that on October 14, 1968, from approximately 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, Dick Gregory spoke before about 400 students and faculty members at Point Park College, Pittsburgh. ~~S~~ (U)

PG T-3 said that Gregory's speech was substantially as follows: ~~S~~ (U)

"Good evening. I'm very glad to be here. But you know some people want to come to Pittsburgh and can't get here because there are only two airlines that come here, Mohawk and Allegheny. I called Mohawk and asked them what time did they have a plane going to Pittsburgh and the person on the other end of the phone said, 'What time can you get here?' So I caught Allegheny Airlines. When I got on

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"the plane, I settled down trying to go to sleep. I was sitting next to this white cat that was too scared to go to sleep. The white cat finally got up nerve enough to say something because he recognized me. I know he recognized me from the way he addressed me. 'Hey boy!; What would be the first thing you would do if you were elected President?' I replied, 'The first thing I would do is to paint the White House black and then I would bring all the boys home from Vietnam and send LBJ over to Vietnam, along with Lady Bird and arm them with a barbeque gun.'

"But silly as that fool is, he's liable to win. I received a letter from a friend in England that asked what type of man LBJ was. Because he could not understand how he could come out of Walter Reed Hospital and stand on the steps and show his operation scar on national television. I wrote back to my friend in England that he should be glad LBJ didn't have a hemorrhoid operation.

"You young people have a hell of a task in front of you. It is us old fools that have created the problems that you are going to have to cope with. I am not going to stand up here and tell you about white racism because you know it exists. All you have to do is think of some of the things you heard your mother and father say.

"You know what happened in Chicago with the hippies, yippies, and the police was very important. It showed what a sick nation American is. The news media was just great during the convention. They were so hungry for news that they gave close-ups of the cops whipping those kids' heads, and after the convention, that silly Mayor Daley spent a whole week trying to convince you that you didn't see what you saw. They did not find one stick of dynamite or a gun. But Mayor Daley did get on television with the weapon the hippies and yippies were using, a jar of black widow spiders. Now thats not funny because I know it took a

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"long time to teach those spiders who to bite. They had 16,000 cops, FBI, Secret Service, and 75,000 troops in Chicago to handle 15,000 kids who were outnumbered by at least six to one. If it took that many to handle 16,000 kids then the United States had better never say anything nasty to the Russians. Tell me who was more moral, the hippies and yippies or the Shriners?. Who did more whore mongering, the hippies and yippies, or the Shriners?.

"The young people are saying that morality is no longer a haircut and a Brooks Brothers suit. They are not conforming because they refuse to identify with the older sick generation. What happened in Chicago was not a police action, it was a political action.

"It is the policeman's turn to be the nigger. You see this country has always had its nigger and you don't have to be black to be the nigger. First the Italian was the nigger, then the Irish was the nigger, and the Jew was the nigger, and we were not ready yet so they switched to religion and by that time we were ready to be the nigger. And we were the best nigger this country ever had. My mother was the same as the cops. She was a white folks nigger. She used to be over worked and under paid too. She would work hard all day for them white folks and be mad when she got home and take it out on us. My mother used to sing them white kids to sleep with spirituals and then go down to the kitchen and steal them blind and bring that food home and cook it. Put it on the table and expect us to say a blessing over it. I refused to say the blessing and one day I told my mother that I would make a deal with her. I said I would pray over what she stole if she came down in the cellar and prayed over what I stole. You see she didn't know that I was a better thief than she was, but I could not justify mine through religion.

"I'm going to tell you how to bring the boys home from Vietnam. Start a nationwide campaign throughout all the young people to stop smoking cigarettes and the cigarette companies will bring the boys home.

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"This is a society that puts capitalism before the constitution when capitalism should be behind the constitution. You know years ago when I was in college, they used to have panty raids on girls' dormitories and no one ever said that was communist inspired because you weren't trying to change things. But I never joined in. I was never crazy enough to be stealing no white gals drawers. I would stand outside and yell, 'Get a pair for me baby.' When the goldfish swallowing craze was going on, they didn't say that was communist inspired. When the phone booth jamming craze came they didn't say that was communist inspired. Bell Telephone would gladly replace a broken booth. But if you got a picket sign and picketed one of the booths protesting against the anti-trust and the high cost of toll calls, you would be jailed and called communist inspired. Every year thousands of kids go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and tear up the whole town. No one says anything. To show how sick this society is, 50,000 people turned out on Wall Street to look at a broad's breasts. The girl says she wished they would leave her alone. All she has to do is tell the press that she will be coming out of the subway the next day in the tightest sweater she can get in. When she emerges from the subway, have written across her breasts 'Free Huey Newton, Baby,' then she will not have to be bothered with any more crowds.

"You know if a federal man came up and knocked on your door and said he wanted your cat or dog to send to Vietnam there would be a shoot out on the lawn. But these same parents will not say one word when the man comes and gets their son at 18 years of age to go to Vietnam. You know a lot of people were upset when Rap Brown said to get a gun and watch the police. But this is not an original statement, it's right here in this history book which says that in the days when the British were the police, Paul Revere rode through the town shouting, 'Arm yourself, the British are coming.'"

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PG T-4, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 15, 1968, that Dick Gregory's speech at Point Park College was sponsored by Student Organization for Understanding Life (SOUL) and the Student Union Forum Committee and was a paid appearance.

Source said that Gregory condemned United States involvement in Vietnam, attacked racism in the United States, urged support of the California grape boycott, and said that the fact that supporters of the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy would cheer the assassination of George Wallace is indicative of a sick society.

PG T-4 said that during Gregory's speech, which was liberally interlaced with humor and satirical remarks, Gregory said blacks have the right to defend themselves with firearms and stated that "Give me liberty or give me death" is better than no progress at all.

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Gregory urged the employment of the CIA to combat "The Syndicate" rather than employing them for overthrowing other countries and he claimed that excessive force had been used against demonstrators at the recent Democratic National Convention.

Gregory, who termed his candidacy as emblematic of honesty, said that police and firemen are the most important people in the country and yet they are the lowest paid.

PG T-5, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 16, 1968, that at approximately 7:00 AM, on October 15, 1968, Dick Gregory visited the main gate of the Homestead, Pa., Works of United States Steel Corporation where he passed out "Vote Money" to workers. Later, Gregory visited Westinghouse High School and toured the Homewood Section of Pittsburgh. During the afternoon, Gregory toured the Manchester Section of Pittsburgh and on the evening of October 15, 1968, he spoke before a public gathering at the University of Pittsburgh Field House.

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PG T-3 advised on October 16, 1968, that on October 15, 1968, between 6:30 PM and 8:30 PM, Dick Gregory addressed about 2,000 persons, mostly students, at the University of Pittsburgh Field House. Source said that Gregory's speech was identical to the one which he gave at Point Park College on October 14, 1968. ~~(U)~~ (U)

PG T-1 advised on October 21, 1968, that Gregory's speech at the University of Pittsburgh Field House was spiced with derogatory remarks and some vulgarity and was not very political in context. ~~(U)~~ (U)

According to PG T-1, Gregory said he does not advocate violence, but if beneficial changes cannot be reached through non-violent acts, then it may be necessary to use violent tactics. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Gregory said a few people that are in control of the wealth of this nation also control the political organizations and he stated that America is facing a serious problem of moral pollution. He cited the injustices imposed by "The System" on other minorities, particularly the American Indian.

PG T-6, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 15, 1968, that Gregory's speech at the University of Pittsburgh Field House was directed primarily to the students in the audience. He termed the young people of today as "the most morally committed, dedicated group ever to exist in this country," and he said that the young people are the ones that will have to solve the problems, the problems that they had nothing to do with creating. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Gregory cited moral pollution as the number one problem in the United States and characterized the nation as insane. He said that it is up to the young people to restore the nation's sanity.

PG T-6 said that Gregory stated that he does not advocate the destruction of capitalism in the United States, however, capitalism should be put in its

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right place behind the constitution and not in front of it. He said that the trouble with today's leaders is that they put the emphasis on property rights rather than human rights. ~~X~~ (U)

Gregory said the only way the black problem in America is going to be resolved is for the Government to create an atmosphere where black people will trust white people. He said that this atmosphere will only be created when the United States helps the Indians, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and Jews.

Gregory said that if he were elected president, he would bring all the troops home from Vietnam and send LBJ.

PG T-5 advised on October 16, 1968, that on the same date, Dick Gregory visited the main gate of the Jones and Laughlin Steel Corporation, Pittsburgh, spoke at Fifth Avenue High School, and toured the Hill District Section of the city. Source said that on the evening of October 16, 1968, Gregory spoke to students and faculty at Chatham College, a female institution. ~~X~~ (U)

On October 24, 1968, PG T-5 advised that approximately 500 persons were present at Chatham College when Gregory delivered a speech between 8:00 and 10:00 PM. ~~X~~ (U)

Gregory said the hippies and yippies who demonstrated at the Democratic National Convention were voicing their rejection of the existing system. He said that the allegation that some of the demonstrators possessed explosives was a lie created to incense the public against the demonstrators. Gregory said that the young people at Chicago did not have a chance against the Chicago Police because the police, CIA, FBI, and the U. S. Army totaled well over 100,000 men while the yippies and hippies numbered only 15,000.

According to PG T-5, Gregory commented, "The President said that he was sending in 7,000 troops to make sure the convention went off without any disturbances. As one might know, if Johnson said 7,000 you can bet it was 20,000 troops." ~~X~~ (U)

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Regarding the subject of violence, Gregory stated that the whole history of the United States was based on violence and there is nothing wrong with being a black militant and bearing arms, because this right is written in the Constitution. He equated H. Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael with the Minutemen during the Revolutionary War.

PG T-5 said that Gregory remarked that violence in certain instances is good and that if the Chicago Police want a raise, they should resort to violence by going to the City Council every Monday and beating the heads of the council members. He said that after a couple of weeks of this, the Council would be more than happy to negotiate. (U)

Gregory pointed to the decadence of American society by citing a recent incident in which Wall Street businessmen unabashedly gawked at the bust of a young secretary.

"The Pittsburgh Point," a weekly Pittsburgh newspaper, reported in an article on October 17, 1968, that Dick Gregory received approximately \$750 to \$1,000 for each of the three speeches which he had delivered at Pittsburgh area colleges.

On October 16, 1968, between 6:10 PM and 7:20 PM, Dick Gregory appeared on "Comment," a telephone interview-type program, on Pittsburgh radio station WJAS. Gregory said he is a candidate for the presidency because he is the most morally dedicated, the most honest, and the most brilliant of all the candidates. He described himself as a statesman and said that he is the only one qualified to solve the nation's problems.

Gregory lauded the young people of today as being the most morally committed and honest group that this nation has ever seen.

Gregory demeaned the CIA by charging that it is controlled by former Nazis and that it is involved in

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an insidious plot to destroy the nation.

Again and again, Gregory called for the implementation of the Constitution as a panacea for the nation's problems. He said he is in favor of handgun registration and cited "The Syndicate" as the basis of all crime in the United States.

In regard to capitalism, Gregory said he does not advocate the destruction of capitalism, but is in favor of placing it in its proper prospective so that it will be employed to enhance human rights instead of property rights.

He said that the United States should pull out of Vietnam and that the nation cannot continue to act as the world's policeman.

Gregory urged support of the California grape boycott and complete freedom and equality for the American Indian.

In paraphrasing a section from the Declaration of Independence, Gregory said, "When rights are destroyed over long periods of time it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government."

He said that George Wallace will be listed on the ledger of history, along with Adolph Hitler and Julius Caesar.

Gregory stated that if he is not elected President on November 5th, he will declare himself "the independent write-in president in exile; establish an office in Washington, D. C.; and thereafter tour the country and get the support of the young people so that together they may implement the Constitution.

Gregory said in any event, he does not plan to return to the entertainment field and he will devote the rest of his life to wiping out hunger, disease and capital punishment.

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On October 14, 1968, Trooper [redacted] Pennsylvania State Police, Ebensburg, Pa., advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak at St. Francis College, Loretto, Pa., on the evening of October 18, 1968.

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On October 19, 1968, Trooper [redacted] supra, advised that on the evening of October 18, 1968, Dick Gregory delivered a two and one half hour speech before a group of approximately 650 persons at St. Francis College.

Gregory said that today's students are the most morally dedicated young people in the history of the country and stated that it is up to young people to save America if she can be saved.

He said that the No. 1 problem in America today is not air pollution, but moral pollution and that the young people have the job of giving America back her sanity. Gregory said the problems between young people and old people arise when the young discover that their society isn't what it should be and want a change.

Gregory stated that the young people of today are saying that morality will no longer be a clean-shaven face, a Brooks Brothers suit, and haircut once a week. He said morality comes from within and cannot be bought with a credit card.

Gregory warned that students should not be so busy learning how to make a living, less they forget to learn how to live.

He called for United States withdrawal from Vietnam and said that if he is elected President he would cease trade with Russia since they supply the bullets that kill American fighting men in Vietnam.

On October 28, 1968, Commander [redacted] supra, advised that at approximately 1:45 PM on October 24, 1968, members of the Pittsburgh Police Department and Secret Service Agents raided the Peace and Freedom Center, 5899 Ellsworth Avenue, Pittsburgh, and confiscated a number of bogus \$1 bills bearing the likeness of presidential candidate Dick Gregory.

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Commander [ ] said no arrests were made and none are complicated. The purpose of the raid was to confiscate the "campaign money" since they too closely resemble legal tender.

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The Pittsburgh Police Department is cognizant of the above. The U. S. Attorney's Office, Secret Service, and Army Intelligence, all Pittsburgh, Pa., have been apprised of the above information.

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Remytels dated 10/24 and 10/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of an LHM concerning captioned subject. One copy of LHM being enclosed for Chicago.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been furnished to USA, Wheeling, W. Va.; Secret Service, Charleston, W. Va.; G-2 and OSI, Pittsburgh, Pa.; and NISO, Norfolk, Va.

Information from Chief of Police JOSEPH NOLL, Bureau of Police, Wheeling, W. Va., was furnished to SA

Source referred to in LHM is  (GHETTO) Location: DEPT: ISD, ~~CHI, MAO~~ ~~7 DDU~~ *STATE*

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HOW FORW: *1/5*DATE FORW: *11/9/68*☒ No further action being taken and *11/9/68*☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, W☐ LHM being submitted②-Bureau (Enc.-11) ☒ Report being submitted1-Chicago (157-347) Preliminary investigation instituted  
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November 1, 1968

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On October 24, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory was scheduled to make a public appearance at 8:00 PM, October 26, 1968, at the Wheeling College Fieldhouse, Wheeling, W. Va.

On October 26, 1968, source advised that Gregory appeared on that date at the Wheeling College Fieldhouse, Wheeling, and spoke approximately two and one-half hours before a crowd of approximately 1500 people, composed primarily of students. Gregory was introduced to the group by [redacted] a Wheeling [redacted] of Wheeling College. [redacted] was preceded on the platform by [redacted] at Wheeling College and [redacted] Wheeling, and by Reverend Joseph Newell, Wheeling College chaplain, who informed the audience that the students had expressed the desire to have several people with varying ideas appear on campus and that [redacted] had volunteered to pay the expenses for the appearance of Gregory. Source advised that Gregory's talk contained no open threats of violence and indicated that he was not disillusioned about his chances of being elected President of the United States. He stressed the need for law and order and higher salaries for law enforcement officers and appealed to the younger generation to break from pattern established by the older generation. He advocated ending the war in Vietnam and lowering the voting age. Source stated there were no incidents during or following Gregory's talk.

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Source advised that prior to the talk, Gregory and his small party attended a dinner and cocktail party at the residence of [REDACTED] Wheeling. *W. Va.*

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On October 26, 1968, Chief of Police Joseph Noll, Bureau of Police, Wheeling, advised that Gregory spoke to an orderly group of approximately 1500 people at Wheeling College from approximately 8:00 PM until 10:30 PM on that same date. He advised that there were no incidents.

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BOSTON, AND WASHINGTON FIELD

ATT. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON PLAINTEXT

FROM NEW YORK 157-1093

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM - BNT

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES, NEW YORK OFFICE, FURNISHED  
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ELEVEN FOUR SIXTY-EIGHT.

RICHARD GREGORY ARRIVED NEW YORK CITY AROUND  
TEN AM FRIDAY, ELEVEN ONE SIXTY-EIGHT. HE MADE CAMPAIGN  
SPEECHES IN BEDFORD STUYVESTANT SECTION BROOKLYN,  
THE VILLAGE AREA, THE BRONX, AND HARLEM; HE STAYED  
OVERNIGHT IN GREENWICH VILLAGE AND MADE APPEARANCES  
AT VILLAGE GATE THEATER, NEW YORK CITY, AND AT  
TOWN HALL, MANAHATTAN. GENERALLY, IN HIS SPEECHES,  
GREGORY ATTACKED GEORGE WALLACE, PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE.  
HE CITED THE HIGH SALES TAX IN ALABAMA WHICH WAS  
HURTING LITTLE PEOPLE. HE RIDICULED THE NEW YORK CITY

POLICE DEPARTMENT SAYING THAT THEY DID NOT HAVE THE  
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HEART TO STRIKE; THAT IF THE BLACKS IN NEW YORK CITY RIOTED, AND THE POLICE WERE FORCED INTO DOUBLE TOURS, THE CITY WOULD FIND A WAY TO PAY THEIR SALARIES. GREGORY SAID IF WALLACE WERE ELECTED PRESIDENT, TEN MILLION WHITES WOULD COMMIT SUICIDE BECAUSE OF THE STOCK MARKET CRASH.

WITH REFERENCE TO HIS CAMPAIGN, GREGORY SAID HE DID NOT EXPECT TO WIN; THAT THE 'MOVEMENT' WOULD NOT DIE IN THE NEXT EIGHT YEARS, BUT HIS PARTY WOULD SET UP A GOVERNMENT IN EXILE IN WASHINGTON. GREGORY SAID ON ELEVEN TWO SIXTY-EIGHT THAT HE WOULD LEAVE SHORTLY FOR MAINE (PLACE NOT INDICATED) AND WOULD RETURN TO CHICAGO ON TUESDAY, ELEVEN FIVE SIXTY-EIGHT.

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES REFERRED TO ARE

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PROB.),

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PLANNED

ACTIVITIES OF DICK GREGORY IN MAINE UNKNOWN TO NEW YORK OFFICE SOURCES. LHM FOLLOWS. ~~(C)~~ (U)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

*mb* A RELIABLE SOURCE, ADVISED TODAY THAT THE SUBJECT SPOKE  
AT MT. MERCY COLLEGE, PITTSBURGH, BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY ONE  
AND TWO PM ON INSTANT DATE.

GREGORY'S REMARKS WERE IDENTICAL TO THE STANDARD SPEECH  
WHICH HE HAS UTILIZED IN ADDRESSING COLLEGE AUDIENCES. THERE  
WERE NO INCIDENTS.

SUBJECT'S TRAVEL PLANS UNKNOWN.

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CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON

FROM MIAMI

VIA TELETYPE

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM - BN, BUFILE ONE ZERO ZERO  
DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR TWO THREE, CHICAGO. FILE ONE FIVE  
SEVEN - THREE FOUR SEVEN, MIAMI FILE ONE FIVE SEVEN  
ONE FIVE SIX FOUR.

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, IS - SDS. BUFILE  
ONE ZERO ZERO - FOUR THREE NINE ZERO. FOUR EIGHT, MIAMI  
FILE ONE ZERO ZERO - ONE FIVE ONE TWO. EIGHT.

*guy* A SOURCE WITH WHOM THERE HAS BEEN INSUFFICIENT CONTACT  
TO DETERMINE RELIABILITY, WHO ADVISED HE ASSOCIATES WITH  
STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS) MEMBERS AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, CORAL GABLES, FLA., ADVISED THAT SDS  
DECIDED AT A MEETING ON NOV. SIX, LAST, TO DEMONSTRATE AT  
THE APPEARANCE OF RICHARD GREGORY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MIAMI, NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT. THEY DECIDED TO ENTER AN AREA  
OF THE AUDITORIUM WHERE GREGORY IS APPEARING, WHICH AREA IS  
RESERVED FOR FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL.

ENTERING THIS AREA, THEY WILL REFUSE TO LEAVE REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

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THE SOURCE SAID THAT GREGORY WAS GOING TO BE ADVISED OF THIS ACTIVITY PRIOR TO HIS APPEARANCE AND THEY EXPECT HIS SUPPORT DURING THIS DEMONSTRATION. ~~(S)~~ (U)

ON NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, DETECTIVE [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DADE COUNTY SO., ADVISED THAT GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE MIAMI BY AIR APPROXIMATELY ONE PM NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, AND TRAVEL DIRECTLY TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, CORAL GABLES. HE REPORTEDLY WILL MEET WITH A "BLACK ONLY" GROUP OF STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY DURING THE AFTERNOON. HE IS TO SPEND THE EVENING OF NOV. SEVEN, INSTANT, AT THE UNIVERSITY'S FACULTY LOUNGE AND DEPART MIAMI BY AIR SHORTLY AFTER EIGHT AM, NOV. EIGHT, NEXT.

DADE COUNTY SO, CORAL GABLES PD, ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MI GROUP, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA'S OFFICE, MIAMI, ADVISED.  
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THE SOURCE IS [REDACTED] PSI (UD).

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MIAMI IS ATTEMPTING TO SECURE COVERAGE OF GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO:CHICAGO)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

November 9, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

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NYfile 157-1093

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters - Black Nationalist

Confidential Source 1 furnished the following  
information November 1, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Dick Gregory, candidate for the Presidency of the United States on the Freedom and Peace Party (FPP) ticket, held a rally at Arlington Place and Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York, from 12:45 PM until 1:00 PM on Friday, November 1, 1968. Gregory attacked George Wallace, Presidential candidate, and cited the high sales tax in the state of Alabama, which he said was hurting little people. He ridiculed Wallace with sarcasm and humor. He also attacked the police of the New York City Police Department (NYCPD) calling them a "bunch of punks" who lacked the heart to strike. He said that if the blacks in New York City rioted and the police were forced into double-shifts, the city would find a way to pay the salaries. He queried that the police might get what they wanted if they called a general strike on January 1, 1969. ~~(U)~~

Gregory said that if George Wallace were elected President of the United States that there would be ten million whites who would commit suicide because the stock market would drop drastically.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

Confidential Source 2 furnished the following information on November 2, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Richard Gregory was the featured speaker at a rally of the FPP held in Town Hall, Manhattan, on Saturday evening, November 2, 1968. At this program, Ossie Davis, Negro entertainer, was Master of Ceremonies (MC), and Pete Seeger, folk singer, provided entertainment. Another speaker on the program was Mark Lane, also a candidate on the FPP ticket. Dick Gregory, in his speech, conceded that he would not win the election. Both he and Mark Lane in substance indicated that "The Movement" would not die in the next eight years but they were going to set up a Government-in-exile in Washington, D.C. Source was of the belief that "The Movement" here referred to the FPP. Mark Lane allegedly stated that they would set up headquarters in Washington, D.C. and call it "Black House." ~~(U)~~

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Confidential Source 3 furnished the following information on November 2, 1968: ~~(U)~~

Richard Gregory arrived in New York City at about 10:00 AM on Friday, November 1, 1968. He made campaign speeches in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, in the East Village area, the Bronx, Harlem, and mid Manhattan. He stayed overnight in Greenwich Village and made appearances at the Village Gate, New York City, and at Town Hall, Manhattan. ~~(U)~~

Gregory made the statement on November 2, 1968, that he would be leaving shortly for the state of Maine (place not indicated) and would return to Chicago on Tuesday, November 5, 1968. He mentioned that his wife had just given birth to a child and he was anxious to see the child.

All Confidential Sources referred to in the above Letterhead Memo have furnished reliable information in the past.

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CHICAGO VIA WASHINGTON  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED THAT SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON CIVIL RIGHTS AT EIGHT P.M., NOVEMBER THIRTEEN NEXT AT FINE ARTS AUDITORIUM, MONTGOMERY JUNIOR COLLEGE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND. THE APPEARANCE, SPONSORED BY THE STUDENTS ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION MJC, HAS NOT BEEN ADVERTISED AND SEVEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY TICKETS AVAILABLE HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO MJC STUDENTS ONLY.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED] MJC, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND.

DISCREET COVERAGE ARRANGED THRU MONTGOMERY COUNTY PD.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : SAC, BOSTON (157-844) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Chicago)

Re New York airtel to Bureau, 11/5/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM in above matter.

Confidential source referred to in LHM is [redacted] University of Maine at Portland, Maine who furnished the information to SA JAMES V. GIBBONS and requested that her identity be concealed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts  
November 20, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 6, 1968, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised as follows:

Independent presidential candidate Dick Gregory spoke at the University of Maine in Portland, Maine on November 3, 1968 before a group of about 500 persons, mostly of college age.

Gregory stated that he would invalidate the entire vote in Maine if the write-in votes cast for him were not counted. He said he was challenging a statement made by the Attorney General of Maine to the effect that write-in votes would be void. Gregory said that the United States Supreme Court had ruled that write-in votes must be counted.

Gregory said that there was a good chance of an independent candidate being elected President of the United States in 1972. He said his principal motive in campaigning was to break up the big trusts, to rid the country of the two party system, to work for human rights for blacks and whites and to clean up the immoral and degenerate system of government now prevalent in the United States. He charged that the Democratic Party had been backing the campaign of former Governor George Wallace to throw the election into the House of Representatives. He said that none of the three major candidates had said anything about the crime syndicates which were putting heroin into our schools. He told the college students that the faith and destiny of America depended on them.

He condemned "America's war in Vietnam" as "immoral" and said "If I were your President, I'd pull those boys out of Vietnam." He said that people who favored the war in Vietnam should be sent over there to fight it. He said he would give the Minutemen special privileges to go first. He said Americans were upset over the assassinations of the two Kennedys and Martin Luther King but were not disturbed over the assassinations of George Lincoln Rockwell, former head of the American Nazi Party or Malcolm X, former head of the Black Muslims.

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He said his organization would sponsor a "nude march" of 500 people in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 1969 for the purpose of getting the United States Supreme Court to rule that people must wear clothes. He said that the government would then have to supply clothing for people.

Gregory departed from Portland, Maine after the speech stating that he was going to return to his home in Chicago.

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REFERENCES:

Chicago teletype to Omaha 11/5/68, entitled "Disturbances in Connection with Democratic National Convention, Chicago, Illinois;"

Chicago airtel to Bureau 9/17/68, entitled "Disturbances in Connection with Democratic National Convention Chicago, Illinois;"

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Commander [ ] whose interview is set forth in this report, was advised that he was being interviewed at the specific request of the Assistant Attorney General in Charge of the Criminal Division, Department of Justice.

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Title:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character:

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Synopsis:

Interview of Commander [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] covering Democratic National Convention, who  
positively identified photograph of subject and who provided  
information concerning subject's activities, set forth.

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Date November 15, 1968

Commander [redacted] United States Navy Reserve, who is presently enrolled at [redacted] and who resides at [redacted] Lincoln, Nebraska, provided the following information:

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During the Democratic National Convention he functioned as a [redacted] headed by [redacted] which observed the demonstrations and obtained audio tape recordings of speeches by demonstration leaders on various days, but principally at the mass rally, August 28, 1968, at the Grant Park band shell, Chicago, Illinois.

He arrived in Chicago, Illinois, Monday, August 26, 1968. He was immediately assigned to cover the demonstrations. [redacted] recorded the speeches that they observed during the convention and they are available through [redacted] Room 900, U. S. Custom House, 610 South Canal Street, Chicago, Illinois. He heard the speeches that [redacted] recorded and he can testify that they are true and accurate recordings.

He observed the following photographs:

[redacted] Little Rock Police Department

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Memphis Police Department [redacted]

[redacted] Little Rock Police Department [redacted]

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[redacted] positively identified the photograph of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY as being the individual introduced as such at the Grant Park band shell and in front of the Conrad Hilton on Thursday, August 29, 1968. He acted as master of ceremonies at the latter demonstration. GREGORY was one of the few speakers who did not chide the police, but merely said that they were

On 11/8/68 at Lincoln, Nebraska File # Omaha 176-15

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by SA [redacted] PJC Date dictated 11/13/68

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taking orders from those in power. GREGORY was very careful in his speech. He did not directly advocate the use of force nor did he indicate that he advocated the use of techniques which would be capable of causing personal injury or which would interfere with law enforcement officers in the performance of their duties.

The actual text of the speeches made by GREGORY are available in the audio tape recordings taken by [redacted]  
[redacted]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General

DATE: November 21, 1968

**CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**ANTIRIOT LAWS**

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Reference is made to My memorandum dated 11/19/68  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special  
Agent \_\_\_\_\_ dated 11/18/68  
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A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Miami File 157-1564

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY  
IS - SDS  
Bufile 100-439048  
Miami File 100-15128

Re Miami teletype to Bureau and Chicago,  
11/7/68, and Miami letter to Chicago, 8/30/68, captioned  
"RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of LHM,  
suitable for dissemination. Enclosed for Chicago is one  
copy of LHM.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and one  
copy of FD-376.

The source referred to in LHM is  
[redacted] - PSI (UD). (U)

Miami will follow and report on activities  
relating to GREGORY's visit to Miami.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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November 7, 1968

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service **Miami, Florida**

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Miami, Florida  
November 7, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source, with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, who claims to associate with members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, furnished the following information on November 7, 1968:

Approximately twenty-five SDS members met at a closed meeting at the University of Miami on the evening of November 6, 1968, at which time they discussed the appearance of DICK GREGORY at the University of Miami on the evening of November 7, 1968. These SDS members noted that the first five to seven rows of the auditorium where GREGORY is to appear are reserved for faculty and administrative personnel. These SDS members decided that they would protest the existence of this area of reserved seating. They would enter this reserved section just prior to GREGORY's appearance and refuse to leave that area.

A characterization of the SDS is contained in the Appendix Section of this memorandum.

The SDS members present at this meeting said that they would be able to inform GREGORY of their planned activity before his appearance and they anticipate his support during this activity.

On November 7, 1968, Detective [redacted] [redacted] Dade County Sheriff's Office, advised that DICK GREGORY is expected to arrive at Miami for his appearance at the University of Miami by air at approximately one PM on November 7, 1968. He said that GREGORY was scheduled to go directly to the University of Miami, where he is expected to meet with a group of "black only" students during the afternoon.

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After GREGORY's appearance at the University, which is scheduled for 8:30 PM, November 7, 1968, he is to remain on campus staying at the University's faculty lounge. Detective [ ] said that GREGORY is scheduled to depart Miami by air shortly after 8 AM on November 8, 1968.

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The Dade County Sheriff's Office, Coral Gables Police Department, 111th MI Group, Secret Service and the United States Attorney's office, Miami, were advised of the above information on November 7, 1968.

Copies of this memorandum are being disseminated locally to the U. S. Secret Service, 111th MI Group and the United States Attorney's office, Miami, Florida.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.



## APPENDIX

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### STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June of 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left, and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam, and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, United States of America (CPUSA), when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965 SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS Constitution. In the October 7, 1966 issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.



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Miami, Florida  
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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

The August 7, 1968, edition of the "Miami Hurricane", the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, student newspaper, reported "DICK" GREGORY, who was described as a Negro entertainer who has spent considerable time in jail in connection with his efforts to secure rights for Negroes, would appear at the University of Miami in November, 1968, to participate in the University of Miami's 1968-69 Lecture Series.

The November 4, 1968 edition of "Veritas", the University of Miami bi-weekly newsletter for faculty and staff, reported that DICK GREGORY would speak on civil rights at 8:00 PM, November 7, 1968, at the Ibis Cafeteria, Whitten Memorial Union. This is part of the University Lecture Series.

A source with whom insufficient contact has been had to determine reliability, who claims to associate with members of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) at the University of Miami advised on November 7, 1968, that SDS members noted that the first five to seven rows in the auditorium where GREGORY was to speak are reserved for faculty and staff personnel at the University. They decided that they would protest the existence of this area of reserve seating and enter the area during GREGORY's speech and refuse to leave. They anticipated GREGORY's support in this action. ~~(S)~~ (U)

A characterization of SDS is contained in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

A second source advised that University of Miami officials decided that the first few rows in the auditorium where GREGORY was to speak, which are normally reserved for faculty and staff members, would not be reserved at this lecture.

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He said their decision was made to avoid any demonstrations or problems that might arise because of the reserved area.

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This second source advised on November 8, 1968, that GREGORY spoke at the University of Miami as scheduled to an audience of from 800 to 900 students and faculty members. His speech was late in starting for some unknown reason and he spoke for about two hours during which time he expressed opinions and made statements critical of the U.S. Government, the capitalistic system in the U.S., U.S. participation in the Vietnam war, as well as many situations and conditions in the U.S. society which he felt must be changed. ~~(U)~~ (U)

This source noted no statement which tended to arouse or inflame the students in attendance. He said that GREGORY's speech was concluded without any incidents or problems.

According to this second source, at the conclusion of his speech GREGORY invited those interested to the Student Union for an informal gathering where he would be glad to answer questions. A small group of students, including several black students, accompanied GREGORY to the Student Union. ~~(U)~~ (U)

On November 8, 1968, Captain [redacted] Coral Gables, Florida Police Department, advised that GREGORY's appearance at the University of Miami did not cause any incidents. He said, however, that at the conclusion of his speech GREGORY invited those interested to the Student Union patio where he would answer questions. The University officials did not want the students to gather on the patio and preferred they use one of the rooms in the Student Union. After GREGORY had made his announcement a member of the Coral Gables Police Department attempted to use the microphone to announce his desire that the patio not be used. The police officer was jeered by those in attendance. As soon as GREGORY realized the situation he announced to the students that he would abide by the University's request and meet in a room in the Student Union rather than on the patio.

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Captain [ ] said there were no further difficulties or problems.

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On November 8, 1968, Detective [ ]  
[ ], Dade County Department of Public Safety, advised that GREGORY was expected to arrive in Miami by air from Chicago at about 1:00 PM, November 7, 1968. [ ] said for some unknown reason GREGORY was late on arriving. He said that he arrived at approximately 6:00 PM and came from Newark, New Jersey rather than Chicago. [ ] said because of GREGORY's delayed arrival his itinerary at the University of Miami was changed. He went directly from the airport to the University where he had dinner at the University's Faculty Lounge.

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Immediately after dinner he went to the Ibis Cafeteria where he delivered his speech. After delivering the speech, GREGORY met informally with any interested students at the Student Union. [ ] said that to his knowledge GREGORY did not meet with a "black only" student group as had been expected.

The second source advised GREGORY spent the night of November 7-8, 1968, at the University's Faculty Lounge and departed Miami via Delta Airlines flight 832 at 8:00 AM on November 8, 1968. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Delta Airlines flight schedule shows that their flight 832 originates in Miami, Florida and terminates at Chicago, Illinois with one intermediate stop at Atlanta, Georgia.

Following is a copy of an article concerning GREGORY's appearance at the University of Miami which appeared in the November 8, 1968 edition of the "Miami News", a Miami, Florida daily newspaper:

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# Gregory's Black Humor

By DICK HOLLAND  
Miami News Reporter

A black master of comedy-for-a-cause walked onto the University of Miami campus, grabbed 1,500 students last night and held them close to his bitter bravery.

Dick Gregory — black male, 36, American husband and father, defeated presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party — held them in the palm of his

hand, showed them his hurt, his hatred, his love.

"Explain what black power is?"

"After that tremendous operation in South Africa, where the black cat gave his heart to a white cat — you know, the only one that's still working right — we thought the whole world knew what black power was.

"We knew nothing was

wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out."

Joke upon joke: "Of course, the last thing we want is for you to be thinking we're your spare parts . . . I'm for transplants, but I'm against transplants you can hide.

"I'm for transplants on the outside. I'd love to see a

white cat get a colored foot..."

"It was a gentle opening to a civilized man's savage attack upon 'The System.'"

Gregory. — professional comedian, critic, author, iconoclast, activist and pacifist, Indian-lover and jailbird — left no stone of discontent unturned and no target of the black man's wrath unstoned.

A champion miler in his own college days, he ran all the way to a chorus of student applause, crisscrossing the raw lines of language.

"Whole lots of white folks think niggers stink. Well, I'm not here to tell you niggers don't stink. Do your own research.

"We do not know what Africans do in the bushes after dark. But we know what you do in the bushes after dark. We do the same thing you do — we learned it from you. Now get off our damn backs.

"We'll make a deal with you: The day this dirty system gives black boys the good jobs it gives you, so black boys can afford the whores you can afford, we won't have so many babies in the ghettos."

Progress? Oh yes, said Gregory, he can see progress.

He stood on a small stage at one end of a jam-packed auditorium at the U-M's Whitten Memorial Union building. He wore blue coveralls and a blue denim jacket and a beard. His frame looked hard under the coveralls and his head (or was it his headache?) looked too large for his frame.

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Progress? Yes, said Gregory, he sees progress every time his wife grows large with child.

Back in America's slave pens, he said, the mother and father of a baby would pray that the baby would be deformed, so that they could keep it with them and it wouldn't be taken and sold.

Now, he said, he has seven black children at home, "and I ain't never told them how to react if someone calls 'em nigger. I know how they'll react."

His children baked a cake for him on his last birthday, Gregory said, and they inscribed it with: "Happy Birthday, you 36-year-old Uncle Tom Nigger."

Gregory said he had to admit they were right. He was running around preaching non-violence and Matt Dillon was coming into their living room every week and showing them the virtues of shooting straight.

Gregory tilted his large head back and gazed out at the young audience through heavy-lidded eyes and said:

"I don't have to tell you. You looked at the Democratic convention in Chicago (his hometown). Three days after the convention was over, the Establishment was tryin' to tell you you didn't see what you did see."

Fifteen-thousand hippies and yuppies turned out in Chicago and everybody got upset, Gregory said.

"But six weeks ago you saw something on Wall Street. Twenty-thousand sick degenerates came out on Wall Street one day to look at a chesty broad.

"Did anyone get upset? Did J. Edgar Hoover say that was Communist?"

The only reason the Establishment gets upset when the youngsters turn out, Gregory

said, is that the young people are trying to change things.

About assassination, Gregory said, everyone got upset when Martin Luther King, Robert Kennedy and John F. Kennedy were murdered. No one got upset when Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell were murdered.

"Are we a nation that doesn't like assassination or are we a nation that gets uptight only when somebody we like gets assassinated?"

About the presidency: "I really thought I was goin' to win the presidency (he got 36,861 votes). I was the only one runnin' for president — the rest of them were runnin' for sheriff."

Gregory said he was really the "law and order man."

"Shoot all the looters! I agree. But make it retroactive and put the guns in the Indians' hands.

"Hate niggers all you want," Gregory said, "just stop insulting us."

"It's an insult for white America to tell black folks to be non-violent. . . They look at us and say, 'Be non-violent, boy.' We say they can go to hell.

"Get up on that Indian reservation and cut my brother loose. You can't be no more non-violent than that Indian's been. He's been non-violent for 75 years now and you don't even know he's there.

"If that Indian wants some action in the morning, all he's got to do is get up on a viaduct and start shooting, hollering Red Power."

But soon after that, Gregory said, "On television some old Uncle Tom-Tom would be saying we want to keep our reservation like it is — it's those people like Stokely Red-Heart that are causing all the trouble."

Inflaming words? Gregory's appearance was spon-

sored by the undergraduate student government and the U-M's University Lecture Series, and admission was restricted to U-M students and faculty, and few others.

The audience was well-behaved, patient when the public address system failed. The students followed Gregory with their eyes — tender eyes, hurt eyes, moody eyes, sardonic eyes — and laughed. The timing of his humor was professional and deliberate.

He spoke far beyond his scheduled time, winding up with a question-and-answer session on the patio at midnight.

Plainclothes detectives, trying to look like students or teachers and failing at both, kept an eye on the crowd. There was no need to.

Gregory said he was not out to destroy the capitalistic system, only to bring it back behind the Constitution rather than "in front of it."

He told them to use their

potential power of economic boycott — of the mammoth record business, for example to "create an atmosphere where men don't have to throw bricks or burn buildings to get a redress of grievances."

Gregory described his own generation as "Old Fools," some of whom only appear to be leading youth because the young people are chasing them. And the young people, he said, want purity.

Politicians, Gregory said, are the lowest form of animal walking the earth, and what we need are statesmen. He didn't vote in the 1964 presidential election, Gregory said, but if he had it would have been for Barry Goldwater, because Goldwater was one of the very few honest politicians. George Wallace, he said, was not.

"One thing Wallace did for me," Gregory said, "was get that last little piece of nigger out of the back of my head..."

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Recipient offices are to promptly contact all logical sources in order to determine whether there is any substance to the allegations set forth in referenced letterhead memorandum. Furnish the results of your contacts with these sources to the Bureau by letterhead memorandum.

In addition, it is imperative that you remain alert to any subsequent information which may be received concerning this matter and keep the Bureau advised.

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Lane, during a speech on 11/1/68, stated that "The Black House" had been purchased in Washington, D.C. and that he and Gregory would run their "American Government in Exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the

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Presidential Inaugural Ball. Gregory and Lane were running mates on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket during the recent Presidential election.

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Re Indianapolis teletype to Director 11/5/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are copies of LHM which the Bureau may desire to disseminate.

Investigation in LHM was conducted by SA HAYES S. KING.

Source mentioned in LHM is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, an established source.

MIG, U. S. Army, South Bend, Ind.; St. Joseph County SO, South Bend; Indiana State Police, South Bend; USA, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and USSS, Indianapolis, Ind., were advised of information in LHM on 11/5/68; and copies of LHM furnished MIG, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind., USA, Fort Wayne, Ind., and USSS, Indianapolis.

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Indianapolis, Indiana  
November 8, 1968

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, at the University of Notre Dame (UND), South Bend, Indiana, advised on November 5, 1968 that at 1:30 PM the same date, members of the UND chapter of the SDS would stage an election demonstration near the UND Fieldhouse, which was also being used as a polling place.

Source advised later on November 5, 1968 that on this same date about 50 individuals, including five individuals and two infants, participated in the demonstration, by lounging on the ground on the UND campus about 300 feet from the UND Fieldhouse. "Psychedelic" type music of Captain Electric and his band was played from amplifiers and signs urging the election of Dick Gregory and Mark Lane for the Presidency and Vice Presidency of the United States respectively were displayed. Demonstrators, according to source, appeared for the most part to be UND students. Among those participating in the demonstration was [redacted] who source identified as being [redacted] SDS on the UND campus.

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Source furnished literature being distributed by the demonstrators which is quoted below:

"ANTI-ELECTION FESTIVAL

"THE PROTEST/THE ALTERNATIVES:AND/OR

"Today's presidential, despite the lack of diversity among the major candidates, has generated widely diverse feelings. Today's demonstration, in protest to this election, embraces the three most

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"prevalent. If you are politically alienated, politically oriented, or merely apathetic, we ask you to join our anti-election festival.

"We protest the lack of alternatives offered the American people by the major candidates. The differences among HumphreyWallaceNixon are basically ones of rhetoric and party allegiance. You may consider Humphrey more 'liberal' than Wallace but the fact is, they will order the same planes to drop the same bombs on the same people and send the same cops into the same ghettos with the same clubs and the same me mace. There is no alternative. Protest this fact by casting your ballot in the SDS poll booth.

"We also support the candidacy of Dick Gregory. We do so with the reminder that in the past, important decisions have never been made in the voting booth. The money interests (the giant corporations, the military, the universities) make the important decisions about people's lives. And they will continue to do so until we organize to challenge their illegitimate power. This election will be like those in the past in that the voters will make no decisions. This election will be different, in that a challenge has been offered. Dick Gregory will not be a strong challenge, but he will be a start. Your vote will not affect any decisions, but it will set a precedance for the challenge of tomorrow. Write-in Dick Gregory.

"We appeal to those of you who have left the political arena. We ask you to neither protest nor support. We ask you to listen. Your presence alone is a further commentary on the election. You have not raised your voice, therefore you have not been heard. We have raised our voices. We asked for alternatives. Looking at the election we see none. Apparently we too have not been heard. We have something in common. This

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"will be the last time we will. When the next presidential election is held, we will have been heard.

"This demonstration, or festival as we call it, can best be summed up in the words we have entitled it: THE PROTEST/THE ALTERNATIVES:AND/OR. Those who are alienated can join us in Protest. Those who are politically oriented, in so much as they wish to vote, can cast write-ins for Dick Gregory. He offers an Alternative, a choice-between HumphreyWallaceANDnixon OR Dick Gregory. Finally, for those of you who are apathetic, we offer an Alternative to the poor excuse for a free election we are faced with today, the music of AND/OR.

"Join us, Join the....

## "ANTI-ELECTION FESTIVAL

[illegible]

Source stated that patriotic music in opposition to the psychedelic type music was being played with the use of amplifiers from one of the nearby dormitories and American flags were prominently displayed. Source stated that although possibly 200 UND students were observing the demonstration, there was no violence nor any other type of counterdemonstration. Source stated that there was no interference with the voting process.

A characterization of the SDS is contained in the appendix pages attached hereto.

Military Intelligence, U. S. Army, South Bend; St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office, South Bend; Indiana State Police, South Bend; the U. S. Attorney, Fort Wayne, Indiana; and the U. S. Secret Service, Indianapolis, Indiana, were advised of the above information on November 5, 1968.

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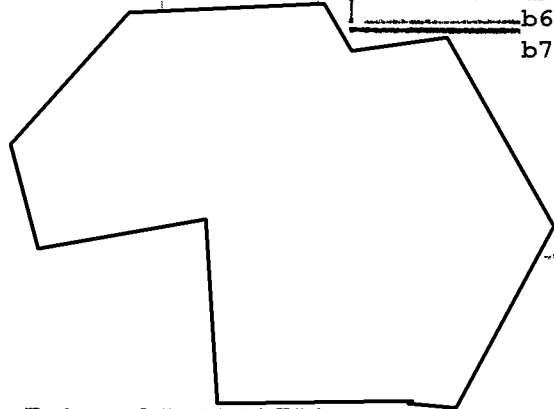
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TO DIRECTOR

FROM MIAMI

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM - BN STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIETY IS - SDS.

RE MIAMI TEL INSTANT-101-440423-399

A SOURCE ADVISED INSTANT, THAT UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI DECIDED NOT  
TO RESERVE SECTION FOR FACULTY IN AUDITORIUM WHEN GREGORY TO  
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SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY ARRIVED LATE AND SPOKE FOR ALMOST  
TWO HOURS. NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS - BN  
Bufile 100-440423  
Chicago file 157-347  
Miami file 157-1564  
(00: Chicago) (RUC)

STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY (SDS)  
IS - SDS  
Bufile 100-439048  
Miami file 100-15128 (P)

Re Miami tel, 11/7/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM,  
dated and captioned as above.

The first source is [redacted] PSI-UD.

The second source is [redacted] (former) ~~X~~ (U)

[redacted] (former) advised he had GREGORY's  
complete speech recorded. He said he had to leave Miami  
early in the morning of 11/8/68 and that he would make the  
tape recording of GREGORY's speech available to the Miami  
Office on 11/12/68.

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MM 157-1564

When this tape is received, Miami will forward it to Chicago (origin re GREGORY) for review and whatever action they deem necessary. ~~(U)~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

In view of the length of GREGORY's speech, it will not be transcribed by the Miami Office,

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/20/68

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO:CG)

Re Chicago Airtel 9/17/68.

Records of The Credit Bureau, Incorporated, Washington, D. C., checked by SE [redacted] on 10/17/68, contained a credit report dated 7/2/63 concerning [redacted] of [redacted] Dayton Beach, Florida. This report showed she was single, [redacted] "colored" and was employed [redacted] for summer school at [redacted]. The file showed she had small credit accounts at [redacted] and [redacted] not further identified. The Credit Bureau, Incorporated records contained no further information, and it is not apparent whether this individual is identical with [redacted] of [redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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Files of Metropolitan Police Department and United States Park Police, both Washington, D. C., checked by SE's [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, had no record of [redacted] and she was unknown to racial informants of the WFO.

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WFO indices contain no identifiable record of [redacted]

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To: SAC, San Antonio (157-666)

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) — 407

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reurairtel 11-20-68 advising that captioned subject is scheduled to lecture at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas, on 12-12-68.

For your information, subject has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam and President Johnson. He has spoken at numerous colleges and universities throughout the United States and his main theme usually centers on the youth and what they can do to correct the white racist structure in the United States. In view of the subject's past activities, you should make plans to afford discreet coverage of his appearance at the University of Texas. Bear in mind that the subject could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and coverage, therefore, should include sources who would be in a position to testify.

Insure that interested local authorities are aware of Gregory's appearance. Submit results of your coverage in form suitable for dissemination.

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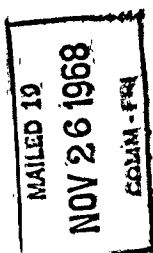
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(P)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(RABBLE ROUSER INDEX)  
RM

OO: Chicago

On 11/19/68, [redacted] The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas, an established source, advised that DICK GREGORY, civil rights leader and comedian, has been scheduled to lecture at that university on 12/12/68 at 7:30 p.m. in the Texas Union Main Ballroom, according to an announcement of the Texas Union Speakers Committee.

The Bureau and Chicago are requested to advise San Antonio what coverage, if any, is desired of GREGORY's speech on the campus of The University of Texas.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/14/68

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.  
Dick Gregory

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Re CI airtel to CG 10/15/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM relating to GREGORY's speaking appearance at Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio, on 10/29/68. Enclosed for Chicago are four copies of the same LHM.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
November 14, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ALSO KNOWN AS  
Dick Gregory  
Speech, Rio Grande College,  
Rio Grande, Ohio  
October 29, 1968

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On October 29, 1968, a Special Agent of the FBI observed Gregory's arrival at Port Columbus Airport, Columbus, Ohio. He arrived on TWA Flight 539 which originated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and stopped in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was not known where Gregory boarded the flight.

Gregory was met at the airport by approximately 26 persons, one of whom drove Gregory from the airport in a vehicle bearing Ohio license 2345M. This license was issued to Rio Grande College, Rio Grande, Ohio.

On October 29, 1968, Gregory spoke at Rio Grande College to an estimated 800 persons.

[redacted] Rio Grande College, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on October 31, 1968, the appearance of Gregory was uneventful. He stated there were no demonstrations or other incidents on campus either for or against Gregory. He noted the only sentiment he heard expressed was anti-Gregory and further advised Gregory received only forty votes in a mock election conducted on campus. [redacted]

[redacted] said the student enrollment at Rio Grande College is approximately 800. Gregory's appearance was sponsored by the Convocation Committee, a student-faculty group. [redacted] stated he attended a reception for Gregory after the speech and felt Gregory is not quite so radical off stage as on.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The Gallipolis Daily Tribune, Gallipolis, Ohio, issue of October 30, 1968, and "The Signals", student newspaper of Rio Grande College, issue of November 1, 1968, carried accounts of Gregory's appearance, xerox copies of which are attached hereto.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# Gregory Puts Future onto Youth

If elected president of the United States, the first three things Dick Gregory would do is:

- 1 — Paint the White House black.
- 2 — Pull all the U. S. troops out of Vietnam.
- 3 — Send LBJ to Vietnam all alone, armed with his barbecue sauce gun.

Approximately 800 persons, including 600 Rio Grande College students, jammed the college dining hall Tuesday night to give a courteous hearing to the Negro comedian, author, actor, crusader for human rights, and presidential candidate — he's running on an Independent ticket as a write-in with Mark Lane as his running mate.

To get his point across on world and national problems, Gregory was very blunt, yet his

humorous remarks kept the audience's attention from beginning to end.

During his one - hour "campaign speech" the bearded Gregory, attired in blue coveralls and a light tan jacket, called President Johnson "the biggest tyrant in the history of the world," and said "George Wallace is nothing but a big liar." He referred to Richard Nixon as "Tricky Dick."

The 36-year-old Gregory, an Army veteran who lost his father when he was eight years old — he was killed by Nazi soldiers in World War II — said the number one problem in this nation today is moral pollution.

He repeatedly emphasized that it was up to the younger generation — "you kids" — to make necessary changes and return



sanity to this nation. "You can't buy morality. It must come from within," said Gregory.

"Keep your eyes and ears open. Don't let yourself be programmed. You have a tremendous job to do in saving America.

"You must solve the problems created by us oldfools. We couldn't solve our problems. You must, if this nation is to survive," he continued.

Gregory said the big money makers — capitalists — who hide behind the country's constitution are the power makers, or decision makers. "It's time these fools stop playing around," he continued.

He blasted labor unions, stating that, "If they don't straighten up, crush them out."

As for democracy, Gregory said, "If it's as good as we say it is, why then do we run all over the world to jam it down the throats of other countries. The world is no longer fooled by us."

In speaking on the ghetto problems across this nation, Gregory said: "Don't walk in with \$80 billion and say our problems are solved. First, create an atmosphere for blacks to trust whites, then we'll sit down and talk over our problems."

Gregory criticized Chicago Mayor John Daley and his administration for its procedures in handling demonstrators at the Democrat convention last August. "The old folks don't want to change. The young folks want a change. Baby, we're in trouble.

It's up to you to get the job done."

Following his remarks, some 600 remained for a question and answer period. During this period, members of the Rio Grande College Smoke Signals newspaper staff took a quick survey on Gregory's remarks.

"Some 90 per cent of the students attending disagreed with most of his remarks," said Jerry L. Updegraff, chairman of the RGC convocations committee.

"But they were courteous, they did listen, and they formed their own opinions. This we were proud of," said Updegraff.

Remarks ranging from "Who the hell does he think he is, to 'he's got some interesting points,'" were overheard in the audience.

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# "Fire" From A Black Dragon's Mouth!

BY MIKE VRANESEVIC  
and

KATHY WALLACE

"I guess the biggest event here at Rio is Halloween," stated Dick Gregory, presidential candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party, Tuesday night on the college campus.

Before a history-breaking Rio college populated gathering, Gregory emphasized that the young people of today "have got a job to do." This being to solve the problem that the "old fools" created. By "old fools" Gregory is referring to the older generation which is failing to recognize the attitudes of this country's youths.

Clad in blue coveralls and a tan jacket, Gregory pointed out one of these "old fools" is Mayor Richard Daley of Chicago. With regard to the demonstrations held by the Hippies and the Yippies at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, Gregory singled out Mayor Daley as a "syndicate controlled hoodlum." The television screen gave the American public a clear picture of the brutality given to the demonstrators by the police. Gregory suggests these demonstrators "have come to change the system."

Gregory attacked the capitalistic system of this nation saying that the nation is not controlled by the Constitution but is controlled by capitalists. The capitalists must be pushed behind the Constitution.

In regard to U. S. intervention in other countries, Gregory pointed out that this nation does not have to "jam democracy down other countries' throats." If other countries are satisfied with a democracy, force will not have to be used — "they will steal it."

Gregory stated that black people in America are tired of waiting to be recognized as equals to white Americans. Non-violence is not an effective device when no progress is being made to remedy the racial situation. The black man is tired of being insulted and prohibited from living where he wishes to live. Gregory feels that there must be burning, looting, and shooting by Negroes to make the American public aware. This not only concerns Negroes, but other minority groups such as the Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Indians and Jews. Gregory recited a section of the Declaration of Independence which states: "whenever a government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute a new government."

Gregory related that white Americans think of Negroes as ignorant, stupid, and uneducated. He went on to remark that it was a Negro who performed the first heart transplant and that it was a Negro who was first linked with the knowledge of blood plasma. Gregory informed the audience that the "whites need education."

Gregory attacked President Lyndon Johnson as a drunkard and tyrant. Gregory recalled LBJ showing a scar on his hip from a

recent operation on television. Gregory drew applause and laughter from the audience when he said that a friend called him from London and stated he was glad LBJ didn't have a hemorrhoid operation. Gregory also related that if he were to become President, he would bring the U. S. troops back from Vietnam and send LBJ to Vietnam alone with

a barbecue gun.

Gregory indicated that the two party system in American politics will be done away with in the near future. He also asked the audience how George Wallace can be for the middle working man when Alabama has the lowest property tax but the highest sales tax of the 50 states.

To those who came to listen to Gregory, I say congratulations no matter what your opinions are now. To those who did not come, I say — Plug your ears so you can be both deaf and dumb. Those who did come were, at least, willing to listen to both sides of the issue. I can not think of a worse way to stifle education today — than to close our minds and rot in your self-righteous and self-centered "enlightened" world. You know so much of your world only.

I was really proud of the group which attended. I think it can be the beginning of the end of apathy. I think that Rio has finally realized that we're not interested in those insignificant convocations but give us something worthwhile and interesting and you'll see more crowds like Tuesday night.

This reporter attempted to interview a representative part of Rio student body, administration, and some of the local people who attended, by method of face to face interviews and a telephone survey.

Here are some of the comments I received:

Agreed 100 per cent with him until the end, with the Negro

uprising. It's not the way.

...Food for thought.

I bet some people will do some thinking now.

Great...but one mistake — too much Black.

Told it like it was.

Enjoyed him — but it was one-sided...I learned a few things...

Enlightening...it informed the White segment what the Negro's bag is.

Hell, we got to learn to trust everyone black, white, yellow, red.

Sure the blacks have to trust the whites but the whites also have to trust the blacks but the Negro has endangered that trust by the riots.

It is a paradox. I don't believe in violence but I don't see how the Negro can attain his goal without it.

He shouldn't have knocked LBJ because the President has to follow the majority's wishes and the majority is prejudiced.

Out of sight.

Opened all minds — made people think if nothing else.

I do not feel that he reached the majority of Rio students. The truth hurts and we could not digest it. It went right over most of them.

Unless you're black you can never understand how right he was. It would have been impossible for a white man to say the same things that he said.

Rio has never been aware of the Black student — now they will.

The shock will not sink in. No comment. I hate the b—.

QUESTION — Would you like to see Mr. Gregory back at Rio? Hell, no. He's too radical. Gives people ideas. You know he would cut your throat if he had a chance.

He contradicted himself...How can a non-violent man advocate riots and destruction?

I don't think much of him because he spoke in gutter language as if we are as crude as that.

Needs a shave...

Sincere...dedicated.

It was more appropriate for a liberal audience. (My comment: A liberal audience doesn't need him — It is rather pointless to preach to an audience who already agrees with you.)

Wonderful...even if it opened only one person's eyes.

Did not state any solutions...

Hell, I wouldn't go to that black brainwashing party.

I didn't like being called stupid. He can't convince me of anything if he tells me that I'm too stupid to understand.

If I can't call him nigger, he shouldn't call me whitey.

Dirty Red Communist...He's more Red than Black.

He did not effect Rio because his views are on a large scale and Rio is minute.

I didn't like the idea of supremacy — he should work for equality.

When he threatened us with the gun issue: I felt like buying all the guns and shooting all those black — —. If they meant to fight — then it's all over.

I hope he rots in the Ghetto along with Rap Brown and Carmichael. He advocated the overthrow of the U. S., not the reform. He failed to see the other side of the coin... It can't be done overnight like he wants.

He has very good ideas but he is a fool (as a candidate) because he cannot form policies. He failed to see the importance of education and what the 80 million could do for him.

He cut people down to much. He's cynical... Cannot achieve anything constructive with a destructive attitude.

He never mentioned that the Negro segregates himself like here at Rio... they all sit at one table... they are unfriendly... they discourage your friendship because you can't understand them... As long as they consider themselves as a separate entity they can never be accepted as part of the entire student body... or human race. They separate themselves many times.

I attempted to answer some of the questions asked by the students. At this time I offer these explanations. Mr. Gregory stated that he was non-violent, yet he would burn down your house. Mr. Gregory explained to the report-

er that he is non-violent toward living things but not material things. He said that he would never harm a person but he would burn their possessions.

He was asked by a member of the faculty why all the looting and burning took place in their (Negro) communities. Mr. Gregory states that a revolution is a very personal thing. In every revolution you kill your own. When the Cubans had their revolution they didn't kill Germans. The more damage you do to yourself the more scared people become.

A black could go out and shoot three whites — sure people would be mad — but if he went out and shot a dozen blacks, people would be scared.

I do not have the space to relate all the ideas for reforms that Mr. Gregory advocated (reforms — not overthrows) but he is a man with marvelous talent to see how things really are.

He was not trying to incite the black students to rebel, but he was speaking to the entire human race — to become one race called man. Mr. Gregory had to go to extremes to shock the audience into reality. His ideas were not original — we hear them every Sunday in church but they are covered over with euphemisms.

Mr. Gregory "planted some seeds". It is up to Rio to cultivate and harvest those ideals. They can grow and ripen and blossom or they can rot on the vine. It is all up to you, individually.

I think Rio's campus was an excellent place to bring such a man. We are here to learn all the sides. That's what education is all about. You don't have to agree with him but you should at least know and understand why you do oppose. And that can't be learned by refusing to listen to him. Learn to think for yourself. What we need now is to expose the other sides.

I don't care if you agree with me but at least open those white, black or even red eyes and look around you.

If Mr. Gregory accomplished nothing else he made a few people think. That's what we are here for — to learn to think. As I was covering this story I attempted to compile arguments against Mr. Gregory's views but I couldn't contradict one of his statements. I didn't like a lot of things he said but I could not take the defensive position. He was carrying the ball game all the way.

Yes, he may be a little radical and extreme. But he is also being effective — he's getting his message across the barriers of society — not by climbing across them, but by going around them.

Yes, I was offended by his language but I should be more concerned about being offended by my country's hypocrisy. He may be crude and gross but there are worse things.

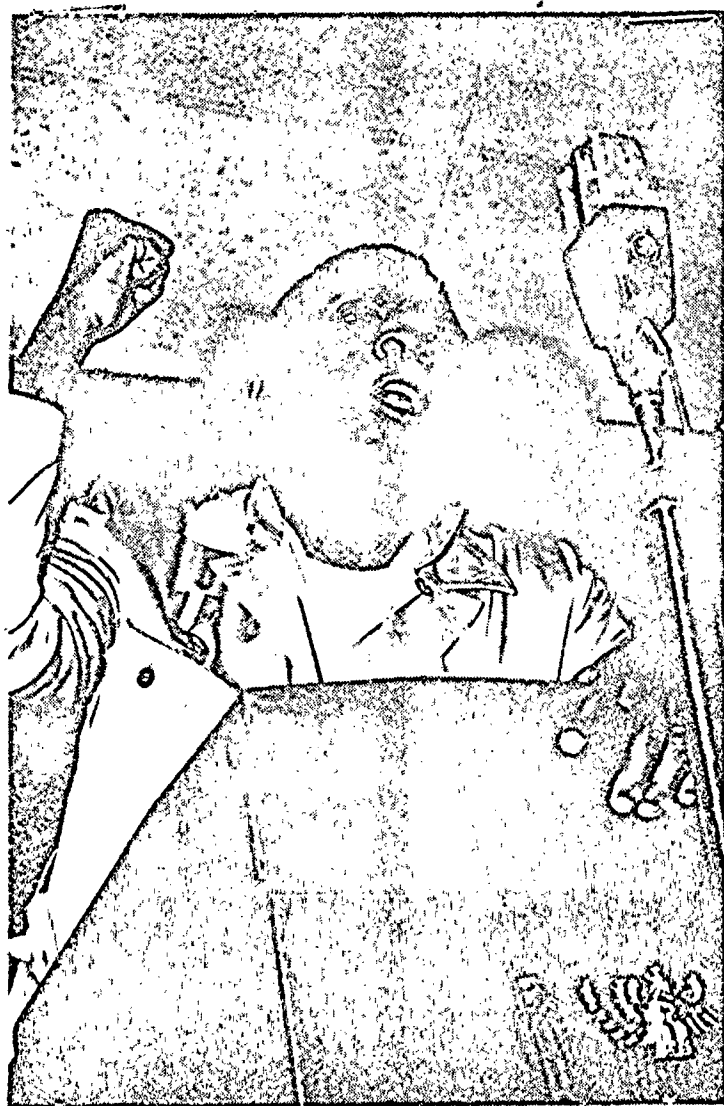
He should concentrate on the positive but that would distract from the effectiveness of his speech.

I don't think all the responsibility here at Rio Grande College depends on the white student. The black student must make a special effort to promote friendship and equality. Mr. Gregory's appearance can either unite our campus or he can be misinterpreted, and drive a wedge between black-white relationship.

You can't say, "look here, white students. We're black and we're uniting against you." You must stand up and say, "Look here, students, we are people. Let's unite as one."

It won't be easy but it can be done! Right, Mr. Gregory.





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# Memorandum

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TO :

DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 12/6/68

FROM :

SAC, CHICAGO (100-43334) ~~(S)~~ (U)

SUBJECT:

MARK LANE  
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12-20-79  
CLASS. & EXT. BY 5186 RLB/ci  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 12-6-88

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(BUFILE 100-440423)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-20-79/ci

Re Bureau airtel dated 11/26/68, and San Francisco airtel and letterhead memorandum dated 11/22/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, for New York 2, and for Washington Field and New Orleans 1 each of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting out that sources of the Chicago Office are unaware of any information concerning the allegations set out in referenced San Francisco airtel.

The first source mentioned in the LHM is  
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The following sources of the Chicago Office were contacted and could furnish no information regarding instant allegations:

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All of the above sources were instructed to immediately furnish any information regarding the statements made by LANE to the Chicago Office.

The LHM is classified confidential because information furnished by the [redacted] PSI, if revealed, could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness.

The Chicago Office is closing this case at this time; however, any subsequent information received concerning this matter will be promptly furnished the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

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CG 100-43334

Chicago, Illinois  
December 6, 1968

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MARK LANE;  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that Mark Lane, during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, stated a house, "The Black House", had been purchased in Washington, D. C., and that he and Dick Gregory would run an "American Government in exile" from this house. Further that plans were being made for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball.

Sources of the Chicago area, who might logically be aware of the above, when contacted in early December, 1968, were unable to furnish any information concerning either the establishment of a "Black House", or plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held in Washington, D. C.

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Reference is made to memorandum dated  
and captioned above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

1 - Mr. C. D. DeLoach  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: 11/29/68

1 - Mr. W. R. Wannall

1 - [REDACTED]

1 - Mr. J. J. Dunn

1 - [REDACTED]

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Richard Gregory is a former entertainer and current civil rights activist who recently ran as the presidential candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party, a coalition of black and white radicals.

We developed information that Gregory was to make contact with the North Vietnamese in Paris during September, 1968. We requested [REDACTED] to provide coverage of Gregory's activities abroad.

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[REDACTED] has now advised that on [REDACTED]

This information is interesting from the standpoint that it shows the extent that a black extremist will go to in order to embarrass his own country's policies and peace efforts. Field offices having an interest in Gregory's travels will be furnished the above information, and we will continue to closely follow his activities.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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FD-217 to BA, 12/6

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-44023) *8H*

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2522) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM *5/401*

RE: Baltimore teletype, captioned as above,  
dated 11/12/68.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five  
copies of above dated and captioned LHM and for Chicago  
two copies for information since they are Office of  
Origin concerning GREGORY. WFO is furnished one copy  
for information in view of proximity of Rockville,  
Maryland to Washington, D.C.

First source mentioned in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Montgomery Junior College.

Second source mentioned is [redacted]  
[redacted] Montgomery Junior College (NA).

Inspector [redacted] MCPD, Rockville,  
Maryland, was advised of instant matter on 11/12/68.  
He assigned two plainclothesmen at the scene of the  
speech. He was recontacted 11/14/68, and substantiated  
information furnished by [redacted]

No further action being taken re this matter  
by Baltimore.

3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 5) ✓  
2 - Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL) (Enc. 2) (info) (157-347)  
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Approved: *[Signature]* Special Agent in Charge

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

408 Post Office Building  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

November 16, 1968

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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On November 12, 1968, a source of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on November 13, 1968, Montgomery Junior College, Rockville, Maryland, will host its second lecture in its current series, when the subject will speak at 8:00 p.m. at the Campus Fine Arts Center. The appearance, sponsored by the Student Activities Association, a legitimate campus organization, has not been advertised and the 750 tickets available have been distributed to students only.

On November 14, 1968, another source of the FBI, of known reliability, advised that the subject appeared as scheduled and spoke for approximately one hour, after which there was a question and answer period. There were approximately 500 persons present, primarily students from Montgomery Junior College.

The latter source advised that GREGORY's speech was not inflammatory, but he addressed himself to the issues of America's problems, such as poverty, bigotry and violence. His speech was degrading to the white race, calling them "honkies" and apathetic, but he did not preach or advocate violent change, and no incidents or arrests occurred as an aftermath.

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FBI PITTSBGH

3:36PM DEFERRED 12/4/68 MCF

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM

A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED TODAY THAT GREGORY WILL SPEAK  
AT THE SOUTH CAMPUS OF THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE,  
WEST MIFFLIN, PA., AT EIGHT PM, ON DECEMBER FOUR INSTANT.

ADMINISTRATIVE

PITTSBURGH WILL ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE FOR DISCREET COVERAGE  
OF SUBJECT'S SPEECH.

USA, G-TWO, AND SECRET SERVICE BEING ADVISED.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

TO CHICAGO(157-347)

FROM PITTSBURGH (157-652)

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*g* RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM.

A RELIABLE SOURCE TODAY ADVISED THAT GREGORY SPOKE BEFORE ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH BRANCH OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AT WEST MIFFLIN, PA., FROM EIGHT PM TO TEN PM ON INSTANT DATE.

SUBJECTS SPEECH WAS THE SAME AS THE ONE WHICH HE HAS RECENTLY DELIVERED AT OTHER PITTSBURGH COLLEGES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) DATE: 12-6-68

FROM : SAC, MIAMI (157-1564) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM - BN  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Miami letter to Chicago, 11-25-68, and  
Chicago letter to Miami, 11-29-68.

For the information of the Bureau, Chicago  
returned to Miami by relet three rolls of recording  
tape which contained a recording of subject's speech  
at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida,  
on 11-7-68. Chicago suggested that Miami prepare  
transcripts of this speech and prepare in form  
suitable for dissemination pertinent information  
contained in this speech.

This speech has been reviewed by agents  
of the Miami Office and pertinent information has  
been reported in form suitable for dissemination.  
In view of the length of this speech, approximately  
three hours, the Miami Office will not transcribe  
the whole speech unless advised to the contrary by  
the Bureau or the office of origin. The tapes  
of this speech, however, will be maintained in  
Miami's file in the event they are needed in the  
future.

2-Bureau (RM)  
2-Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
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Date: 11/25/68

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY ☒ DOMESTIC INT. DIV.

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ F  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

Summary of Complaint:

Remytels dated 11/4/68 and 11/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Chicago, two copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above.

Sources utilized in the enclosed LHM are as follows:

First source is [ ] location: herein.

Second source is [ ] location: herein.

Third source is [ ] location: herein. (U)

The tape recording of GREGORY's speech furnished by [ ] was transcribed by SA [ ] (U)

ACTION: JACB:

☒ No further action being taken and

Bureau (Encls. 11) ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Secret Service, (RM) ☐ LHM being submitted G-2, OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa.,

2 - Chicago (157-347) ☐ Report being submitted and NISO, Philadelphia, via RM. (Encls. 2) (RM) ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

5 - Pittsburgh ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 25, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 2, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, would participate in a seminar on "Institutionalized White Racism" at Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pa., on November 6, 1968.

Source said that the seminar, which is open to the public, is being sponsored by the Student Government Association, and will be held in Antonian Hall Theater at a time as yet unspecified.

On November 6, 1968, a second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory would arrive at Pittsburgh via air, at approximately 10:15 AM, on November 6, 1968, and was scheduled to speak at Mount Mercy College at about 1:00 PM.

On November 6, 1968, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke before an audience of approximately 300 persons at Mount Mercy College, an all girls school, between 1:55 PM, and 2:55 PM, on November 6, 1968. Source said that Gregory's speech was essentially the same as that which he has recently delivered at other Pittsburgh area colleges.

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On November 7, 1968, the third source furnished a tape recording of Gregory's speech at Mount Mercy College on November 6, 1968. The following is an essentially verbatim transcription of the recording:

"I want to tell you what a pleasure it is to be here. I never thought I'd see the day when things would get so groovy in this country that they would pay a black man to come and talk about white racism. Things have changed. I remember a time when you'd get shot for talking about it.

"Let me say that as important as it is being here today, that as important as this is for Afro students, I think the most important thing that happened here today was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and I just wish we had enough copies to pass out and scratch, 'After long periods of injustices, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government,' and maybe Americans would understand the riots. I didn't say white folks. I said Americans. A lot of people think I'm talking about white folks when I say Americans because a lot of people think when you say Americans, you're talking about white folks and when you say Negroes, you're talking about black folks.

"You know when the riot season opens up again, which the white folks told us is July through August. We didn't show this past July through August, and the whole system is upset. Police departments are trying to figure out what happened to them. George Wallace just said, 'Why you know Niggers are lazy and shiftless; you know they wasn't going to show.'

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"I tell you what happened during this last riot season. We got tired of stealing all those cheap no good products so we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports.

"Next riot season we won't be stealing Motorolas. When the riot season opens up again, I'm sorry everyone in this room and in this country will not have the Declaration of Independence because if you could look at Niggers tearing up and looting and burning towns down, it would save having to read and write about it. The newsmen would not have to explain it to you because it says in that piece of paper that after long periods of injustices, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government. You know black folks didn't write that. That isn't a message that Malcolm X left to Rap Brown. That is a message white folks left to white folks, but forgot to put 'For white only' on it. And so just assume that the Declaration of Independence means all Americans.

"I would really suggest to America to try to change that. Put 'White only' on it so we'll know that white folks are supposed to tear down the country and bomb and napa~~ish~~ people to liberate them and not black folks.

"Then we know that America has the right to send black boys all over the world to kill to free a foreigner, but praise be your mammy! That's a very important piece of paper there. If this country will ever get together to straighten it out so we'll know it means white folks. Because you know what we push this thing in our grade schools, all black grade school in an all black community and you put that white piece of paper in there and tell them little black kids, the system says he's dumb and ignorant, it will make a difference to America and you're doing it now.

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"So, you youngsters is living in some very important times today. I was very glad my brother introduced me as a presidential candidate. There's just one flaw to that. I was the only major presidential candidate because the rest of those fools was running for sheriff.

"Matt Dillon done moved into the White House.

"I can't complain because they stole that out of my platform. Oh, I'm the law and order man. Yeah, I was hollering law and order and didn't know nobody heard me. When my friend, Medgar Evers got shot in the back of his head and got killed walking into his house, I screamed law and order and not until this campaign did I realize Brother Wallace actually heard me. When four kids got dynamited to death in that church in Birmingham, Alabama, I screamed law and order and I didn't know Brother Nixon heard me. When three kids was killed down in Mississippi, I yelled law and order and didn't know Brother Humphrey heard me. It is a thrill to know they heard me and decided to use this. I was just hoping that he would have used it without racism.

"But when you talk about the Presidency of the United States and talk about electing me President and I will restore law and order, that's just another hip way of saying Nigger. Which is groovy, we're making progress, but they used to just say we'll keep the Nigger down. We can't say that no more, thanks to you young white kids.

"But any kind of man who is sincere about law and order would have to campaign and say, 'If you elect me President of the United States, not only will I wipe out lawlessness in the streets, but I will wipe out the crime syndicate.' Not one of them said it. Humphrey hasn't mentioned the crime syndicate. Nixon never mentioned the crime syndicate and poor Brother Wallace don't even know what it is.

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"What is the most detrimental to American society today? Some Nigger snatching a pocketbook on a street corner or the stinking, scroungy crime syndicate putting heroin into your high schools? What is most detrimental to America? Nobody wants to talk about the syndicate. You want to get the syndicate wiped out in a week? Let black folks take it over tonight. It will be wiped out by the weekend. Of all the riots we've had in America in the last five years, regardless of what you think about them, not in one riot has the black community ever corrupted a policeman. Haven't one riot ever bought a politician or judge. The crime syndicate corrupts cops and buys politicians and judges every day of the week in America, but nobody's interested in the crime syndicate.

"So I say to you that had I been elected to the Presidency of the United States, you talk about law and order! Man, we would have got that Constitution and we would have upheld the human rights part as vigorously as we uphold the income tax collection.

"When I got through with law and order, the Indians would own half this country back in the first year. When you read them old trick treaties and hold up law and order, you have to give it back to them. Law and order? The Ku Klux Klan would become a social club because the first time they did that other thing, they'd all get busted.

"Bell Telephone, AT&T, DuPont, General Motors, Henry Ford, Rockefeller? Let me tell you something. I've been such a law and order man, that four years from now all the white folks that are running for President will be saying, 'Elect me the President because there will be no more law and order.'

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"I don't know how many of you stayed up late last night looking at the returns. Raise your hands. How many of you looked at the returns? We got to see democracy working at its best yesterday. Americans came out to vote, but when the polls closed, you looked at those same law and order dogs insulting the whole country when they started tricking them votes. That was the machine at work. They decided what they needed and the machine started bucking. Chicago decided to hold up X amount of votes and downstate Illinois, did you see it on television, did you watch it? Downstate decided to hold up X amount of votes. Law and order? First thing you better do is get law and order in that ballot box. Damn shame a nation as great as this and as powerful as this having to demand that them snakes clean up the polling box. All you got to do is demand they put in electronic polling places in every city, town and village in America so that when the polls close at 6 o'clock that night, electronically that thing is tabulated within a split ten seconds of a million, and you ain't got no more cheating and stealing, it's just that simple.

"Since we want to use electronic devices to catch criminals, let's use them to catch the number one criminals or the ones that betray the public trust. Let's catch those politicians. The ones that make the law.

"I was very proud of the independents last night. All of the radical elements in this country might be the reason that America is not in open revolt at this very hour. When the final tallies come in, independents across this country will have gained more than a half million votes. Nixon won the popular vote by 200,000. You can safely say that if the independents had not been running, 90% of the votes we got would have gone to Humphrey, which would have meant Humphrey would have had the popular vote and Nixon would have had the electoral vote and with the climate in the country the way it is today, that could have meant revolt. So, we might

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"have saved this country, my friends.

"Let me say to you youngsters today that I spend about 98% of my time on college campuses and there's a reason for it because you young folks today is the most moral, ethical force that's ever lived in the history of this country and if America is going to be saved, it's going to be saved through you. And if America is going to go down, it's going to be because of old fools like us. It's insulting to me to have to sit here and tell you young beautiful kids that not only do you have to solve the problems confronting America today, but you have to solve problems which you had nothing to do about creating.

"These problems were here when you got here, but they will not be here when you leave here. We all have to go together. Thanks to us old fools, because not only did we not solve the problems for you, we used up all the tricks.

"When my mother taught me and my daddy taught me that one day one of them crackers was going to call you 'Nigger,' 'Boy' just laugh at him because God don't like no ugly,' and that cracker did call me a Nigger and I laughed at him because God don't like no ugly, but I have taught my dirty black kids lovin and I don't know what to say the first time one of them crackers calls my kid a Nigger.

"So, we're done with tricks. There's no more tricks whatsoever. Then we wonder why you young kids react the way you react. We've used up all the tricks.

"Kids came to Chicago to change the system. Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies moved into my town to change the system and the whole establishment got upset. You youngsters better keep your eyes open because you have to watch us. Yes, so we can't trick nobody else now so we have to trick you. The whole world digs our game over here.



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"You started tricking Chicago three days after the convention was over. The whole establishment told you you did not see what you saw on television.

"You know if Kosygin was dealing with a world as insane as America is, he'd have beat that Czechoslovakian rap. All he'd have to do is get on world-wide television and say, 'What you are all mad about in Czechoslovakia, you didn't see. It just happened. That was the press. Yeah, we admit we put little miniature tanks up on the border and the press blew them up to make them look like real ones.' Kosygin is not dealing with a world as crazy as America is, so he can't get by with that.

"Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system and the whole system went crazy. Whatever you young kids do, do not read no newspaper and let them decide to tell you what you are. Don't let nobody tell you to do nothing. Don't let nobody tell you that because you wear long hair, you don't comb it or if a cat wears a beard with long hair, he is dirty and stinking and all that. They never said anything bad about Abraham Lincoln. Not only did he have a beard, he's ugly too. Christ, when you talk about a hippie, you can't look no more like a hippie than Christ. Nobody said he stunk. Nobody said he was irresponsible, but them fools.

"Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies came to Chicago and I ask you, who was the most immoral in Chicago this year? The fifteen thousand hippies and yippies or the Shriners, when they came for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago? The hippies and yippies or the Shriners? Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitution? The hippies and yippies or the Shriners? But nobody got upset when the Shriners came because the Shriners weren't trying to change the system.

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"You youngsters got to keep your eyes open. You look at that same old bad television, that same television you looked at on that miserable Wednesday night in Chicago, that same television that six weeks ago showed you Chicago. Everybody was upset over the hippies and yippies. Fifteen thousand of them, but in New York City six weeks ago, nobody got upset when them twenty thousand grown men, twenty thousand sick, bald, freak, degenerates came out one day to look at a broad's titties and nobody got upset. It sounds funny, but that's a sad day in America when twenty thousand grown men have stooped to the degeneracy of tittie-watching. This is a bankrupt country you're dealing with. We're not talking about no little college kids, we're talking about men that run and control a system, that's what we're talking about. J. Edgar Hoover has not claimed tittie-watching is communist inspired.

"So I say to you young folks today, that the number one problem confronting this country today is not the problem of air pollution. The number one problem facing America today is the problem of moral pollution. This is the most morally polluted, degenerate nation on the face of this earth with an insanity equal to none. And you young kids have the job of giving America its sanity back, making this the moral country that the founding fathers intended it to be. That's why the system's upset, because you young kids are saying morality will no longer be a Brooks Brothers suit and a clean-shaven face and a haircut once a week. We can't afford that. You're saying that you can no longer go to Saks Fifth Avenue and get the latest fashions, and have an abortion when you get ready. You're saying you're not going to buy morality in this country no more. It's going to come from within. And that's what this new thing is all about. That's why you young white kids got the civil rights movement moving. And you're doing what Malcolm X was talking about when he told the black folks 'Why do you want to integrate into a house that's on fire.' We wanted total integration. We wanted the right to be as nice as white folks and

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"We wanted the right to be as dirty as white folks. That's integration, isn't it? What are you talking about? We wanted the right to have some black politicians that was as corrupt as LBJ and still not go to jail. We wanted the right for a black man to rape a white woman and get as little time when he got caught as a white man gets when he rapes a black woman. That's what we were fighting for. We was fighting for all, the good and the bad.

"Now you young kids came through and said, 'Stop the system, baby; we're going to clean it up.' It's a big difference in saying, 'Cut me in or cut it out.' You're saying, 'Hold it! I'm gonna cut this cancer out of this system or this system's not going to move again.' Because you young kids have said black and white is not a color anymore, it's an attitude. It's beautiful.

"Father Groppi proved that very eloquently in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. There hasn't been a man in the history of our movement, white or black, that led as many black folks as Father Groppi did at a time when everybody said, 'What are those black folks talking about? They don't want to be loved, we're their friends.' Father Groppi reared back on his hind legs and talked to this white trappy system the way Jimmy Hoffa talks to it. We never had a black man or white man talk dirty to this system about it. He's always going with his hat in his hand praying and begging. If praying and begging is good to liberate my momma, then it should be good to liberate them South Vietnamese. Just leave your napalm at home and take your pocketbook.

"You young kids tricked the whole system. Let me tell you about us old fools, baby. The only reason we steal in front of you is because you're chasing us.

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"You can already tell the Kentucky Derby don't end until it's all over. We want to stop it. This meeting here today is evidence of what you're trying to do, what you're talking about.

"The nation where Martin Luther King was assassinated, the whole nation got up tight. Oh, wasn't that awful about Dr. King being assassinated. When Bobby Kennedy got assassinated, we all got upset because Bobby Kennedy got assassinated. When JFK was assassinated, we was horrified because JFK was assassinated. But nobody in this immoral, insane nation got upset when George Lincoln Rockwell and Malcolm X got assassinated. That's a sad indictment on this country. Aren't we a nation that's against assassination or do we just get up tight when you assassinate somebody we like? Ninety-eight percent of everybody in America that got upset when Martin Luther King was assassinated, if George Wallace was assassinated today, they would not get up tight. It's scary. And that lets you know the job you have to do to clean up this system. You have a job.

"I don't advocate destroying the capitalistic system, but I say you better put it in its rightful place and that's behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it.

"This country do not function under the democratic process. This country's not governed by the United States Constitution. This country is governed and controled by capitalism. That's the problem. That's why Nixon can talk about, 'If I'm elected President, I will come in the black community and build buildings and build black economic power.' But he didn't say a damn thing about implementing that Constitution. He's still talking about property rights. He's still talking about me making him a dollar. Nobody wants to talk about human rights.

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"You young kids got to talk about human rights because when you talk about human rights you're talking about my Indian brother and my Puerto Rican brother and my Mexican brother and my Jewish brother. When you talk about civil rights, you're telling me it's my turn, that you're going to let me slip through like you let the Italians, like you let the Irish, like you let some of the Jews slip through, then when I get with you, we can all put my other brother down. No, we don't want no more civil rights. Don't waste your time on that.

"So you got a job to do. A very, very important job to do. Especially you women because when you all decide that your babies ain't going to get killed in war no more, there won't be no more war.

"Running around talking about we want equal rights! We want to have hope. It takes two to have a baby, male and female, and you let these fool men make birth control and then let you take it. Tell them to make a pill for themselves. And the same way you let us make birth control pills and give it to you, the same way we take your babies from you. Every time you have a boy born in this country, you're not raising a family, you're raising an army. Yeah, that's what you're raising, an army. If your son tells you he's not going to the grocery store, you can't put him in jail, but if he says he ain't going to war, he can be put in jail. You're telling me that the United States Government is my momma. I should have been hugging her when I was a kid. Don't teach me the flag, momma, teach me about human beings. Teach me about people so that when I stand up on that platform and they blow that whistle and wave that flag and sing the Star Spangled Banner, tears roll down my eyes. Momma, teach it to me so I can cry when I see people, momma, not flags.

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"You've all got a job to do. You've all got a job because we're about to put you all in the biggest trick the world has ever known. We believe you're defenseless. You're always working. You're all going to mess around and end up doing all the work. You ain't never heard of us fighting to do more work than you, have you? Even when women didn't have the right to vote, you had the right to work. You've all got a job to do, baby.

"No more social clubs. Women's Strike for Peace, that was a social club. Now come on off that bag and tell this man he ain't going to kill no more of your babies, that's the job you have to do. If enough women decide that their babies are not going to be killed, then we got to stop war. Go look through the history books and find out what the bad kind it was that started the war.

"So I say to you, you've got a job, baby. You've got a big job. If white babies understand the problem, you'll understand what black babies are talking about. You've got a white Santa Claus in on my little young black kid. I got to pay for the goods and that white boy gets credit for it. Black babies is huggin white dolls but white babies isn't huggin black dolls.

"So I say to you, you ladies have a big job to do. Got to ask a lot of questions. You've got to ask this system that if democracy is as good as we say it is, then why do we run all over the world trying to ram it down peoples' throats with a gun? The day you young folks work to make this democracy work right, that's the day we can bring the guns home and the sooner we bring the guns home, you mothers will have your men.

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"See, females were put here to reproduce. Dogs have dogs, cats have cats, horses have horses, men have babies. Females are meant to have babies. Men was put here to make the world a better place to live in for men. See, horses can't make it a better place, cats can't make it a better place. If you mothers sit back and let the system kill all of your babies before they become men, you're going to end up in a pickle. So the day we make this democracy work right is the day we bring the guns home. Because you see anything good you don't have to force on people. You know that. They'll steal it.

"You've got to ask a lot of questions. You can't afford to get you kids on the trick your momma got your brothers on. The Federal Government come by your house tonight, knock on your door, and tell your momma or daddy they want the dog or cat to send to Vietnam. You know how much hell your momma and daddy would raise over that dog going to Vietnam. If you ever learn to raise as much hell over your boy going to Vietnam as your momma would raise over that dog going, baby there won't be no more Vietnams.

"All these young kids burning draft cards. The whole system gets upset. You know why it's upsetting those fools don't you? What's the most important card you have in America? The draft card or Social Security card? The Social Security card stays with you all of your life, male and female have Social Security cards. Draft card stays with you part of your life. Just the males have them. Why is it if the Social Security card is more important than the draft card, we can all burn the Social Security card and nobody cares? But you better not burn the draft card because if too many of them young boys burn their draft cards, they're telling us old fools that in the not too distant future, 'Baby, you're going to get into a war you're not coming back from. You're going to have to fight it yourself.' And that scares us. Yeah, that really scares us.

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"You ladies have a big job to do. Whatever you do, keep yourself from being programmed. Understand that programming. It's cool to be programmed. You've got to know the difference between indoctrination and education. You see, you can never be educated to hate a man because of his race but you can be indoctrinated and these schools is equally guilty of it. Fraternities and sororities that Indians and Puerto Ricans can't get into, only the Establishment that is supposed to be educated, but that's been indoctrinated. Half of these colleges are not as fit as the CIA, corrupt as they are.

"They got a way of getting you. You come in and they give you that book in class and say, 'Here, read that.' Now that's not the way they brainwash you. They don't do it that way. After you take that book and read it, they give you a test. And if you haven't read the book the way we want you to read it, you can't pass the test. It means when you pass it well, they have thoroughly made a fool of you.

"I never will forget they used to always ask me why I brought my holy Bible to school. I said, 'I'm gonna keep this book, it's a good book.' The missionaries went to Africa, the Africans owned all the land, and the missionaries had all the Bibles, and when they left, the Africans had all the Bibles and the missionaries had all the land.

"That's my country over there where the white Christians tell me they are savages because they eat people. They said they is cannibals. I said, 'What's a cannibal?' I asked the white preacher, 'What's a cannibal?' 'That's your ancestors, they eat folks.' I ran to the first church I came to, which happened to be a white Christian church. I got on my knees and prayed to my God and said, 'God, please forgive my cannibal instincts because we're eating folks.' The white Christian minister overheard my prayer. He came out and said, 'Boy, I never knew a black boy had that much faith to pray for them cannibal instincts.' 'Yes sir, I



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"was really touched when I found out my ancestors was eating folks.' He was touched because a black boy had that much faith and he reached down and touched me on my head and rubbed it for luck. I said, 'Mr. Preacher, I'm fixing to leave now.' He said, 'No, I'd like for you to stay and share communion with us.' I said, 'No, I just like to pray for them cannibal ancestors. What's communion?' He said, 'Get on your knees, boy, and open your mouth. This is his body and this is his blood.' Yeah, I've learned a lot from white Christians. Now I pray for all the cannibals.

"Keep your mind open and understand our problem. Don't let anybody tell you you have to do this and you have to do that to learn how to treat somebody. Don't make the mistakes us old folks made. Don't sit in an institution for four years learning how to make a living and forget how to learn to live. That's our problem, we were so busy learning how to make a living, we forgot to learn how to live.

"If you understand the power of nature, then you understand why we have to indoctrinate because nature takes care of everything by itself. Raise your hands. How many of you in this room today understand Chinese? Any of you? One hand. Only one person in this room understands Chinese, but those in China understand Chinese. Nature is powerful. Those in Germany understand German, those in Russia understand Russian, do you? I say that because you're born with all the wisdom you need to fight your way through the tricks to get human dignity. Nobody has to teach you that, nature has already done it.

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"So, I say to you that I hope you youngsters can slip through us old fools and get on in here and solve the problems before the country falls in. I hope you understand black folks attitude in America today. And our attitudes is not attitudes because of racism, our attitudes is because we cannot stand no more of this country's insults. That's what it's all about, these insults. That's what it's all about.

"People run around asking black folks to be non-violent. Did you ever hear of a Nigger doing some underground nuclear testing? We don't make no napalm. The only country on the face of the earth that's ever dropped an atom bomb on human beings and that's the same country asking us to be non-violent. She's got the mightiest army, the mightiest navy, the mightiest air force, the FBI, CIA, the State Police, the local police, and she comes to us and asks us to be non-violent. You go to hell!

"If America is non-violent, how come that Indian is still locked up on that reservation because you can't be no more non-violent than that Indian brother has been? So we say to you, if America is non-violent, go up on that hill and lead my brother down.

"No, the only time someone would lead him down is when he developes him Stokely Running Horses and some Rap Light Clouds and when he bugs this system to the extent that they think Indians will come down and rape women and burn and loot your houses and schools, then everybody will start putting them on 'Meet the Press.' Two years from now, you'll have an Indian chief speak.

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"So I say to you in leaving, don't listen to the old fools in my race that tells you everything is all right. Let them go and talk in your homes to your daddy. They will get you in trouble.

"My oldest daughter is nine years old and they begged me to come home and celebrate my 36th birthday and I was touched by it because I didn't really know my kids was that concerned about daddy. And I flew home on a backup trip where I could stay there an hour and then fly back. I called from the airport and got home and they weren't there, but they had the cake sitting on the kitchen table. The biggest cake I've ever seen in my life and just right across was short and simple, 'Happy Birthday 36 year old Uncle Tom Nigger.'

Yeah, don't let these old fools trick you. I tell you how my kids feel about me, because you know how they feel about you. You insult them. I'm their daddy and they love me, but they ask me a lot of questions that I can't answer. They want to know, 'How come Matt Dillon come to my house, daddy, once a week teaching me it's a virtue to shoot straight and you run around hollering about non-violence all the time.' I can't answer them. They want to know why we're in Vietnam and they hear the newsmen on the radio talking about Dick Gregory being non-violent. They want to know how I can go to Watts and get shot trying to stop a riot but haven't been to Vietnam. So I say to you, stop calling me colored. Just call us black. That's what we say. It's as simple as that. That old Beulah at your house around your momma, call her Niger, Nigger, colored, anything you want. But now for the first time, you better learn how to speak two different ways to black folks. One way to that old fool and another way to that young beautiful cat that thinks the same way as Patrick Henry, Thomas Jefferson and many of you think.

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"A Jew leaves Israel and comes to America, he's still a Jew when he gets here. An Italian leaves Italy and comes to my country, he was an Italian over there and when he hits these shores, he's still an Italian. An Irishman leaves Ireland and comes to America, he was an Irishman over there, he stayed an Irishman when he got here. Kennedy's daddy didn't change his name when he came here. This is what we're talking about. We was Africans when we left and when we got here, we got to be Nigers, Niggers and coloreds. Don't play no more games with me because you ain't playing with yourself. Just call us black. We got attitudes. We hope America understands we have an attitude. It ain't got nothing to do with poverty because if poverty made a people burn a country down, them poor white crackers, hillbilly cousins of yours, would have burned this country down 75 years ago. So it must not be poverty that does it, it's insults. We're tired of these insults, we're not going to take no more of them.

"Twenty or thirty years ago black folks in America had an empty stomach. Today black folks have a full stomach but a hungry mind. A hungry mind will not tolerate the same things an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sounds and this country don't sound right to us anymore. Three years ago, five white boys burned their draft cards and Congress passed an Anti-Draft-Card-Burning Bill, but we haven't been able to get an anti-lynching bill in 100 years. America just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy and I'll bring her to her knees for that. This is what we're talking about.

"If I go to Vietnam tonight and get killed by the Viet Cong, this country gives my black wife \$10,000 and she can't take it and buy a house in any neighborhood she wants to. I got killed shooting at the wrong cats. Then this stinking trappy white system tells me to get a fair housing bill. Are you insane? What kind of animals are you? You didn't

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"make no red neck white Russian cracker broad, Stalin's daughter, get a fair housing bill when she came to my country, a known communist and a known Russian. What are you? We are tired of being insulted. That's what we're talking about.

"People tell us when you get educated you'll get work." Who needs education in this country? Ever stop to think how many people on the face of this earth would be dead today if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that an American black man by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Check it out in your library. Are you aware of the fact Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept Niggers! You're telling me education is my problem? The man who had the wisdom, knowledge and intellect to give blood plasma to the world died because of the lack of his own invention because his face was black and now the man is going to tell me education is my problem.

"That same man has one-half million American boys in Vietnam fixing to die right this minute to free that foreigner and you've not heard one white or black American ever question the Vietnamese education standard, but you want to free him.

"We are tired of these insults. Twenty-four hours a day we got to put up with them. White folks think Niggers is the stinkiest, scroungiest, immoral beast that ever walked the face of this earth. I'm not here to tell you Niggers don't stink. I'll let you do your own research. Check the advertising industry and see how many multi-billions of dollars a year white folks spend in this country for deodorants. Multi-billions of dollars. And then look at those deodorant commercials you see on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. Then use your own knowledge you was born with and figure it out. If Niggers was doing all the stinking and white folks buy all the deodorant, who really stinks?

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"So, we're saying we're tired of these insults that you believe we're so immoral. I'm not saying we're not. Go in the black community and look at us and you'll find out that every dirty, stinking, immoral, trampy way that black folks have is a white European dirty, stinking, trampy, immoral way. So who did we learn from? We do not know what the Africans is going to do in the bushes after dark, but we do know what you do in the bushes after dark. We're doing the same thing in the bushes after dark that you're doing. So get up off my back. That's all we're saying.

"We know black women in America have 20% illegitimacy. We won't fight you on that. We have fun in the ghetto, baby. White women in America have 2% illegitimate babies, but don't take my 20% illegitimate and your 2% illegitimate and put a halo on your head because if we ever get our hands on white folks abortion credit cards in this country, we'll show you how to knock the rate down too.

"We say we are tired of the insults. We're tired of them. We don't intend to take any more of them.

"So, I hope you youngsters will make this country the country it was meant to be.

"People say, 'I wonder why colored folks get married and have all them babies. They can't afford them.' We know it. 'They end up on relief.' That's right. We ain't ashamed of it either. I ain't never met a white man that didn't want some free money. Talk about relief, did you ever check out that stock market? You talk about some gangsters! If words like relief, A.D.C., and welfare upset you, call it foreign aid.

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"This country pays a farmer what you call a subsidy not to plant, you don't call it relief to the farmers. You're going to pay a farmer not to plant and then you don't want to pay my sister after she plants, that's an insult.

"We're really tired of insults. Racism we can put up with, but not the insults.

"A man's got a right to be a racist. The Constitution gives you freedom of expression. Racism is nothing but expression, but don't burn no more crosses on my front lawn.

"I stop and think that had my daddy been killed during World War II, the same German that would have killed my daddy in 1942, I was ten years old then, I'm 36 years old now, that would mean I've got 26 years without a daddy, which is not an insult because daddies go to war and get killed. The insult is that the same German who would have killed my daddy in 1942, after 26 years without a daddy, that same German could come to my daddy's country in 1968, and live in a neighborhood where my daddy's boy can't live. Do you know how much that insults us?

"This is what we're talking about. Yet nobody seems to understand. Everybody seems to think we're picking on them. Tell us about how we all ain't made enough progress. I got six black kids at home, seven now. The last, a little girl, three weeks old now. This old insulting system, they're going to have it hard insulting her, a system that don't like to call black folks Mr. and Mrs., so we named this last girl MISS GREGORY.

"My old lady got seven kids and every time my old lady gets pregnant, I realize how much progress we've made. Every time my old lady's old black belly starts getting big, I see progress because, you see, I remember that just a little bit over a

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"hundred years ago down there in a slave tent when that black slave woman went to her black slave man and said, 'Honey, I think I'm pregnant,' them two black slaves fell on their knees and prayed to their almighty God that their unborn baby would be born deformed. You think about that sometime. They didn't pray that anything would happen to that cracker's child. They said, 'God, we're dealing with such an insane beast that if you would just give us this baby, Lord, with a limb twisted or a limb missing, or a hump in his back, oh God, if you really want to be good to us, give us this baby maladjusted; our little black baby that the man can never sell and we can keep here.' And then one day after the baby was born, she rushed up to her black slave man, crying tears of joy. 'Honey, the Lord answered our prayer, his head is funny, I think he's going to be maladjusted.' Them two black slaves fell down on their knees, praying with tears of joy, thanking their God for a maladjusted baby, a baby they would be able to keep. Progress? I have seven little old black kids at home. Me and my old lady have never had to pray for nothing, that's all the progress we're going to give this system.

"So, as I leave you, particularly you young ladies, face the destiny of the world. You can shape it. When you decide there will be no more wars, there will be no more wars. When you decide there will be no more capital punishment, there will be no more capital punishment. When you decide that Indian woman up on that reservation is bringing babies out of her womb just like you are and it's just like your little baby locked up on that reservation, then you'll go up and get your sister.

"The fate and destiny of this country depends on you girls. I'm not worried about racism, I'm worried about you because when you decide it's over, it's over.



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"You got this whole thing going for you, you outlive us, you end up with all the money. So, if you end up living long enough and end up with all the money, why not make the world a better place for you to get old in and to spend that money that you stole and got in all kinds of devious ways? That is your job. I've no doubt that you'll do well because I know the moral commitment of young folks in this country.

"Thank you and may God bless you."

The Police Department, the United States Attorney's Office, Secret Service and Army Intelligence, all Pittsburgh, Pa., were apprised in advance of Gregory's appearance at Mount Mercy College on November 6, 1968.

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Recipient offices are requested to alert appropriate authorities and arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearances, furnishing pertinent information developed, inclusive of a transcript of his remarks if tape recordings are available in suitable form for dissemination.

The USA, Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois, have been advised regarding the contents of this LHM, and copies are being furnished to these organizations.

✓ It is noted the Evanston Police Department has been advised of GREGORY's scheduled speech at Northwestern University for January 6, 1968.



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On [redacted] a Special Agent of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation, under [redacted]  
contacted Richard Claxton Gregory by telephone, and  
Gregory furnished the following information concerning  
his itinerary and speaking engagements:

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December 8, 1968  
Batavia Community College, Batavia,  
New York

December 9, 1968  
State University College, New Platz,  
New York

December 10, 1968  
Campbell College, North Carolina

December 12, 1968  
University of Texas, Austin, Texas

December 13, 1968  
Open date, however, Gregory indicated he  
would be in New York City and then  
travel to London, England. Specific  
details unknown at this time regarding  
what he would do in London. However, he  
plans to return to Chicago, Illinois,  
for Christmas.

January 6, 1969  
Northwestern University, Evanston,  
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January - Exact date unrecalled.  
University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama

January 22, 1969  
Florida State University, Tallahassee,  
Florida

February 10, 1969  
Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

Gregory also stated that he is presently in the ninth day of a forty-day fast aimed at dramatizing the plight of the hungry in the United States and throughout the rest of the world.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, the United States Secret Service, Chicago, and the Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.



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503PM DEFERRED 12-6-68 RMF

TO DIRECTOR BUFFALO CHARLOTTE NEW YORK SAN ANTONIO  
FROM CHICAGO 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, 00: CHICAGO.

FOLLOWING INFO RELATING TO ITINERARY AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS  
OF GREGORY DEVELOPED [REDACTED]

DECEMBER EIGHT NEXT: BATAVIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE, /BATAVIA, NEW YORK/

DECEMBER NINE NEXT: STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, /NEW PLATZ, NEW

YORK/

DECEMBER TEN NEXT: CAMPBELL COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA.

DECEMBER TWELVE NEXT: UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN, TEXAS.

DECEMBER THIRTEEN NEXT: OPEN DATE BUT INDICATED WILL BE IN NYC

AND THEN TRAVEL TO LONDON, ENGLAND, SPECIFIC DETAILS UNKNOWN THIS TIME,

AND SUBSEQUENT RETURN TO CHICAGO FOR CHRISTMAS.

GREGORY ADVISED HE WAS PRESENTLY IN THE NINTH DAY OF A FORTY DAY  
FAST AIMED AT DRAMATIZING PLIGHT OF HUNGRY IN U.S. AND THROUGHOUT  
WORLD.

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RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO, DECEMBER SIX INSTANT, REPORTING GREGORY'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BUIES CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA, DECEMBER TEN NEXT, AND REQUESTING ANY INFO RE ITINERARY.

RECIPIENT OFFICES ALERT APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES AND ARRANGE COVERAGE OF GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AND FURNISH PERTINENT INFO DEVELOPED, INCLUSIVE OF TRANSCRIPT OF REMARKS IF TAPE RECORDINGS AVAILABLE, IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. ADDITIONAL SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS OF GREGORY IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY NEXT ASCERTAINED AND WILL BE INCLUDED IN FOLLOWING LHM. GREGORY HAS PREVIOUSLY TRAVELLED ABROAD AND IS IN POSSESSION OF U.S. PASSPORT.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM. OO CHICAGO.

INFORMATION RECEIVED DECEMBER FIVE LAST THAT SUBJECT IS TO APPEAR AT CAMPBELL COLLEGE, BUIES CREEK, NC, SEVEN THIRTY, DECEMBER TEN NEXT TO SPEAK ON A PROGRAM SPONSORED BY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. SUBJECT TO ARRIVE AT FAYETTEVILLE, NC, DECEMBER TEN NEXT AND ITINERARY AFTER SPEECH UNKNOWN THIS TIME.

SECRET SERVICE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE ADVISED.

CHICAGO ADVISE IF ITINERARY OF SUBJECT KNOWN.

COVERAGE OF SPEECH ARRANGED. CHARLOTTE WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423) ATTENTION:

From: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

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Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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ACTION: UACB:

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(7)☒ No further action being taken and☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to US \_\_\_\_\_ Service,☐ LHM being submitted G-2, OSI, all Pittsburgh, Pa.,☐ Report being submitted and NISO, Philadelphia, Pa.☐ Preliminary investigation instituted via registered mail.☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Special Agent in Charge

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HOW FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

BY: F.H.T./J.P.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
December 13, 1968

RICHARD CLAXTON-GREGORY

On December 4, 1968, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, also known as Dick Gregory, would speak at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College, West Mifflin, Pa., at 8:00 p.m. on December 4, 1968. Source said Gregory's appearance was being sponsored by the Student-Faculty Cultural Committee of the College.

On December 11, 1968, source advised that between 8:10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., on December 4, 1968, Dick Gregory spoke before an audience of approximately 400 persons at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College. Source said that among Gregory's remarks were the following:

"Thank you for inviting me.

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"I always feel welcome in small towns. I came in on Allegheny Airlines and Allegheny flies to all small towns, but they didn't even know where West Mifflin was.

"I am now on the seventh day of a forty day fast. I have had nothing but distilled water for the last seven days so you don't know how good you look to me.

"Flying over here on the plane, I went to sleep. There was a white man sitting next to me and he wanted to talk so he started the conversation in the usual way by nudging me and shouting, 'Hey boy, what do you think of the Negroes progress?' I told him the biggest breakthrough was when they named the first colored hurricane---Beulah. He then asked me to explain Black Power. I told him Black Power is that heart

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"that is beating in that white man's chest over in South Africa. It's the only one in the world that's working right. I bet that white cat is somewhere singing the blues right now.

"We knew all along all you white folks needed was a change of heart. But don't get the idea that we are going to be your spare parts.

"I woke up one time in the airport and this white cat had his ear on my chest. Now don't get me wrong. I am not against all transplants, I'm just against the ones who can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot. Let him take that to the beach with him.

"Since June 6th, I have spoken at over 300 colleges, sometimes four a day. I have found out you young people are the most morally dedicated people today. You are too pure and too clean.

"They try to say that the Hippies and the Yippies are unclean. I won't say that some of them don't stink, but Abe Lincoln had a beard, stunk, and was ugly too. You don't have to read the cracker papers to find out what you are.

"Republicans and Democrats cannot claim credit for winning the election. I spent \$35,000 and they spent hundreds of thousands of dollars, but I was the only one running for President, the others were running for Sheriff.

"It was you young kids that decided that LBJ not run for President. And had not 15,000 Hippies shown up in Chicago, Humphrey would be President. So don't under estimate your power. You, in the near future, must solve problems you did not create. You will have difficulty because us old folks have used up all the tricks.

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"To show you how the kids are so advanced, when my birthday came, my seven kids bought me a birthday cake and written across the cake was 'Happy Birthday You Uncle Tom Nigger.'

"My four year old daughter and I both went to jail in Chicago during the demonstrations. After the Convention in Chicago, the whole Establishment tried to convince you that you didn't see what you saw. That is so good Kosygin ought to tell it to the Czechs---that they didn't see what they saw.

"I am not here to impress you. I could not give a damn about what you think about me after I am gone, but at least you could say, 'Greg didn't lie to us.'

"When I was a kid my mama and dad lied to me. They lied to me about Santa Claus. I knew damn well no white man was going to come into a black neighborhood after midnight.

"The number one problem in this country today is not air pollution but moral pollution. Don't let the patriotism cry fool you. This is the most morally corrupt country in the world. They spent a half million dollars on the Chicago report of the political riot. Yet there are not five Federal judges in Illinois who are not controlled by the crime syndicate. That Mayor Daley you saw on television after the disturbances was the same Mayor Daley that was stealing votes election night.

"Had the cops acted any other way during the disturbance, they would have blown their jobs. They acted the way Daley told them. Daley claims he has received many letters agreeing with what the police did, but not one saying, 'Give them a raise.' In fact, if the police in Chicago went on strike, crime would decrease by fifty percent. Read this month's issue of 'Life' magazine.

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"The kids today are realizing that morality is not a Brooks Brothers suit, a clean shave, and a haircut.

"Tell me who was the most immoral, the Hippies and Yippies or the Shriners when they came to Chicago?

"America will tolerate you as long as you don't buck the system. Some weeks ago 20,000 people turned out on Wall Street to look at a broad's kitties and nobody got excited. J. Edgar Hoover didn't say that it was communist inspired. All Miss Francine has to do to get some privacy is to wear the tightest sweater she can find and have written across her breast, 'Free Huey Newton,' and 'Bring the boys home from Vietnam.' Those 20,000 men would have fled back into their offices to participate in their anti-trust violation.

"I'm a stool pigeon. I'm telling on the system. I was on relief for 20 years and in 18 months I was a millionaire.

"When I was in college they used to have panty raids. I didn't participate because I was not going to be taking no white gal's drawers. Nobody got excited. They said, 'Boys will be boys.' Then there was the goldfish swallowing craze. Nobody got excited. Then there was the telephone booth packing and nobody would get excited when they would stuff 500 kids in a booth. But if you want to upset the system, take five kids and picket one booth asking AT&T about its anti-trust violations and the kids will be in jail before nightfall.

"Your job will be to clean up this filthy immoral society.

"Everyone in America was upset about the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King and Mr. Robert Kennedy, but no one was upset about the



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"assassinations of Mr. Rockwell or Malcolm X.

"We must put capitalism behind the Constitution and not in front of it. Capitalism is based on property rights, not human rights.

"If you are old enough to go to the Army and die at 18, you can ask for the vote at 17. If you want to vote at 17, you young people organize and tell the recording industry you are not going to buy anymore records until you are allowed to vote at 17 and the recording industry will lobby and get it for you.

"If you want to stop the war in Vietnam, tell the cigarette industry you are going to boycott cigarettes and they will have them home overnight from the war.

"Mayor Daley gave orders in Chicago to shoot all looters to kill. Not dope addicts, but looters. I say lets make it retroactive all the way back to the Indian and let the Indian shoot his looter to kill.

"You kids should check your mothers and fathers, who are too busy making money, to ask why Dean Rusk's son can't go to Vietnam. If I were you, I would handcuff myself to one of the Rockefellers, Duponts or Mellons and demand that they send one of the rich boys too.

"Your mother and father think more of your dog than they think of you. They will let you be drafted and sent to Vietnam and not say a word. But you just let a Federal man come to your mother's house in the morning and say they want your dog to go to Vietnam and there would be a shoot out on the lawn.

"You don't have to go all over the world to ram democracy down someone's throat. If it was so good people would steal it.

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"You see us old folks were so busy going to college to learn how to make a living that we didn't learn how to live.

"Education should enhance the senses, but today they indoctrinate, not educate.

"Books and transcripts are unimportant. The white christian missionaries taught me about books. When the missionaries went to Africa they had the Bibles and the Africans had the land. When the missionaries left, the Africans had the Bibles and the missionaries had the land.

"When I was eight years old I had my first encounter with the white christian. I was on my way to the show and a white minister stopped me and asked me where I was going. I told him, 'To see a Tarzan movie.' He said, 'What! Do you want to see those cannibals eating people?' I said, 'Really?' and sure enough, when I got in the movie there they were in the pot being cooked. But I didn't know that they were California niggers. I jumped up and ran all the way to the white church crying. When the white minister saw me he said, 'I told you. Now come on in and have communion with me.' I asked him what communion was and he said, 'Get on your knees and open your mouth. Now this is his body and this is his blood.' Yes the white christians taught me alot about cannibalism.

"In high school in history I was good and a fast reader because in our house it was so cold that after you read the book you burned it for heat.

"You could always tell when your teacher had been out doing something the night before that he should not have done because they would always have a pop quiz. One of these quizzes had for its one and only question: 'Why were George Washington and

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"Thomas Jefferson such effective leaders and how did they lead their men to victory?" Since I had read the book so fast, I was the first one finished and took my paper to the teacher. After the teacher read my paper, he called me up front and told me I got a zero. I said, 'Why, for telling what I interpreted from the book?' You see I wrote that George Washington's army was an alcoholic, reefer-smoking bunch of fools because in the book it said that this was the greatest British army and navy ever assembled. George Washington took a group of ragged, barefoot fools with pitchforks and sticks, against them. And to show you how good the stuff was that they were smoking, they won.

"The history book is one of the foulest, filthiest books ever written. In it, it says the white man came over from England and stole us on his way over to America. Then the white man discovered a land that was already occupied."

The United States Attorney's Office, Secret Service, and Army Intelligence, all Pittsburgh, Pa., were apprised in advance of Gregory's appearance at the South Campus of the Allegheny County Community College.

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Date: 12/14/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (157-666)(RUC)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: Chicago

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Chicago teletype 12/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an  
LHM suitable for dissemination regarding GREGORY's appearance  
at The University of Texas at Austin 12/12/68.

Enclosed to Chicago are two copies of this LHM.

Secret Service. Austin

Texas DPS

Austin PD, and

The University of Texas at  
Austin, all Austin, Texas, were made aware of GREGORY's  
proposed visit to Austin.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally  
to the U.S. Secret Service, Austin and San Antonio, and to  
SI, NISO, and 112th MI Group.

For the information of Chicago on 12/13/68,

Texas, advised  
that DICK GREGORY departed Austin at 11:30 p.m., 12/12/68, on  
flight No. 298, first class, to Dallas. Further, GREGORY

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had reservations on American Airlines Flight 84 out of Dallas to arrive Cleveland, Ohio, at 11:29 a.m., 12/13/68; with reservation on United Airlines Flight 432 leaving Cleveland at 5 p.m. and arriving at La Guardia Airport, New York, at 6:16 p.m., 12/13/68.

[ ] stated that GREGORY traveled on a free paid ticket which means that some other station picks up the money for the flight and wires his station confirmation of payment being made. In this instance, he said the payment was made to American Airlines, Boston, Mass., by the Morrison Travel Agency.

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Special Agents who made observations as set out in enclosed LHM were SAs ROBERT W. CARNES and [ ]

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San Antonio, Texas

December 14, 1968

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

SA T-1 (11/19/68)

Source advised that Dick Gregory, civil rights leader and comedian, had been scheduled to speak at The University of Texas at 7:30 p.m. on December 12, 1968, by the Texas Union Speakers Committee, a committee of the Student Union.

Special Agents of the FBI observed that Gregory did not arrive at the Main Ballroom at the Texas Union Building at The University of Texas at Austin until 8:30 p.m. on December 12, 1968.

Gregory was introduced by William H. Goetzman, Professor of History, as a "renaissance man", "a penetrating social satirist", and "a one-man conscience of America".

Gregory opened his remarks by advising that he was in the fifteenth day of a forty-day water fast.

Gregory said the destiny of American depends on the young folks who would have to solve problems which they did not cause and that they young folks had been lied to all their lives, beginning with stories about Santa Claus.

He referred to America as the most degenerate, insane nation in existence, and said that it was up to the youngsters to make America beautiful. He said he could not eulogize America as long as there is so much to be done.

He said morality no longer comes from without, but must come from within and that the young should change the country to fit themselves and not change themselves to fit the country.

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Gregory said the young should work to beat the Capitalist system to the right position and this would be behind the Constitution and not in front of the Constitution as the Capitalist system finds itself. He said the emphasis is in property rights rather than on human rights under this system.

Gregory said trouble on school campuses is coming from corrupt boards of directors, of which nine out of ten know nothing about education, but are appointed because they are rich. He said schools did not educate, but rather indoctrinate and that the system would have to be changed to educate rather than indoctrinate.

He said there are 152 Senators and Congressman who have sons who should be in the Army. He said Dean Rusk has a son who has been old enough to go into the Army for five years. He said youth should find out where the sons of the Rockefellers and the Gettys are before they go over to Vietnam to get their brains blown out. He said everyone killed in Vietnam is killed by a weapon and bullets from Moscow, but that America is not mad at Moscow.

Gregory said he hoped that youth would not make the same mistakes that "we old fools made, we were so busy trying to make a living that we forgot how to live".

He told the group that the Walker Report, concerning incidents during the Democratic Convention in Chicago, was written to lead the youth back into the system.

He said there was something wrong with a society that would send eighteen-year-olds off to war, but would not give them the right to vote.

Gregory said there are black attitudes in America and that something the black folks have been doing for the last two years must be right as they have not been lynched during that time. He said the black man did not want anymore civil rights laws, but wanted justice under the Constitution.

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Gregory advised that his father was killed by the Germans in 1942 and that this society would permit that German to come to America today and live in a neighborhood where this dead soldier's son would not be accepted.

His remarks were freely interspersed with what was received by the audience as humor and anecdotes.

He said his Indian brothers should be off the reservations rather than letting a capitalist government run their lives for them; that the Mexican and the down-trodden white brothers of Appalachia should receive justice also.

In closing, Gregory requested donations for his "food army" which he said was being collected to buy beans, \$8 per 100 pounds sack, to help feed the one-third of this nation that goes to bed hungry each night.

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Source estimated the crowd attending Gregory's talk to be 1200 and said that  b7D

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth statements made by MARK LANE during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco. Enclosed for the Chicago and Washington Field Offices is one copy each of the letterhead memorandum and for the New York Office two copies for files on LANE and GREGORY.

The source mentioned in the letterhead memorandum is [REDACTED] (U)

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San Francisco, California

November 22, 1968.

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MARK LANE;  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that during a speech by MARK LANE at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, he stated that a house, "The Black House," had been purchased in Washington, D. C., and that he and DICK GREGORY would run an "American Government in exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside the White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball, and urged all to attend. He said, "If you think Chicago was something, don't miss this." ~~(S)~~ (U)

MARK LANE is the well-known author and lecturer, and DICK GREGORY is the well-known comedian, entertainer, and civil rights leader.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO : CHICAGO)

Re Chicago tel to Bu, dated 12/6/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are copies of an LHM in above matter.

Confidential source is [REDACTED]

Attached LHM is not classified since it is not believed that the security of the above source is jeopardized. *we*

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO, Secret Service and USA\$ SDNY.

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- 1- New York (157-1093)
- 1- New York

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ACCT: 4CST, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], OSI

DEPT: ISD, IDIU

BY: *Emj/mr*

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Special Agent in Charge

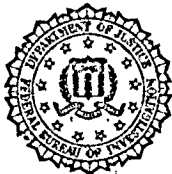
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 13, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No. NY file 157-1093

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, furnished the following information, December 10, 1968:

Richard Claxton Gregory fulfilled a speaking engagement at State University College, New Paltz, New York on December 9, 1968, at 8:00 PM. He spoke in Elting Gymnasium on the campus and this meeting terminated at 10:15 PM. The meeting was sponsored by the Student Government Association and 1200 people attended, mostly college students.

In his speech Gregory discussed current events and interspersed his own brand of humor including some sharp criticisms of the present Administration. He impressed upon the college youth that they have the power in their hands to change the government and the current situation in this country. For example, he said the cigarette industry is the third largest industry in the country and this would collapse if all students quit smoking.

He also discussed poverty programs and mentioned that he was in favor of collecting food stamps for the poor. He said that he personally helped the poor in Appalachia and was sending them shipments of Navy beans.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

He also said the money spent by the government in Vietnam should be channeled to the impoverished areas of the country. He was opposed to the draft system and to United States involvement in Vietnam. He urged the college youth to support the Negro movement for betterment; that thereby they would be helping all the people.

December 18, 1968

REC-113/40-6-1-422  
[Redacted]  
Day's Tailor-D Clothing, Inc.  
Tacoma, Washington 98401

Dear [Redacted]

I received your letter and its enclosure on  
December 13th and I appreciate your furnishing this to me.  
Since the information you furnished would be of interest to  
another governmental agency, I have forwarded a copy of  
your letter and enclosure to the Director, United States  
Secret Service, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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1 - Seattle - Enclosures (2)

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent or the Day's  
Tailor-D Clothing Company. Dick Gregory is well known to the  
Bureau. Copy of letter and enclosure being sent to United States  
Secret Service by form referral same date.

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TAILOR-D CLOTHING, INC., TACOMA, WASHINGTON 98401

6 December

The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Mr. Felt  
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Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Tele. Room  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Gentlemen:

My nephew in Edmonton, Alberta wrote me and I am enclosing this portion of his letter.

I believe you will agree that such statements should be stoppin in some way.

Sincerely,

*Dick Gregory*

DAY'S TAILOR-D CLOTHING, INC.

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FMG: CLO

Well I suppose the US election pleased you. It will be interesting to see how Nixon does. Pick Gregory was in Edmonton addressing the useless twerps and trouble makers on our Campus and amongst many other things said "the biggest job Nixon has to do is to keep alive until his inauguration, we have planned that USA has had its last President". There are times that I think the freedom of speech in Democracy has run wild. ←

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(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (176-31)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ANTIRIOT LAWS  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Omaha airtel to Director 11/25/68 and Omaha airtel to Chicago 11/25/68, latter enclosing 2 tape recordings approximately 1½ hours long, containing text of GREGORY's speech at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, on 11/15/68.

Enclosed herewith to Omaha are the above referred to tape recordings. Omaha will transcribe enclosed tapes and submit letterhead memorandum containing pertinent information.

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- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
2 - Omaha (176-15) (RM) (Enc. 2)  
2 - Chicago  
(1 - 157-347) (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)

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[redacted] (NA), [redacted] at Campbell College, advised that his men and local authorities would be in and around the auditorium and that the speech would be taped by representatives of the college, a copy of which will be made available to the FBI. [redacted] requested that any information obtained concerning possible violence during GREGORY's time in North Carolina, be made available to him as he is responsible for security in this matter.

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LEADS:

CHARLOTTE

AT BUIES CREEK, RALEIGH and FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

Will maintain liaison with appropriate law enforcement officials and contact appropriate informants.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 6, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On December 5, 1968, information was received from a representative of Secret Service that in connection with another investigation he had determined that subject was to appear at Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina, during December, 1968.

On December 5, 1968, [redacted] Campbell College, advised that subject was to speak at 7:30 p.m., December 10, 1968, in the college auditorium at a program sponsored by the Student Government Association. GREGORY is to speak for one hour with a 30-minute question-and-answer session after the speech and the auditorium seats approximately 1,000 people. [redacted] stated that GREGORY is to arrive at Fayetteville, North Carolina, airport at 6:23 p.m., December 10, 1968, and representatives of the college are to transport him to the speech and back to Fayetteville, North Carolina, the same night. [redacted] had no information as to GREGORY's itinerary or if GREGORY is to depart Fayetteville on the night of December 10, 1968.

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The above information has been made available to representatives of Secret Service and military intelligence.

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

## INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 12/11/68

Attached relates to speech by Richard Gregory before 900 persons at Campbells College, North Carolina. Gregory criticized Government's Vietnam position and gave indirect support to communism.

Copy of attached sent Inter-Division Information Unit of the Department and the Attorney General.

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Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	
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11:36 PM URGENT 12-10-68 RHM

TO: DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-5865)

**RACIAL MATTERS**

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO: CHICAGO.

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RE CHICAGO TELETYPE DECEMBER SIX LAST.

REPRESENTATIVE OF ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH MILITARY INTELLIGENCE GROUP, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C., ADVISED TODAY SUBJECT ARRIVED FAYETTEVILLE AIRPORT, WAS DRIVEN TO CAMPBELL'S COLLEGE, BUIES CREEK, N.C., BY COLLEGE STUDENTS WHERE HE SPOKE TO AUDIENCE OF NINE HUNDRED PEOPLE ALMOST ONE HUNDRED PERCENT WHITE. SUBJECT CRITICAL OF GOVERNMENT POSITION IN VIETNAM AND CLAIMED COMMUNISM WAS NOT AS BAD AS MADE OUT TO BE. SUBJECT'S SPEECH AND QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD ENDED TEN FIFTYEIGHT PM AND SUBJECT ENROUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE AS OF ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM WHERE HE IS TO DEPART ONE THIRTY AM TWELVE ELEVEN NEXT 12 DEC 13 1968 FROM FAYETTEVILLE AIRPORT VIA ATLANTA, GA., ARRIVING CHICAGO, ILL., FIVE FIFTYSEVEN AM.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE COGNIZANT, SECRET SERVICE ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM(OO: CHICAGO) ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 RLB/CL

Re Chicago teletype, 12/6/68. 100-440423-417

Enclosed herewith are eight (8) copies of LHM for the Bureau and two (2) copies for Chicago concerning captioned matter, reflecting the appearance of subject at Genesee Community College, Batavia, New York, on 12/8/68. Referenced teletype identified the location of subject's speech at Batavia Community College, Batavia, New York.

Enclosed LHM is not classified since there is no apparent reason for [REDACTED] EX-119 REC-52

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Chicago as Chicago is office of origin.

[REDACTED] New York State Police, Batavia, New York, advised that he had intended to record subject's speech with a tape recorder, but this instrument malfunctioned and no recording was obtained

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2 - Chicago (157-347) (AM) (Encl. 2)  
1 - Buffalo AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV.,

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HOW FORW: PLS  
DATE FORW: 12/16/68  
BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York  
December 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On December 9, 1968, [redacted]  
[redacted] New York State Police, Batavia, New York,  
advised that he monitored the speech given by  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at Batavia, New York High  
School on December 8, 1968, beginning at 8:00 P.M.  
This speech was sponsored by the Genesee Community  
College, Batavia, New York, as part of this  
institution's cultural events series. Approximately  
250 students of this school attended GREGORY's  
speech and admission was limited to holders of  
students activity passes. Seventy per cent of  
those attending were adults and all except six  
persons were of the white race. GREGORY spoke for  
about two hours.

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[redacted] advised that the  
introductory portion of GREGORY's speech was in a  
humorous vein and followed previous speeches he  
had made in the Western New York area during which  
he poked fun at Allegany Air Lines on which he has  
traveled from time to time. Later, in more serious  
vein, GREGORY pointed out that current history  
books used by college students are not designed for  
Negro students because they do not contain sufficient  
material concerning Negro history. He also criti-  
cized the United State's involvement in Viet Nam,

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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pointing out that this country is sending vast quantities of military supplies and manpower to a foreign country and at the same time it is doing relatively nothing for American Indians. He challenged college youth to rectify these situations and to familiarize themselves with the United States Constitution. He said it is of primary importance that white people stop referring to the black people as "Niggers," "Boy," and similar insulting names.

At no time, according to [redacted] [redacted] did GREGORY make any inflammatory statements urging Negroes to riot or to take up arms. On several occasions he insisted that he is in favor of nonviolence.

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Date: 12/11/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau 12/6/68, and  
Charlotte teletype to Bureau 12/10/68. *per 15*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM in  
captioned matter, copies of which have been disseminated  
locally to military intelligence agencies and Secret  
Service. Two copies are furnished Chicago for their  
information since they are origin.

Lt. [redacted] 11th MIG, Fayetteville, North  
Carolina, furnished his information to SA THOMAS H. GEORGE,  
who also advised [redacted] U. S. Secret Service  
Charlotte, North Carolina.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 11)  
2 - Chicago (Encls. 2)  
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HOW TO: *15*  
BY: *15*

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(Priority)

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LEAD:CHARLOTTEAT BUIES CREEK, NORTH CAROLINA

Will obtain a copy of subject's speech and  
thereafter appropriate communication in form suitable for  
dissemination will be submitted.

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ : Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
December 11, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated December 6, 1968, captioned as above.

On December 10, 1968, a representative of 111th Military Intelligence Group, Fayetteville, North Carolina, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY arrived at the Fayetteville, North Carolina airport on December 10, 1968, where he was picked up by college students and driven to Campbell College, Buies Creek, North Carolina. At Campbell College GREGORY spoke to an audience of approximately 900 people which was almost 100 per cent white. In his speech, GREGORY was critical of the United States Government policy in Vietnam, and he claimed that Communism was not as bad as it was made out to be. After GREGORY's speech, there was a question and answer period, which ended at 10:58 p.m. and GREGORY was returned to Fayetteville, North Carolina, where he was to depart at 1:30 a.m., via Piedmont Airlines, en route to Atlanta, Georgia. In Atlanta, he was to catch an Eastern Airlines Flight arriving in Chicago, Illinois at 5:57 a.m.

No incidents occurred during GREGORY's speech.

Military intelligence was cognizant of GREGORY's activities and a representative of United States Secret Service was furnished the above information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
DATE: 1/8/69

FROM Legat, London (157-99) ~~(RUC)~~ (U)

SUBJECT: ) RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

(OO: Chicago) (157-347)

Re Chicago airtel 12/9/68.

Enclosed are two copies of letter dated [redacted]  
from [redacted] classified CONFIDENTIAL  
concerning action taken in this matter. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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FBI

Date: 1/7/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472) (P)  
SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO:CG)

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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180RIA/9

ReCGairtel to the Bureau dated 12/9/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of an FD 376.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago, Mobile, and Charlotte. One copy each of the LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Tallahassee, Secret Service, Jacksonville, and Military Intelligence, Jacksonville.

Source One is [redacted] to GREGORY in Chicago by SA [redacted]. The second source set forth in the LHM is [redacted] Florida, to SA [redacted].

Jacksonville will follow and afford coverage.

- 3 - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Mobile (Encls. 2) (RM)
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AGENCY: ACSI, OSI, SEC. SERV. FD-376  
DEPT: ISD, IDIU

DATE: 1/15/69  
BY: [redacted]

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CHARLOTTE, MOBILE, AND CHICAGO

Advise Jacksonville of any information received regarding subject's itinerary to and from Tallahassee, Florida, and his contemplated activity there.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida  
January 7, 1969

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service , Jacksonville

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Jacksonville, Florida

January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On , source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he contacted Richard Claxton Gregory at Chicago by telephone and Gregory furnished the following information concerning his itinerary and speaking engagements:

January 2, 1969      Exact date unrecalled,  
University of Alabama  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

January 22, 1969    Florida State University  
Tallahassee, Florida

February 10, 1969   Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

Gregory also stated that he was in the ninth day of a forty-day fast aimed at dramatizing the plight of the hungry in the United States and throughout the rest of the world.

Source Number Two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 6, 1969, advised that the contemplated visit of Richard Claxton Gregory who was popularly known as Dick Gregory, to Florida State University, (FSU), Tallahassee, Florida, had been confirmed for January 22, 1969. The source advised that Gregory's visit to FSU was being sponsored by the FSU University Union Program Council or Committee which is made up of University Staff and Students. The group periodically sponsors speakers or entertainment which was believed to be educational or of interest to Students. The source advised that no particular group was listed as sponsoring Gregory other than the Official University Union Program Council.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Source Two advised that Gregory is scheduled to speak at 7:30 P.M. at Westcott Auditorium on campus at FSU on January 22, 1969. The topic of the speech or lecture is to be "Human Rights - Civil Rights". It is expected the speech will last from one and one half hours to two hours and it is open to the public. Source Two advised that Gregory is a controversial Civil Rights Leader but stated University officials expected no incidents in connection with his visit.

On January 6, 1969, [redacted] Tallahassee, Florida, advised he knew of no scheduled visit by Gregory at Florida A & M University. [redacted] advised, however, that as Florida A & M is a predominantly Negro University located in Tallahassee, it is very likely that Dick Gregory might visit Florida A & M while in Tallahassee.

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The foregoing information was made available to [redacted] Military Intelligence, Tallahassee, and local law enforcement agencies in Tallahassee, Florida.

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Date: 12/17/68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (RUC)  
 SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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 (BUFILE 100-409763)  
 (NYFILE 100-117844)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RACIAL MATTERS  
 (BUFILE 100-440423)  
 (NYFILE 157-1093)

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ReBuairtel to Chicago and offices listed below  
 dated, 11/26/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau and offices listed are copies  
 of an LHM in above matter.

No other additional information concerning the setting  
 up of a Government-In-Exile in WDC has been developed through  
 informant coverage; however, New York sources have been alerted  
 and additional information received will be furnished promptly  
 to the Bureau.

- 0 - Bureau (Encls. 10) (RM) 100-440423-  
 (2 - 100-409763)  
 (2 - 100-440423) (RICHARD GREGORY)  
 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 2 - New Orleans (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 2 - San Francisco (100-52919) (Encls. 2) (1 - 157-157)  
 2 - Washington Field (Encls. 2) (RM)  
 1 - New York (100-117844) (#45)  
 1 - New York (157-1093) (#43)

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NY 157-1093

The substance of the information set forth in the attached LHM was furnished to the Bureau by airtel and LHM dated 11/5/68, entitled "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM".

The confidential source utilized is [REDACTED] b7D  
This LHM is not classified "Confidential" since the security of this informant would not be jeopardized through dissemination.

Dissemination of attached LHM is being made locally to the 108th MI Group, OSI, NISO and Secret Service.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York  
December 17, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Bufile 100-409763  
NYfile 100-117844

Bufile 100-440423  
NYfile 157-1093

Mark Lane  
Security Matter - C

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Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matters

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows on November 18, 1968:

On November 2, 1968, a rally was held at Town Hall, New York City, in support of Dick Gregory who was running for President on the Freedom and Peace Party ticket. Mark Lane was running for Vice President on the same ticket. This rally was sponsored by the Freedom and Peace Party and commenced shortly after 8:00 p.m.

The first speaker was Stewart Meacham of the American Friends Service Committee. His speech supported Dick Gregory and Gregory's stand for peace. He did not believe that a vote for Dick Gregory was a wasted vote. The next speaker was Mark Lane. While he conceded defeat, he did not feel that the effort would be fruitless. He said the Party would set up a Government-In-Exile; that a house would be obtained in Washington, D. C. and painted black to be known as the "Black House".

Dick Gregory was the final speaker and since he had another engagement, his speech was fairly short. He was serious throughout his speech and not the comedian. Dick Gregory also conceded that he would not win the election and speculated that Richard Nixon would be the next President; however, he felt that this campaign of the Freedom and Peace Party was a necessary part of the fight for peace and freedom.

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Mark Lane;  
Richard Claxton Gregory

Mark Lane is a well-known  
author and lecturer.

Dick Gregory is a well-known  
comedian, entertainer and  
civil rights leader.



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TO DIRECTOR

FROM DETROIT (157- ) 2P

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AT ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN,  
MICHIGAN, JAN. NINE NEXT, RM.

CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED THIS DATE DICK GREGORY WILL  
APPEAR ADRIAN COLLEGE, ADRIAN, MICHIGAN, JAN. NINE NEXT.  
GREGORY IS GUEST OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND WILL  
SPEAK AT DAWSON AUDITORIUM, AT SEVEN THIRTY PM. GREGORY'S  
TOPIC UNKNOWN. FOLLOWING HIS SPEECH COMMITTEE WILL HOST  
RECEPTION FOR GREGORY IN RITCHIE HALL UNTIL NINE THIRTY PM.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT ADRIAN COLLEGE, HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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TICKETS FOR SPEECH ARE CONFINED TO STUDENT BODY AND CAN  
BE OBTAINED ONLY WITH ID CARD. SEVERAL LOCAL PERSONS HAVE

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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BEEN INVITED.

THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLICITY AND TROUBLE IS NOT  
ANTICIPATED.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED ADRIAN COLLEGE HAS SPONSORED SEVERAL  
CONTROVERSIAL SPEAKERS IN THE PAST AND NO SIGNIFICANCE IS  
ATTACHED TO THE APPEARANCE OF GREGORY. ADRIAN COLLEGE  
IS CO-EDUCATIONAL AND PREDOMINATLY WHITE.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WILL ATTEND SPEAKING APPEARANCE AND WILL  
TAPE SPEECH AND MAKE THIS TAPE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI.

DETROIT WILL FOLLOW AND SUBMIT LHM REGARDING SPEAKING  
APPEARANCE.

G-TWO, SECRET SERVICE AND USA, DETROIT ADVISED.

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Date: 1/16/69

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To: Director, FBI ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
 From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY,  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
1/23-26/69

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 1/14/69.

Enclosed herewith are the original and ten copies  
 of a self-explanatory LHM re captioned subject. Also enclosed  
 are two copies of FD-376.

- 1-Bureau (Enc. 13) (RM)  
 2-Cincinnati (Enc. 2) (RM)  
 2-Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM)  
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   (2:157-1075)  
   (1:157-775)  
   (1:157-85)  
   (1:66-1967)

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ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Enclosed for Cincinnati, Chicago, and New York are two copies each of LHM captioned as above.

Copy of LHM has been disseminated locally to USA, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

Local authorities at Macomb, Illinois have been apprised of the contents of the enclosed LHM.

LEADS:

CINCINNATI DIVISION

At Columbus, Ohio

Will advise Springfield if the appearance of PETER SIMMONS has caused demonstrations or draw rabble rousers.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Will follow and report pertinent developments.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

421 South 6th Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

January 16, 1969

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23 - 26, 1969

On January 15, 1969, Sheriff Bell Rich Mc Donough  
County, Macomb, Illinois, advised that [redacted]  
[redacted] Western Illinois University, (WIU),  
Macomb, Illinois, who is the [redacted] for the forth-  
coming Black Students Conference at WIU, has developed the  
following schedule for the conference:

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Thursday, January 23, 1969

- 3:30 p.m. - Introduction and Welcome;
- 4:00 p.m. - Panel discussion by black veterans;
- 6:30 p.m. - Remarks by Track Coach Stan Wright of  
WIU, and panel discussion by black athletes;
- 8:00 p.m. - Speech by Roy Innis, Executive Director  
of Congress of Racial Equality, (CORE), followed by coffee hour.

Friday, January 24, 1969

- 1:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film, "Of Black America";
- 2:00 p.m. - Speeches by black women students;

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ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

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3:30 p.m. - Poetry reading by students;

6:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film; poetry reading;  
speeches; dance performance by black women students;

8:00 p.m. - Speech by Claude Brown, Author of "Manchild  
in the Promise Land", followed by coffee hour.

Saturday, January 25, 1969

11:00 a.m. - Talk by Peter Simmons, representative  
of black students at Ohio State University;

12:00 p.m. - Black coffee hour;

3:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film "Of Black America";

6:15 p.m. - Dance performance by black women students;

6:45 p.m. - Talk by L. F. Palmer, Jr., Columnist of  
the Chicago Daily News;

8:00 p.m. - Performance of play and skits;

9:00 p.m. - Dance for black students featuring a  
Chicago band.

Sunday, January 26, 1969

1:00 p.m. - "Ideas"; impromptu and spontaneous  
remarks, open to anyone;

2:00 p.m. - Showing of CBS film "Of Black America";

3:00 p.m. - Repeated performance of play and skits;

4:00 p.m. - Speeches by black students;

8:00 p.m. - Speech by Dick Gregory; followed by coffee  
hour.

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To: Director, FBI  
ATTENTION:  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
From: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: CHANGED

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
1/23-26/69

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization-

Summary of Complaint:

The title is marked "CHANGED" to show the four dates at Macomb, Illinois. The title formerly carried only the dates 1/24-25/69.

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau dated 11/22/68

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2 - Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM) 7 - Springfield (2: 157-198)  
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ACTION: UACB: (1: 157-85) (1: 66-1967)

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Springfield  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: 5 FEB 3 1969  
Special Agent in Charge

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Springfield; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

On 1/23/68, the information enclosed LHM was furnished by SA ELYON H. DAVIS to Sheriff BILL RICH, McDonough County, Macomb, Illinois, Chief of Police, ROBERT DE POY, Macomb, Illinois Police Department, and State Policeman [redacted] Macomb, Illinois.

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On 1/7/69, Detective [redacted] Crime Section, Illinois State Police, Macomb, Illinois, advised that the Crime Section will attempt to record any speeches concerning captioned subject and will furnish copies of the tapes to the Springfield Division.

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

At Chicago, Illinois

Will attempt to identify [redacted] for the [redacted] and will furnish Springfield with any information which would indicate whether or not his appearances have triggered demonstrations or have rabble rousers or the like.

NEW YORK DIVISION

At New York City, New York

Will review files and furnish Springfield any information concerning CLAUDE BROWN that would indicate whether his appearances have triggered demonstrations or attract rabble rousers.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
January 14, 1968

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

On [redacted]

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[redacted] Macomb, Illinois advised that the Negro students at Western Illinois University (WIU) have scheduled the following program in conjunction with the appearances of Dick Gregory and Roy Innis at Western Illinois University:

On January 23, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., Roy Innis, Executive Director of Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), will speak at the Grand Ballroom located in the Student Union of WIU.

On January 24, 1969, students will listen to "soul music" in the tract room of the Student Union from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The tract room is a lounge located in the Student Union.

On January 24, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., Claude Brown, a New York Negro attorney and author of the book "Man-child in the Promise Land", will speak in the Heritage of the Student Union.

On January 25, 1969 at 8:00 P.M., there will be a dance for Negroes only in the Heritage Room of the Student Union.

On January 26, 1969, there will be a dinner in honor of Dick Gregory at Western Hall at 6:30 P.M.. The speaker at the dinner will be (FNU) Palmer, who is a reporter for the Chicago Daily News.

On the same date, after the dinner at 8:00 P.M. Dick Gregory will speak at Western Hall.

The above appearances are sponsored by Omega Pi, a Negro student organization at WIU. The [redacted] is [redacted] a white [redacted] instructor at WIU, who is also a member of the Macomb, Illinois

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

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Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People.

[redacted] advised that the Grand Ballroom  
in the Student Union has a seating capacity of approxi-  
mately 1000 people. The Heritage Room has a seating  
capacity of 500 people. He advised that Western Hall  
is the field house of WIU and has a total seating ca-  
pacity of approximately 5000 people.

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On the night of January 25, 1969, while the  
dance is in progress for colored students in the Heritage  
Room, there will also be a dance for all students at  
WIU in the Grand Ballroom. This is the annual Princess  
WIU Dance. [redacted] advised that no friction nor  
disturbances are expected; however, the two dances will  
be in progress at the same time in the same building,  
almost next door to each other.

[redacted] advised that very little publicity  
has been given concerning the above program on the campus  
of WIU. He stated that visitors are invited concerning  
all speeches.

[redacted] advised that there are less than  
200 Negro students out of a total student body of 9980  
at WIU.

Chief of Police, Robert DePoy, Macomb, Illinois  
Police Department, advised on January 13, 1969 that there  
are approximately 120 Negroes who reside in the city of  
Macomb, Illinois.

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nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the  
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12/26/68

**AIRTEL**

**TO: DIRECTOR, FBI**  
**FROM: SAC, WFO (100-41444)**

[Redacted]

**SM-C**  
**Bufile 100-409763**

**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**  
**RM**  
**Bufile 100-440423**

ReBuairtel of 11/26/68, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM under the above caption.

The LHM is being disseminated locally to AUSA, Secret Service, and interested military intelligence agencies.

The informants contacted were: [Redacted]

[Redacted] The agencies contacted were: Secret Service, OSI, NISU, 115th MIG and the Intelligence Division of the Metropolitan Police Department.

The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect the identity of the informants utilized.

WFO sources and informants have been alerted to the statements made by MARK LANE.

- 4 - Bureau (Encls. 11)
  - ( - 100-440423)
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- 3 - WFO
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  - (1 - 100-48765)(DEMPIC)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

December 26, 1968

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MARK LANE  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

All confidential sources utilized have furnished reliable information in the past.

A confidential source advised in November, 1968, that during a speech by Mark Lane at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, on November 1, 1968, he stated that a house, "The Black House," had been purchased in Washington, D.C. (WDC), and that he and Dick Gregory would run an "American Government-in-exile" from this house. He also announced plans for a Black Inaugural Ball to be held outside The White House to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball, and urged all to attend. He said, "If you think Chicago was something, don't miss this."

Mark Lane is the well-known author and lecturer, and Dick Gregory is the well-known comedian, entertainer, and civil rights leader.

A second confidential source advised that during a Peace and Freedom Party Rally in New York, New York, on November 2, 1968, Mark Lane said that the Party would set up a Government-In-Exile. He also said that a house would be

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MARK LANE

obtained in WDC and painted black to be known as "The Black House".

Confidential sources in WDC and representatives of other Government agencies that conduct intelligence-type investigations have advised they have no current information to substantiate the statements made by Mark Lane.

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1 - Mr. G.T. Tunstall

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To: SAC, Detroit (157-3573)

From: Director, FBI

SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1-17 AND 18-69  
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100-440423-427

Reurairtel 1-9-69.

In view of the government-wide interest in the public appearances of all black extremists, whenever you learn of any such appearances you should promptly submit that information in form suitable for dissemination. Incorporate pertinent information contained in referenced airtel in such form. In the future such information should be initially so submitted so as to avoid both delay in dissemination and duplication of paper work.

Chicago is the office of origin in the Richard Claxton Gregory investigation; therefore, you should forward a copy of referenced airtel to Chicago and insure that copies of future communications concerning Gregory are designated for that office.

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NOTE:

Detroit in referenced communication sets out information concerning the scheduled appearance of Dick Gregory in Grand Rapids as well as information concerning both the sponsoring organization and the official publication of that organization. This information should be disseminated.

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Date: 1/9/69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Detroit (157-3573) (P)

SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1/17 and 18/69  
RM  
OO: Detroit

On 1/9/69, [redacted]  
[redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan, Police Department, advised  
that information previously appearing in the "Grand Rapids  
Press", newspaper at Grand Rapids, Michigan, issue of  
12/28/68, to the effect that Negro comedian DICK GREGORY was  
scheduled to make two speaking appearances at Grand Rapids  
Michigan, had been confirmed.

According to [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted] on 1/4/69 and [redacted] GREGORY is  
scheduled to speak at 8:00 p.m., on Friday, 1/17/69, with  
admissions limited to individuals of college age or younger,  
ticket price \$2.00 and also at 8:00 p.m., 1/18/69 with  
adult admissions available at ticket price of \$3.00.

These sources advise that the speaking engagement  
will be held at Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain, NE,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Detroit  
(1 - 157-3570 (BLACKS UNITE FOR FREEDOM)  
(1 - 157-3571 (THE ORGANIZER)  
(1 - 157-  
(1 - 157- [redacted])

JAN 13 1969

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
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RACIAL SECT.

Airtel to SAC, DETROIT  
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According to published statements in the "Grand Rapids Press" newspaper and the first edition of a new bi-weekly four page newspaper dated 1/3/69, entitled "The Organizer", Mr. GREGORY's appearances are sponsored by a newly formed group at Grand Rapids, Michigan, using the name "Blacks Unite for Freedom". Principal spokesman for this group is identified as CARL SMITH and its address as 1161 Prospect, SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is noted that CARL EDWARD SMITH, subject of DEfile 100-34370, has been a leading spokesman for "Black economic power at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is on Agitator Index of the Detroit Office.

For further information of Bureau, case files have been established at Detroit regarding "Blacks Unite for Freedom" and the publication "The Organizer", however, check of license and assumed names files at Grand Rapids, Michigan, show no formal papers filed to date regarding either group. No license is required by the City of Grand Rapids for publication of newspapers.

The above "Grand Rapids Press" news article also named CHET POINDEXTER and CHARLES YOUNG as additional spokesmen for "Blacks Unite for Freedom". [redacted] <sup>supra</sup> advised these individuals are identical to [redacted]

[redacted] Negro, male, born [redacted] at Chicago, Illinois, Grand Rapids PD Number [redacted] FBI [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] Negro, male, born [redacted] at Camden, Arkansas, Grand Rapids PD Number [redacted] FBI [redacted] both of whom have arrest records at Grand Rapids. Case files have also been established regarding these individuals and appropriate background will be obtained.

On 1/9/69 [redacted] [redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan, advised his department is aware of captioned matter and has been in receipt of no indication or expects any racial violence in connection with the talks.

The speaking engagements by Mr. GREGORY will be followed by Detroit and the Bureau will be advised and LHM submitted following talks.



**SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY**  
(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65, 12/5/66,  
and 10/12/67, filed as 100-440423-16, 51, 103, and 130,  
respectively.)

Main File No: 100-440423  
See Also: 44-22002  
44-24630  
44-29468  
56-3912  
173-694  
173-2601

Date: 1/22/69

*Jsg* Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 6/26/68

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched  
and identical references were found as:

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~~Richard Claxton Gregory~~  
~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick Gregory~~  
~~Dick C. Gregory~~  
~~Dick Claxton Gregory~~

*Jsg*  
~~R. C. Gregory~~  
~~R. C. Dick Gregory~~  
~~Richard Gregory~~  
~~William Richard Claxton Gregory~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of  
all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names  
and aliases listed above. All references under the above names  
containing data identical with the subject have been included except  
any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES  
NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY.

THIS SUMMARY HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR USE AT THE SEAT OF  
GOVERNMENT AND IS NOT SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION. IT IS DESIGNED TO  
FURNISH A SYNOPSIS OF THE INFORMATION SET OUT IN EACH REFERENCE, AND  
IN MANY CASES THE ORIGINAL SERIAL WILL CONTAIN THE INFORMATION IN  
MORE DETAIL.

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Coordinator

Approved *Jsg*

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ABBREVIATION

Add. info. .... Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary.

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Major William Jones, Alabama Department of Public Safety, Montgomery, Ala., made available copies of three volumes which contain the names, addresses, identifying data, and photographs of various individuals who had been arrested or were active during the demonstrations at Selma and Montgomery, Ala., in 1965. One of those included was Dick Gregory.

Above copies enclosed  
157-7782-165 encl.p.75 (Photo)  
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[redacted] reported that on [redacted]  
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It was noted that Gregory ran for mayor of Chicago on an independent ticket during 1967. II.

According to this serial [redacted]  
(100-441051) was also known as [redacted]

100-441051-14 p.8  
(8)

On 12/16/66, the Annual Bill of Rights Dinner, sponsored by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) (100-384660), was held in the Americana Hotel, NYC. John Scudder, treasurer of the ECLC, announced that Dick Gregory would be legally represented by the ECLC in his case against the State Department, [REDACTED]

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The "National Guardian", in the issue of 1/14/67, on page 5, under the heading "Tom Paine's Corner", set out an article by Edith Tiger, assistant director of the ECLC, regarding American passports. The article discussed Dick Gregory and his controversy with the State Department regarding his passport and his trip to North Vietnam. The ECLC would aid him in his case with the State Department, according to the article. (Article set out verbatim.)

100-384660-806 p.14,15,32

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The Chicago Field Office reported that a local newspaper (not-identified) on 3/9/67, indicated that Dick Gregory, who was currently conducting a write-in campaign seeking election as mayor of Chicago, planned to travel to Bimini in the Bahamas to ask the help of Adam Clayton Powell\* in his campaign. The article indicated that Gregory would request Powell to make a speech in Chicago in Gregory's behalf.

100-446080-133 p.1

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\*Powell was unseated from his position as Congressman from New York State and was currently in Bimini.

A meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for the School Boycott (157-7136) was held on 3/20/67, at 16th and Newton Streets, NW, Washington, DC. Julius Hobson, chairman of the meeting, described actions to be taken by the committee in an attempt to remove the incumbent city school superintendent from his position. Hobson stated they intended to hold a school boycott on 5/1/67 and set up "Freedom Schools" for the children during the time of the boycott. The local group intended to get aid from a number of individuals, including Dick Gregory. [REDACTED] protect identity.)

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This serial identified Hobson as a militant civil rights leader.

157-7136-1 encl.p.2

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[redacted] advised that H. Rap Brown (105-168197) departed Atlanta on 6/21/67, for Washington, DC. Source was not aware of the purpose of the trip, but he understood that Dick Gregory was participating in some affair in Washington, DC, and Brown's travels to that city might be in connection with that function.

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105-168197-8 p.1  
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An affair was held in the dining room of St. Stephen and The Incarnation Church, 16th and Newton Streets, NW, Washington, DC, on 6/21/67, which was called a "Soul" session and was for the benefit of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee. The affair was not racial in nature but was only for entertainment. Dick Gregory was the only attraction, and he joked and ad-libbed for about an hour. At the end of the affair, [redacted]

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This serial indicated that [redacted] was the wife of [redacted] of [redacted] and the divorced wife of [redacted]

77-54567-32 p.2  
(7)

The Congress of Racial Equality (100-225892) National Convention began on 6/30/67 in the Municipal Auditorium, Oakland, Calif. One of the speakers was Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay). There was some discussion to the effect that Muhammad Ali and Dick Gregory would stage a fight within the next year with the proceeds going to black power organizations.

Dick Gregory also spoke at above meeting, declaring that he intended to make a world tour in the near future and would stop in all countries that were receiving foreign aid from the US.

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100-225892-9-66 encl.p.1,2  
(7)

This reference contains information pertaining to the relationship of Dick Gregory to the organization known as ACT (100-441968). He attended the founding conference in Chester, Pa., on 3/14/64; he attended a conference on 8/27/66, place not given, at which expansion was discussed; as of December, 1964, a list of national and state officers of ACT showed Gregory as "Advisor from Chicago". He was a speaker at a benefit performance in Chicago on 7/4/67. A thumb nail sketch of Gregory's past activities was set out.

100-441968-163 p.3,6,7,14,17  
(8)

An article captioned "Gregory Set to Run for President '68, Praises Muhammad Ali on Draft," datelined Washington, appeared in Vol. 6, No. 42, issue of "Muhammad Speaks," on 7/7/67. The article stated that Dick Gregory praised Muhammad Ali's stand against induction into the Armed Forces.

This serial indicated that "Muhammad Speaks" was the official publication of Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971), and that Cassius Clay, known as an NOI member by the name of Muhammad Ali, was facing a trial for refusal to be inducted into the Armed Forces.

25-330971-8102X p.90  
(3)

The following references in the file captioned "National Conference for New Politics" (NCNP) contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in connection with this conference, which met in Chicago August 29 - September 4, 1967. Gregory was one of the signers of a letter of invitation to this convention. The letter urged formation of new political alliances with "white progressives." In a speech at the 8/31/67 session, Gregory attacked President Lyndon B. Johnson, the US Government, and the FBI. Gregory was a member of the NCNP National Council.

REFERENCE

62-110985-17 encl.p.3  
-45 p.2  
-177 encl.p.3  
-181 encl.p.13  
-326 p.1,4

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62-110985-341 p.2  
-401 encl.p.20,22,54  
-406 encl.p.1  
-420 encl.p.4  
-455 encl.p.16  
-458 encl.p.15  
-475 encl.p.1  
-561 p.25,26,61

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On 9/6/67, [redacted] Cook County Sheriff's Office, Chicago, made available a lengthy document concerning the American Council of Human Rights, Markham, Illinois (157-8033). The document included a news letter under the name "The American Council Eagle, Post Office Box 42, Markham, Illinois," which was published by the American Council of Human Rights, Incorporated (ACHR). Included was a "quiz", in which any one sending in identification of a list of individuals named on an attached list would be mailed ten dollars by the ACHR. One of the names on the list was Dick Gregory.

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Copy of newsletter enclosed  
157-8033-1 encl.p.5  
(18)

Chief of Police Paul Cheavens, Columbia, Mo., advised that the marchers of the Peace Torch Marathon (105-168953), on 10/2/67, met with Dick Gregory upon his arrival in Columbia to deliver a scheduled speech at the University of Missouri on that date. The marchers met Gregory at the airport and handed him the torch, which he carried to a waiting automobile. He then stated he endorsed the marchers' task.

The serial indicated that the torch, which was lighted in Hiroshima, Japan, was being carried across the US as a protest of war and a symbol for peace.

105-168953-34 encl.p.4  
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SI 105-168953-30 encl.p.2  
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[ ] reported that a rally to protest US policy in Vietnam was held at 5357 Brooklyn Ave., Los Angeles, Calif., on 10/15/67, sponsored by the Peace Action Committee (PAC). At the rally, a telegram from Dick Gregory was read, expressing regrets at not being able to attend the rally.

The PAC was identified as a group formed to protest the war in Vietnam.

25-558874-360 encl.p.3  
(3)

The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations Protesting United States Intervention in Vietnam" contain information that Dick Gregory was a speaker or a scheduled speaker at protest demonstrations in NYC and Washington, DC, during the period of 6/22/67 - 10/21/67. Information was also included that Gregory participated in a protest "Peace Torch" rally in Columbia, Mo., on 10/3/67.

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#### SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-138315-6805 encl.p.6  
-6836 encl.p.4  
-6966 encl.p.3  
-7006 encl.p.1  
-7108 p.141,142  
-7542 p.5  
-8475 p.114

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The following references in the file captioned "National Conference on Black Power" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory in relation to this conference. Most of the top national black power leaders attended a conference held in Los Angeles 5/26-28/67, which was followed by a conference in Newark, NJ, 7/20-23/67. An outgrowth of this latter meeting was a regional, Midwest Student Conference held in Chicago, 11/23-25/67, at which plans were made for a National Student Conference to be held during the Christmas vacation, December, 1967, place not announced. Gregory was a speaker at each of the above meetings and had been invited to address the December meeting. In his speeches, Gregory spoke of the necessity of Negro citizens uniting to combat injustices existing in the US.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-111166-78 p.1,2  
-114 encl.p.2  
-130 encl.p.18  
-135 encl.p.5  
-143 p.2,3  
-146 encl.p.2,3  
-172 encl.p.2-4

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This reference is a Chicago letter dated 12/6/67, appearing in the file captioned "Black Nationalist Movement," and set out information regarding three Negroes who recently traveled outside the US. Information concerning this travel and the individuals themselves was included. Above information pertaining to Richard Claxton Gregory was included. His civil rights protest activities and his travels to London, Moscow, and North Vietnam were set out.

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157-8141-81 p.1-3, encl.p.3,4  
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[redacted] advised on [redacted] that [redacted]  
(100-430184) was staying at [redacted] Source re-  
ported that [redacted] stated [redacted]

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This serial identified [redacted] of the  
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100-430184-112 encl.p.1  
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Dick Gregory appeared on the radio show "Hot Line" over Radio Station WVON, Chicago, on 1/8/68 and commented that he had just returned from a two day visit to NYC, where he met with various peace groups. He gave details of plans for the August protest in Chicago. Details set out.

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On 1/16/68, [ ] advised that to the best of his knowledge Gregory had not been in NYC recently. [ ] and [ ] furnished the same information.

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62-110985-547 p.2, encl.p.1,2

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SI 62-110985-546 p.1-3

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On 1/11/68, a meeting of the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) (100-439048) was held on the Illinois State University (ISU) campus, Normal, Illinois. At the meeting, [ ] president, stated that the Young Republicans of the ISU campus planned to sponsor a mock convention on the campus on 4/29/68. At this time, they would attempt to propose a peace candidate for President, with one possibility being Dick Gregory. (George Sargent, Student, ISU; protect identity.)

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100-439048-52-55 p.20

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Agents of the FBI observed Dick Gregory participating in picketing in front of the White House, Washington, DC, on 1/19/68. In an interview by representatives of news media present, Gregory defended Eartha Kitt in her statements at the White House on 1/18/68 protesting the war in Vietnam. Gregory stated he had just flown down from Boston to participate in these activities and that he was flying back to Boston at the conclusion of the activities.

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This serial indicated that above picketing was sponsored by the Women Strike for Peace (62-107350), a pacifist organization.

62-107350-980 encl.p.2

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In the evening of 1/19/68, Stokely Carmichael (100-446080), Dick Gregory, and civil rights attorney William Higgs were observed to depart headquarters of the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee, Washington, DC. Higgs drove the group to the National Airport, where Gregory and Carmichael boarded a plane for NYC. Upon arrival in NYC, they reportedly went to the home of [redacted], who was reported to be a friend of Gregory's in the entertainment field. (Source not clear.)

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100-446080-1085 encl.p.3

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SI 100-446080-1013 p.2

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SI 100-446080-087 p.1

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On 2/2/68, [redacted] advised that there was no connection between Dick Gregory and the Nation of Islam (NOI) (25-330971). Gregory was militant, while Elijah Muhammad opposed violence. Muhammad might meet with Gregory but the latter would have to follow Muhammad's teachings to be connected with him. Informant stated it was possible that Gregory and Cassius Clay met occasionally as both were Negro celebrities. Such meetings would be personal in nature and not connected with the NOI.

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[redacted] reported on 2/2/68 that any talk indicating that Gregory was leaning toward the Islamic religion was believed to be publicity. Gregory's picture had appeared in the NOI publication "Muhammad Speaks." There was no indication of cooperation between Muhammad and Gregory and contact of the latter with Clay was more likely.

25-330971-8198 p.99,100

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On 2/9/68, the White House forwarded a copy of a letter received from Edwin E. Willis, Chairman, HCUA, Washington, DC, enclosing a document dated 2/6/68, which was furnished by a confidential informant. The document referred to a newly formed organization, the Youth International Party (YIP), whose function was the infiltration and disruption of the Democratic National Convention (157-8589), which was to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. According to the document, Dick Gregory and Jerry Rubin were the two main functionaries of YIP.

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On 2/13/68, information regarding individuals and organizations referred to in above document was sent to the White House. It was noted that the Bureau had no information that Gregory or Rubin was affiliated with YIP, but that Gregory had publicly announced that he would make efforts to hold a massive demonstration during the Convention.

157-8589-5 encl.p.2

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During the week-end following 2/6/68, a meeting was held in Chicago for the purpose of making plans for disrupting the Democratic National Convention to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. Those attending this conference were both Negro and white and were closely associated with the Black Nationalist Movement (157-8415). Dick Gregory was reportedly one of those present.

[redacted] protect identity.)

[redacted]  
(protect identity) advised that Gregory, civil rights activist, had recently threatened to disrupt the forthcoming Democratic Convention.

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157-8415-9-10 encl.p.2,5

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[redacted] advised that he attended a meeting composed of representatives of various left-wing, peace, and black nationalist groups, which was held near Chicago in March, 1968, to plan tactics to be followed during the time of the National Democratic Convention (157-8589), in August, 1968, in Chicago. Source advised that Dick Gregory would be a potent influence upon any plans to disrupt the Convention and that most of the Negro constituency in such plans could be expected to follow Gregory's leadership in this respect.

157-8589-135 encl.p.2

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On 3/6/68, [redacted] (protect identity), made available an undated leaflet of the Youth International Party (YIP) (100-448910) which referred to the YIP forthcoming celebration in Chicago of "a free Festival of Life as a living alternative to the death of the National Democratic Party..." Among celebrities who had agreed to attend was Dick Gregory.

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This serial indicated that the YIP planned to hold a protest "Youth Festival" in Chicago in August during the Democratic National Convention.

100-448910-6 encl.p.9  
(10)

The following references contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of 2/16/68 - 3/8/68, in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in efforts to have his name placed on the April, 1968, Pennsylvania Primary ballot as presidential candidate of the third party, also called the Peace and Freedom ticket. The CP was allegedly the key force in circulating the necessary nominating petitions and in filing the required papers.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-383113-38 p.7,8

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100-443683-13 p.5,7,8

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100-449300-7 p.1,2

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157-8428-324 encl.p.1

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[redacted] reported that on 3/24/68, Dick Gregory appeared on a fund raising program at 5247 West Madison St., Chicago. This was sponsored by the Garfield Organization, a Chicago West Side white community, which attempted to improve the conditions of this Negro neighborhood. Stokely Carmichael (100-446080) made an impromptu appearance at the affair.

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Gregory ran for Mayor of Chicago in March, 1967. He led and participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations in Chicago in the past and had been arrested a number of times in connection with these activities. He was considered a "Maverick," as he did not lend his support exclusively to any particular civil rights group but participated in any which appealed to him personally. [redacted] protect identity.) [redacted] b7D

100-446080-1342 encl.p.3,4  
(9)

Harry Edwards arrived in El Paso, Texas, on 4/5/68, and while in El Paso, he stayed at the Sheraton Motor Inn, where he shared a room with Dick Gregory. [redacted] protect identity.) [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

[redacted] (protect identity), advised that both Gregory and Edwards were scheduled to participate in the Black Student Conference sponsored by the Afro-American Students Association (157-2056) at the University of Texas, El Paso, on 4/5-7/68.

This serial identified Edwards as a Negro sociology and anthropology instructor at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.

157-2056-17 encl.p.4  
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157-7344-13 encl.p.1,4  
(18) ("El Paso Herald Post,"  
3/28/68, and duplicate  
informant)

This reference contains information pertaining to activities of Dick Gregory relative to plans of "peace groups" to demonstrate and disrupt the Democratic National Convention (157-8589) to be held in Chicago in August, 1968. On 4/15/68, Gregory cancelled all previous arrangements for the demonstrations in the wake of the death of Martin Luther King and the danger inherent in such demonstrations. Above information covered activities during the period of 12/17/67 - 4/15/68, in Chicago and NYC.

157-8589-160 p.5,16,22-28  
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The following references in the file captioned "Ten Days of Protest and Resistance, April 20-30, 1968," contain information that Dick Gregory was scheduled to appear at these demonstrations. He was scheduled to speak at the University of California, Los Angeles, on 4/22/68, under sponsorship of a coalition of peace groups. Gregory was to be a speaker at a mass anti-war rally in NYC on 4/27/68, which was sponsored by the 5th Avenue Vietnam Peace Parade Committee.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-112081-39 p.1  
 -74 encl.p.1  
 -124 encl.p.10,14  
 -337 encl.p.12

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set out information concerning the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of March, 1967 - May, 1968. Gregory was a speaker at several high schools, on numerous college campuses, on a TV program, at Negro protest meetings, at anti-Vietnam rallies, and at a rally sponsoring his candidacy for mayor of Chicago. He participated in numerous open housing protest meetings and led the marches in Milwaukee, where he was arrested. He attended the funeral of Martin Luther King, Jr. These activities took Gregory into California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Washington, DC, and Wisconsin.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-888 p.1  
 -1046 encl.p.1  
 -1047 encl.p.3  
 -1055 encl.p.2  
 -1148 encl.p.3  
 -1174 p.1  
  
 157-6-2-2428 p.3  
 -2444 p.5  
  
 157-6-9-4300 encl.p.31,32  
 -5198 encl.p.1  
 -6302 p.1  
 -6536 encl.p.17  
 -6320 p.1

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157-6-10-1101 p.2	(12,21)
157-6-15-2268 p.1 encl.p.1	(12)
-2283 p.1 encl.p.1-3	(12)
157-6-26-1225	(11)
157-6-27-589 encl.p.1	(29)
-621 encl.p.4	(12)
-628 encl.p.1	(13)
-660 encl.p.2,3	(13)
-667 encl.p.1,2	(13)
-673 encl.p.6	(13)
-678 encl.p.5	(13)
-730 encl.p.35	(13)
157-6-30-518 p.1	(13)
-528 p.1	(13)
-538 p.1	(13)
-546 p.1	(13)
-556 p.1	(13)
-559 encl.p.4-8,10,11,13	(14)
-571 encl.p.2-5	(14)
-575 p.2	(14)
-581 encl.p.8	(14)
-588 p.2	(14)
-590 encl.p.2	(14)
-592 encl.p.5	(14)
-593 encl.p.3	(14)
-594 p.2	(14)
-605 encl.p.2	(14)
-608 p.1	(14)
-616 p.3	(15)
-621 encl.p.4	(15)
-624 encl.p.3	(15)
-636 p.1	(15)
-656 encl.p.3	(15)
-667 encl.p.2-4 (Arrest)	(15)
-681 p.1	(15)
-684 encl.p.2	(15)
-715 encl.p.2	(15)
-754 encl.p.2	(15)
-816 encl.p.2	(15)
-A "Milwaukee Sentinel" 12/18/67	(16)

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-37-2248 encl.p.5  
-2782 p.1  
-2784 p.1  
-2785 encl.p.1-3

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157-6-42-1018 encl.p.1

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157-6-47-1052 encl.p.4  
-1066 encl.p.2,6  
-1071 encl.p.1  
-1093 encl.p.2

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157-6-52-1216 encl.p.1  
-1218 encl.p.1  
-1228 encl.p.1-3  
-1247 encl.p.2  
-1395 encl.p.3  
-1414 p.2 encl.p.2  
-1598 encl.p.2

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157-6-53-1188 encl.p.3  
-1189 encl.p.2  
-1205 encl.p.10  
-1366 p.1  
-1385 encl.p.3-5

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The following references in the file captioned "National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam" contain information pertaining to the activities of Dick Gregory during the period of 6/22/67 - 5/9/68 in relation to this group. Gregory was a speaker at a meeting held in Washington, DC, under sponsorship of the Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam on 6/22/67. At a press conference held in NYC, he read a prepared statement regarding plans for the demonstration scheduled for 10/21-22/67 in Washington, DC. Gregory was a speaker at this demonstration, also. Three members of the National Mobilization Committee on 5/9/68, discussed plans to establish "coffee houses" near various US military installations, to which they would invite entertainers, including Gregory.

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62-111181-827 encl.p.3,4  
-912 encl.p.2  
-1035 encl.p.12  
-1283 encl.p.3  
-1629 encl.p.16  
-1999 encl.p.3  
-2067 encl.p.13  
-2201 p.12  
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The following references contain information that Dick Gregory participated in and/or was a speaker at meetings and on campuses on the dates and at the localities indicated. The speeches were anti-white and anti-Vietnam war in nature and, in the main, were sponsored by civil rights groups.

DATE	LOCALITY	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
10/11/64	San Diego, Calif.	100-448136-2 p.14	(9)
2/11/66	NYC	100-357847-142 p.23	(7)
9/18/66		105-96316-10 p.18	(10)
1/24/67 2/13/67	Detroit, Mich.	100-412654-57 p.2-4	(7)
3/3-4/67	Winston-Salem, NC	105-70374-4856 encl.p.1	(10)
May, 1967	Atlanta	157-7764-4 encl.p.2	(18)
5/27/67	Washington, DC	100-432067-696 encl.p.2 100-442529-2313 p.7	(8) (8)
6/21/67		100-439190-53-13X	(8)
6/30/67	Oakland, Calif.	100-225892-47-37 p.1 100-225892-11-21X encl. p.1	(7) (7)

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7/24/67	Chicago	157-6340-68 encl.p.2	(18)✓
8/5/67	Atlanta, Ga.	100-448252-2 p.10	(9)✓
8/5-6/67		100-447969-1 encl.p.1,3-5 100-442367-198 p.8,9	(9)✓ (8)✓
9/1/67	Chicago	100-443566-31 p.10 105-171384-9 encl.p.6 -12 encl.p.2,3	(8)✓ (11)✓ (11)✓
10/14-15/67	San Francisco	157-8139-2 encl.p.1 157-3130-176 p.2	(18)✓ (18)✓
7/30/67	Ocean Beach, Fire Island, NY	100-384660-809 p.24	(7)✓
11/5/67	St. Louis, Mo.	157-6377-30 encl.p.1,2	(18)✓
11/7/67	Salt Lake City <sup>Utah</sup>	100-443853-1360 p.1	(9)✓
1/21/68	NYC	157-8415-34-1 p.1 -2 encl.p.1	(19)✓ (19)✓
2/1-2/68	Detroit	157-8415-15-2 encl.p.1	(19)✓
2/25/68	Buffalo, NY New London, <u>Conn.</u>	100-417953-29 p.23,24 157-370-32-22 p.1,2 -23 encl.p.1,2	(7,21)✓ (21)✓ (17)✓
2/27/68	Philadelphia, Pa.	100-449415-1 encl.p.4*	(10)✓
4/6/68	El Paso, Texas	157-2056-18 p.2, encl.p.1-4	(18)✓
4/16/68	Los Angeles, Calif.	100-447961-32 encl.p.1,2	(9)✓
4/20/68	Austin, Texas	157-8189-10 encl.p.2,4	(18)✓
5/12 or 19/68	Shawnee, <u>Okla.</u>	62-587-585 p.1,2	(3)✓

\*Add. info. according to the "Philadelphia Inquirer" (Date not given.)

By letter dated 5/29/68, the Salt Lake City Office advised that a review of files revealed that several prominent Negroes, including Dick Gregory, appeared in Utah during the past six months. None of these individuals made statements either advocating or condemning violence.

This information appeared in the file captioned "Anti-violence Statements by Negroes of Prominence."

157-9342-5 p.1  
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On 6/7/68, the 112th Military Intelligence Group, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, furnished the following information received from the US Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland. [redacted] departed Washington, DC, National Airport for Tulsa, Oklahoma, on 6/6/68, to recruit more Indian support for the Poor Peoples Campaign (PPC) (157-8428). Dick Gregory stated he had assumed leadership of the Indian contingent of the PPC.

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This serial indicated that [redacted] whose purpose was to acquaint heirs of all Spanish Land Grants of their rights. He allegedly traveled to Oklahoma to solicit support from American Indian groups for the PPC rally scheduled to be held in Washington, on 6/19/68.

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#### REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Differences in source will be noted on the search slip.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

DATE: 1/21/69

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning captioned individual, who spoke at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, January 13, 1969. Two copies of the letterhead memorandum are enclosed for the Chicago Division.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is [redacted] an established source.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota

January 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on January 13, 1969, that Negro spokesman Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak at the student union lounge, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, on Monday evening, January 13, 1969. According to the source, Macalester College had scheduled a course in Black Culture and Arts.

The Minneapolis Tribune, a daily newspaper published at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in its issue of January 14, 1969, carried an article captioned, "Dick Gregory Fasts in 'Year of Hungry'" concerning the appearance of Dick Gregory on the previous evening where he spoke before a crowd of approximately 900 persons, most of whom were Macalester College students. According to this article, Gregory's speech marked the opening of a Macalester College month-long course in Black Culture and Arts.

Gregory, following remarks made in a comedy fashion, became "the serious civil-rights activist" according to the article and described the United States as the most morally polluted, insane society in the world. Gregory told his audience they had the job of "giving its sanity back again".

Gregory commented he was tired of eulogies about "America the beautiful" and commented "How in the hell can America be beautiful with that Indian up on that reservation?" Gregory, in his comments, criticized the "establishment press" as well as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, commenting that having such an organization handle Indian problems "makes about as much sense as having the Ku Klux Klan to implement the civil rights movement".

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The St. Paul Pioneer Press, a daily newspaper published at St. Paul, Minnesota, in its January 14, 1969, edition carried an article captioned, "Gregory Needles White Hypocrisy". This article reported Gregory told a standing room crowd of approximately 1,000 young persons they had a tough job ahead if they intended to straighten out the mess created by "us old fools". Gregory told these students, according to this article, that they are the greatest single hope for eliminating the hypocrisy of the American system.

Gregory stated the effectiveness of youthful opinion was proven without doubt in Chicago, Illinois, at the Democratic National Convention - "and three days later the establishment was trying to tell everyone that what they saw on television didn't happen".

Gregory was reported to have chided white people for insisting that blacks be nonviolent in seeking full citizenship and commented that the Indian has been nonviolent for 75 years and has nothing to show for it.

Gregory reportedly chided women for allowing their "tenderly raised" sons to be taken from them without a whimper to fight the "useless war" of Vietnam.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD (157-198) 1P

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY (WIU), MACOMB, ILLINOIS, JANUARY TWENTYTHREE LAST  
THROUGH JANUARY TWENTYSIX INSTANT. RM.

AFTERNOON SESSION AT WIU JANUARY TWENTYSIX INSTANT ATTENDED  
BY FOURTEEN NEGROES AND TWENTYTHREE WHITES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS  
AT AFTERNOON SESSION. SPEECH OF DICK GREGORY AT WESTERN FIELD  
HOUSE, WIU, DURING NIGHT SESSION INSTANT DATE ATTENDED BY TWENTY-  
THREE HUNDRED PERSONS. THEME OF GREGORYS SPEECH WAS THAT PLIGHT  
OF NEGROES NOT IMPROVED AND THAT INDIVIDUALS WINNING LAST ELECTION  
WILL NOT AID NEGROES, HOWEVER, INDIVIDUALS WHO LOST ELECTION WOULD  
ALSO NOT AID NEGROES. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO DEMONSTRATIONS.  
CONFERENCE ENDED AT CLOSE OF GREGORYS SPEECH.

ADMINISTRATIVE: RE SPRINGFIELD TEL JANUARY TWENTYFIVE LAST.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-3573) ~~(S)~~ (U)

SUBJECT: SCHEDULED SPEAKING APPEARANCE  
OF DICK GREGORY,  
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
1/17-18/68  
RM  
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12-20-79  
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DATE OF REVIEW 1-20-89

Re Detroit airtel to Bureau, dated 1/9/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of  
an LHM relating to captioned speaking engagement of  
DICK GREGORY.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished  
Secret Service, Grand Rapids, and G-2, Detroit, Michigan,  
and one copy of the LHM is being furnished USA, Grand  
Rapids, Michigan.

The LHM is being classified confidential  
to protect the sources utilized.

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(BLACKS UNITED FOR FREEDOM)  
("THE ORGANIZER")  
(RACIAL SITUATION GRAND RAPIDS)

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The sources providing information in this LHM are:

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As set forth in referenced airtel, Detroit is following activities of individuals in organizations named in instant LHM.

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Detroit, Michigan  
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Re: Speaking Appearances of  
Comedian Dick Gregory,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

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Negro Comedian Dick Gregory spoke at the  
Fountain Street Church, 24 Fountain Street, NE, Grand  
Rapids, Michigan, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on the  
evenings of January 17 and 18, 1969.

According to sources, who have furnished  
reliable information in the past, Gregory's appearance  
was sponsored by a newly formed group of Negroes at  
Grand Rapids, Michigan, under the name of "Blacks  
United for Freedom" with address listed as [redacted]

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This is the address of [redacted]  
[redacted] who has been a leading spokesman for "black  
power" at Grand Rapids, Michigan for the past two years,  
and who is currently a [redacted] in the [redacted]  
[redacted] SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Spokesmen for this organization were publicized in news  
media at Grand Rapids, Michigan, including the first  
two issues of "The Organizer" during January, 1969, as MICH.  
[redacted] supra; [redacted] a Negro male, born  
[redacted] at Chicago, Illinois. Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Police Department Number [redacted] and [redacted]  
a Negro male, born [redacted] Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Police Department Number [redacted] MICH.

Admittance to Gregory's talk on January 17, 1969,  
was limited to students at \$2.00 per ticket and approximately  
500 attended with a ratio of 60 percent white to 40 percent  
Negro. Admittance on January 18, 1969 was for adults  
at \$3.00 per ticket and attendance was approximately 500  
with the same ratio of black to white.

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Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

Chet Poindexter made introductory remarks prior to Gregory's talk stating that the purpose of "Blacks United for Freedom" was to raise \$300,000.00 during 1969 to establish a scholarship for young black students and indicated such a scholarship would bear the name of James Robinson, a Negro who was shot and killed during an arrest in a burglary situation by a Grand Rapids, Michigan Police Officer.

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On January 12, 1969 Poindexter also urged those present to subscribe to "The Organizer" and said other aims of "Blacks United for Freedom" would be the establishment of businesses owned and operated by blacks in the black community and the sponsoring of appearances by United States Representative Adam Clayton Powell during February, 1969, and Julian Bond, Georgia State Legislator during March, 1969. (U)  
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It was noted that the second issue of "The Organizer", dated January 17, 1969, devoted substantial print to the shooting of a James Robinson questioning whether or not it was justified or "an execution" of a black man by a white man.

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[redacted] who has also been a spokesman for "black-power" activities at Grand Rapids, Michigan, was present and led the applause during Mr. Gregory's appearance during the appearance on January 18, 1969.

Mr. Gregory spoke for approximately two hours on each of his appearances in a comic vein, however, his principal theme was that the United States is a morally decadent society which has abused black people, Indians and other minority groups for 400 years, and that older blacks are "Niggers" and are afraid to change

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Re: Speaking Appearances of  
Comedian Dick Gregory,  
Grand Rapids, Michigan  
January 17-18, 1969

and of no value to the movement for human rights in the United States. Gregory praised the actions of the people in this country who are trying to make changes by demonstrations on college campuses and other activities. Gregory indicated the United States is the only country which has used an atom bomb, yet leaders of the country call for "non-violence".

Gregory was critical of United States political leaders and the war in Vietnam.

No demonstrations or racial incidents of any kind occurred before, during or after the above appearances.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CHICAGO) INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 12/11/68.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM  
in captioned matter, copies of which have been locally  
disseminated to military intelligence agencies and Secret  
Service.

Two copies of LHM are also enclosed for Chicago  
for their information regarding subject.

SA [redacted] obtained the tape  
recording of subject's speech from [redacted]  
[redacted] The tape has been  
returned to [redacted]

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LEAD:CHARLOTTEAT DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Will, at Duke University, advise local authorities of subject's proposed speech on 2/10/69, verifying that subject is to make a speech there on that date, after which LHM will be submitted.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
January 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE 12-20-79 BY 5180 PCA/c

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated December 11, 1968, captioned as  
above.

The following is a transcript of the speech made  
December 10, 1968, by the subject at Campbell College,  
Buies Creek, North Carolina:

"Good evening. This year has been a year of  
firsts for Campbell College. June 28 at our first SGA  
summer planning session we, among other things, set up  
a budget for the year, and we included in this a budget  
for a lecture series, and tonight we present our first  
lecture. Mr. GREGORY arrived a few minutes ago at the  
Fayetteville Airport, and we rushed him over here, and so  
that's about all there is to it. I will say one thing, he  
is in the thirteenth day of a forty-day fast, so if you  
hear anything growling up here, it's not going to be me  
growling at him. I would like to present at this time,  
DICK GREGORY."

"I would like to say thank you very much, and  
can you people back up in the cheap seats hear okay?  
You look like little apples, little oranges. People say  
what's the hardest thing about a fast. The hardest thing

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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about a fast is after you get past the tenth day and you lay down in bed and go to sleep, the little things you start seeing. Last night I lay down and went to sleep and had to get up and walk the floor all night because me and hot dogs marched on. Usually, the hard thing about a fast is that it upsets my wife the first ten days of it because my wife's cooking is so bad, the first ten days of my fast I usually gain weight.

"Now let me see if I can find this letter I got. If I can, I'll read it to you. The hardest thing about . . . can you imagine going thirteen days without eating? I got this note today, this hate letter. Now, I'm used to hate letters. They usually start off 'You nigger this,' or 'You nigger that.' Can you believe somebody would be so cold blooded to know I've gone thirteen days without eating and leave this in my box?

"Dear Mr. GREGORY, This is to inform you that yesterday for dinner I had fried chicken with gravy.' That's the first time I realized it is a black cat out there somewhere who hates me. Now, we know you white folks eat a lot of fried chicken, but we do know who eats it with gravy, baby. 'Mashed potatoes smothered in butter.' Well, that could go either way. It's this next one that let me know who it was. 'Black-eyed peas with grilled onion.' Now, dig now, he tries to fake me out and make me think he is white. 'Jello topped with whipped cream and chilled Napoleon brandy.' Can you imagine Napoleon brandy and black-eyed peas on the same night? All I can say, it was a big black cat somewhere.

"You know, I have been flying here ever since this morning at nine o'clock. This is not the easiest place to get to, you know. I don't know about you Baptists. Yes, I tried to be a Catholic, but they're just a little bit too quiet for me. I sat in church for three weeks and didn't know something was going on. I was flying in this morning trying to get here. The best way to get here is don't tell nobody you're coming. Just go as far as you can.



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"I'm sitting on the plane, hungry and weak, trying to get me some sleep, and this white cat is sitting next to me. He decided he wanted to strike up a conversation with me, so he did it the usual way, 'Wake up, boy.' And when you have gone, you know, thirteen days without eating, you wake up, boy! So, I said 'Yeah, what do you want?' He said, 'Well, I just wanted to talk to you about Negro progress.' I said 'I don't even want to discuss it.' Too few people in this country even know what areas we've made the breakthroughs in. I'm supposed to think we've made tremendous breakthroughs in jobs and housing and education. You know the biggest breakthrough for black folks in the history of this country happened last year in the state of Texas. We got the first colored hurricane, Beulah.

"So, I got ready to dose off and go back to sleep and he nudged me again. I said, 'Yeah, what you want?' He said 'Would you explain to me what black power is?' I said, 'I will not.' He said 'Why?' I said, 'Because for twelve months I went out of my way to explain to white folks what black power was, and even when I couldn't get large crowds of white folks I would call them up on the telephone. Hello, are you white?' I just felt since that heart transplant operation in South Africa where the black cat gave up his heart to the white cat, the only heart that's working right, we just kind of felt that the whole world knew what black power was. You know how happy black folks was all over the world when we found out that the black guy was going to give his heart to the white guy? You see, basically, we have been knowing for years that there is nothing really wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out.

"But we want to admit to you that we didn't want that heart to work that good. No, that heart is working so good that it just scares us to death. You see, there is nothing frightens black folks no more than the fact that you white folks might start assuming we going to be your spare parts.

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I don't know. I mean ever since that heart has been working so good, white folks have been looking at us a little bit different now. Well, I fell asleep in the airport a couple of weeks ago and I looked up and here a white cat got his ear on my chest.

"Let me say this. There's a lot of pro and con about heart transplants, some people for and some people against them. Let me go on record as saying that I am against all heart transplants, but I'm for transplants. It is just heart transplants. Well, I'm not only against heart transplants; I'm against all the type of transplants you can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot, and let him take that to the beach with him.

"Let me tell you, it's a pleasure to be here. This is not where the white cat decided to get his operation and marry his colored butler is it? No that was in South Carolina, was it South Carolina? Yes, it was South Carolina. I got a son, and nothing would upset me more than for my boy to grow up and marry an ex-white boy.

"Let me say that it is a pleasure to be with you this evening. I spend about 98 per cent of my time on college campuses today, for a reason. I feel that you young people in this country today are the most morally committed, dedicated group of young people that's ever lived in the history of this country, and the faith and destiny of America depends on young folks.

"Some young folks still read these old right wing, cracker newspapers to decide who you are and what you are. There is a few adults in this country that's morally committed enough to tell you about you. You pick up the newspaper and they are talking about bearded, smelly, stinking hippies and yippies. And I want to know because you have a beard, how come you got to stink? They didn't say nothing about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't only have a beard, he was ugly too. You can't look

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no more like a hippie or a yippie than Christ. Ain't nobody saying nothing about how he smelled.

"The newspapers have failed to tell you young folks that LBJ is probably the number one tyrant that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. He was not able to run for re-election because you young kiddies got out in the street across this country with a moral dedication, not with a brick, not with a nuclear bomb, but with a moral dedication, saying we do not want this country going this way.

"The President failed to tell you that because of young people, 15,000 that showed up in Chicago, Nixon is the President of the United States instead of Humphrey. And there's a lot of people that's upset. They say, well you mean those young kids did that? And when you are dealing with pure, moral young kids and you're talking about a politician, it don't matter which politician is in, because all of them ain't nothing but a bunch of slimy, degenerate, immoral fools that's unfit and unqualified to run this nation. This country has to be run by statesmen. And if you youngsters change the system, be sure you hold them statesmen instead of politicians and you'll live to see a very beautiful thing happen in this country. So don't let nobody tell you how strong you are or how immoral you are, because you're not at all. I speak to over a million young people a year, and it saddens me as I go from campus to campus, not only to have to tell you that you have to solve the problems confronting America today, but you have to solve problems that you didn't have nothing to do with creating. These problems was here when you got here, but they will not be here when you leave.

"People don't understand what's on the young folks mind today; it's simple. You young people have never been in a situation today like young folks. No young person has ever

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been in a situation in this country like you've been in. Because not only did us old fools ahead of you not solve the problems, we used up all the tricks. We got no more tricks, baby. Ah, when I was a kid my mama and my daddy and my grandma and my grandpa taught me, 'One day you're going to grow up boy, and some white man is going to call you a nigger. Don't be mad now, God don't like no ugly.' Sure enough, one of them crackers called me a nigger. Sure enough, I wasn't mad. I got seven black kids at home, and if a cracker ever calls one of them a nigger, it won't surprise them, and they won't react to it.

"There ain't no more tricks left for the black folks nor for the white folks. So we old fools wonder why you react like you react. We didn't leave you nothing here to react to. It's sort of like I could go to my hotel tonight, get in bed, go to sleep, and the hotel catch on fire and I burn to death. That's possible, but it is not possible for Dick Gregory to walk into a hotel that's on fire with intentions of going to sleep.

"That's where you youngsters are today. Make no mistake about it, baby, we've used up all the tricks. There's a couple of young fools still left, but that's not even worth worrying about, because most young folks see where this thing is going and where it's headed. Most young folks know your faith and destiny wholly depends on you.

"So I say to you tonight, I did not come here this evening to impress you but only to inform you that when I leave here this evening, I could care less about what you think about Dick Gregory. I've always had the consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up, this year, next year, twenty years from now, we'll always be able to say at least Brother Greg didn't lie to us. That's the biggest problem confronting you youngsters today. We keep lying to you.

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"It's nothing new. We've always, we start at the crib telling you about that Santa Claus boy. If my mama is going to lie to me, anybody is qualified to lie to me. They've got me writing a letter to the North Pole. The first letter I ever wrote in my life, man, I'm writing to some character that don't exist. North Pole. Dear Mr. Santa, and the letter didn't even leave the city. And I wait around way up in February waiting on an answer, going to the mailbox every day. Because I must admit to you, that Santa Claus trick goes over better in the white community than it does in the black community. Not that we didn't want it, but we just know damn good and well that ain't no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight.

"Twenty-four hours a day we lie to you young folks. What do we tell you now the number one problem confronting America is air pollution. The number one problem confronting America today is moral pollution. This is the most morally polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of the earth. You young kids have the job of giving America her sanity back, and I hope you don't make the mistake the old fools have made. I'm so damn sick and tired of these old right wing patriots eulogizing my country. America is not dead yet, thanks to you young people.

"America the Beautiful . . . that ain't nothing but a eulogy. You save that for dead folks. How in the hell can America be beautiful when you've got that Indian trapped up on that reservation? Are you out of your mind? You sat and knelt to pray this Thanksgiving. Do you know the Indian taught Americans Thanksgiving, and you got him locked up? Who in the hell were you praying to, a monster? You couldn't have been praying to no God. And if you can pray to your God in America with that Indian locked on the reservation, y'all can take your God and run somewhere with it, baby, because I don't want no part of him. This is what you've got to do.

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"But the whole world is looking at America. You've got to make some basic changes. And the church don't know it, not just the Baptist Church, but every church on the face of this earth is going to get a test by you young folks, because as you go, so goes the church. Because people all over the world look at America."

"You've got a tremendous responsibility, so let's start talking about the cancer that exists in this country and then we can save it. I'm damn sick and tired of everybody talking about America the Beautiful. Where? Where? Let's make her that. Give her the examination that you young kids are doing today."

"So I say you youngsters got a tremendous responsibility. Thanks to us old fools, you got a job to do. I don't think I have to sit here and tell you young folks what you're bucking. You looked at the Democratic Convention on television. That was the best thing ever happened for young folks because even the young fool that wanted to be a young fool couldn't no more if he watched that."

"Three days after the Democratic Convention was over, the whole establishment went out of their way to tell you you didn't see what you saw on television. You know, if Kosygin was dealing with the world as insane as America, you know he could beat that Czechoslovakian rap. All he'd have to do is get on worldwide television and say 'You all didn't see it. It didn't happen. It was the press that created it. We admit we put little miniature tanks on the Czech border as toys and the press just blew it up.'"

"Yeah, 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago and changed business. Now, the Walker Report comes out and says it was a police riot, which I don't agree with. It was not police action you watched on television; it was political action. If Daley said leave them alone, the cops would have had to leave them alone. All of the blame should

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have gone on Daley. During the Democratic Convention, Daley said all of his efforts was to preserve law and order, and that same fool that was trying to preserve law and order during the Democratic Convention, if you stayed up late that night of election night and watched them returns coming in, that was the one that was stealing votes. The whole world got to see it, television. Cook County didn't come through. They kept holding out, kept holding out. That's the same mayor that was talking about law and order. Hmmm. Yep, bad thing about them politicians.

"That's one good thing when I was running for the presidency. I was the only one running. The rest of them fools was running for sheriff. Elect me and I'll support law and order. Ha, Ha, Ha. I hope you young kids wake up and realize any time a politician talks about law and order and never mentions the Crime Syndicate, he ain't doing nothing but lying to you because you ain't going to get law and order in this country until you bust that Crime Syndicate, baby. What's the most detriment to American Society, a nigger snatching a pocketbook on the street corner or them Crime Syndicate putting heroin into the schools across this country? Don't be no damn fool all your life.

"What's the most detriment to this country? Out of all the riots we've had in the black community in the last five years, haven't one riot ever corrupted a policeman, haven't one riot ever bought a judge, haven't one riot ever bought a politician. This damn crime syndicate corrupts judges, politicians, and cops every day of the week. Are you worried about that?

"What are we talking about? Are you talking about this thing or are you talking about some more tricks? I say the Democratic Convention was a good thing. Everybody got to see it for what it was worth. 15,000 hippies and yippies and that Walker Report. I can't believe some people had nerve enough.

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"Well, they couldn't trick that report like they did that old Warren Report. No, because they were dealing with young folks on that report; they aren't dealing with no fools. And they didn't even need to do no report for you. The hell I'm going to stand here tonight and spit on you all, and they're going to do a six-month report and spend a million dollars to say I spit on you. You don't need nobody to tell you that.

"15,000 hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system. And I ask you, who do you think was the most immoral in Chicago, the hippies and the yippies, or the Shriners when they was there for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago, the hippies and the yippies, or the Shriners? Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitutes in Chicago, the hippies and yippies, or the Shriners?

"What are we talking about? Nobody got upset over the shriners because the Shriners didn't come to change nothing, just came to buy something.

"Yeah, you young kids got the system shook up. You saying to us old fools that morality will no longer mean a Brooks Brothers suit, clean-shaven face, and a haircut once a week and you can have all the adultery going you want and you are still Mr. so and so. Morality will no longer mean getting your dresses from Paree and bathing in Chanel No. 5 and having your abortion every two years, and still being Mrs. so and so. You young kids are saying morality will no longer be bought. You are saying morality will come from within and not from without. And that business has a whole lot of fools uptight, baby.



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"That's why we get upset. That's why we tell you you've got to shave. That's why we tell you you can't have no beard. Because when you start getting that way, we lose our way we're supposed to test the moral, dignified man. So, you youngsters are really putting us old fools to a trick, baby. The only reason us old fools is out ahead of you today is because you're chasing us. So I say to you youngsters, you know if you watch television, as bad as television is, that old tube, every now and then it will show things.

"That same television set that showed those 15,000 hippies and yippies in Chicago, ten weeks ago it showed another crowd in the streets, not in Chicago and not hippies and yippies. Ten weeks ago the crowd was in New York City. 20,000 sick degenerates from Wall Street came out one morning to look at a broad's titties, and nobody got upset over it. J. Edgar Hoover did not say titty-watching is Communist inspired. Oh, when America stoops to the degeneracy of titty-watching, 20,000 strong.

"It wasn't them irresponsible kids, baby; it was 20,000 people from Wall Street and Madison Avenue that decides what you are going to be studying in these colleges and universities, that decides what the prices of everything is going to be. What do you call 20,000 titty-watchers, extremists left or right?

"And Sister Francine claims she would love to walk out of that subway one morning without being watched. That's simple. All she has to do is understand the secrets of this country. All she would have to do in New York City tonight is hold a press conference and say 'Tomorrow morning I'll emerge out of that subway wearing one of the tightest sweaters ever been worn in the history of the world.' And I guarantee you, tomorrow morning at eight o'clock, 300,000 of these slimy degenerates will be waiting on her. And at 11:33 when she emerged out of that subway with that tight sweater on,

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if she never wanted to be looked at again by them degenerates, right across her bosom have a sign that reads, 'Bring the boys home from Vietnam,' baby. I guarantee you within two minutes time 300,000 sick degenerates will be gone, back into their Madison Street offices to finish participating in their anti-trust problems.

"So, I tell you youngsters, you got a job on your hands. They assassinated MARTIN LUTHER KING and everybody said, 'Oh, they assassinated Dr. King.' They assassinated Bobby Kennedy and everybody said 'Oh, they assassinated Bobby.' They assassinated President Kennedy. And nobody was upset in this country when they assassinated Lincoln Rockwell. Either you're going to be a country that's against all assassinations regardless of who it is, or you are not. Nobody gets upset over assassination in this country until they assassinate somebody we like. 99 per cent of everybody in this country that got upset when Martin Luther King was assassinated, if George Wallace was assassinated in the morning, they wouldn't get upset. You young kids understand how filthy this is, what your job is? You got a mighty big job.

"I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system. I say to you young folks, you better work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful position, and that is behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it.

"This country do not function in the democratic process. This country is not governed by the United States Constitution. This country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. It is a sad thing when the capitalists control the Constitution. That means we put emphasis on property rights instead of emphasis on human rights. That's very sad. Nobody gives a damn about the Constitution. You go out on the Constitution and peacefully protest and peacefully assemble

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all you want all over the country, and say we want strong gun legislation. The capitalists that manufacture the guns say you're not going to get strong gun legislation, and I say in a nation so insane will demand that you get a prescription to get your medicine but you don't need one to get your gun. I can't hit you in the head with my pills and kill you. I can't throw my cough syrup on you and injure you. It's a constitutional right that Americans be able to bear arms, but I say if you are going to have human rights that I can get to my medicine to get well, and if you are going to put me through all them changes to get my cough syrup, then damn it, you ought to put Americans through them changes to get their guns.

"So I say you youngsters, you got to move the capitalists out of your way. Put them behind or you're going to be in trouble. This country will tell you young eighteen-year-old boys that at eighteen years you are old enough to go to war and die, but you are not old enough to vote. There's something bad about a nation that thinks that way.

"You young cats scare me. You young kids walk around and talk about 'If I've got to go to war at eighteen, I want to be able to vote at eighteen.' Don't be no fool. If you've got to go and die at eighteen, you better get the right to vote at seventeen, baby. If you could get to vote when you were seventeen years old, might not be no wars when you get eighteen.

"And all you folks that love wars and want to go fight wars, ain't nothing wrong with that. But I think some kind of way you ought to wake up and before you run down there and join that army and talk about America the Beautiful, you ought to ask DuPont and Rockefeller how many of their kids they ever sent. I can't believe poor fools are going to stay poor fools all their life while you stay busy being patriotic.

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"Is Dean Rusk supposed to be patriotic? Dean Rusk's son has been old enough to go for five years, and he ain't never been drafted yet. Is that something? I wish I was old enough to be drafted. I'd fly right to Washington, D. C. and handcuff myself to Dean Rusk's son, and I'd tell the government and the rest of you fools whatever is wrong with Dean Rusk's son is wrong with me. And all you patriotic fools can run get your brains blowed out, but baby, you can believe before I ever go over there them Rockefellers, them DuPonts, and them Gettys and all them crackers that are making a multi-billion dollars a week on the war, are going to be over there ahead of me, baby.

"I can't believe poor folks in this country are so busy dying, and the rich just keep getting richer. Rocky and them, they just live and their kids get old and fat and just wallow all over the resort places all over the world. No, baby, I sure hope you can fight your way out of this.

"If you want the right to vote, it's up to you to vote. You can get it. Just address it to the capitalists. Yeah. Don't be marching down the street on the consitution talking about we want the right to vote. If you young folks want the right to vote at 17 years old, you organize across this country, and after you get organized you go to the record industry and you tell the record industry that manufactures phonograph records . . . You say, 'baby, if you cats don't go to Washington, D. C. and lobby and in two months time come up with a bill that we 17 year olds can vote, we are going to hold a nationwide boycott against buying records for two years.' Don't you know before the record industry would let you kids wipe out a multi-billion dollar a year industry, they'll let 13 year olds vote if that's what you want.

"Oh, I hope you all understand how strong you are. But it's the capitalists you got to talk to. Young folks want that war ended in Vietnam? This state right here could end the war. You let young folks walk across this country and tell the cigarette industry if the war ain't over in two weeks and the boys ain't back

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home in two months, we going to quit smoking. The cigarette industry is the third largest industry in America, and you know they ain't going to let no Vietnamese, Viet-who, Viet-nothing, put them out of business. No. No.

"That's something, I haven't really been able to understand about young folks as I go from college campus to college campus. And I'm kind of putting my hopes in you young folks and thought you were hip. But every time I look around, you got one of them cigarettes in your mouth. We old fools done told you it's going to cause cancer, and you're supposed to be the hip generation. I can't believe that. And what insults me, is not the fact you got a right to give anything you want to give. I kind of question are you going to be damn fool enough to pay for it? Put 20 cents more in the machine and get a thing that says 'caution.' Well, I'm going to pay 40 cents for some bad news.

"But you know, I resent seeing young folks smoke, not because you don't have the freedom of doing it, it's because nature is so beautiful that I just hate the fact that you young folks will put more priority on one part of the body than you would put on the other part. Because I know damn good and well had that report said cigarette smoking affects you sexually, you all would quit. Just shows you, nobody cares about their chest. If that report had said cigarette smoking affects you sexually, I probably would have started back because it didn't say which way.

"I say you youngsters have a mighty job moving the capitalists behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it. Yep, because as long as the capitalists control this country we will put the emphasis on property rights. That's why Mayor Richard J. Daley in Chicago could say, 'Shoot all looters to kill.' That's why the statement sounded so good in so many years. They never said shoot murderers to kill. They never said shoot dope pushers to kill. And to be honest with you, when Daley made that statement, 'Shoot all looters to kill,' it's the first time I ever agreed with him. I sent him a telegram.

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I said, 'Dear fool, your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill, I agree with wholeheartedly, if you make one stipulation. Let's make it retroactive and let's first put the gun in the Indians' hand. Let him shoot his looters to kill.' I didn't hear from him.

"I say to you youngsters, you have a job to do. And whatever you do, keep your eye on us old fools, especially those at home, Mama and Daddy. Ask them a lot of questions and see where they are because you got to sleep with them. See, if you go home and somebody comes and knocks on your door at home, Mama and Daddy says 'Who is it?' And he says 'government inspector,' and you say 'What do you want?' He says, 'We come to get your dog or your cat.' You say, 'What?' He says, 'Yeah, we got a new law now. We're sending dogs and cats to Vietnam.' I don't have to tell you how much hell your Mama and Daddy would raise if somebody tried to send that dog to Vietnam. You know. It would be a shootout on the front lawn. As funny as that seems, baby, it's sad.

"When you youngsters realize that you're living in a society today where your Mama and Daddy would raise more hell over the dog going to Vietnam than they raise over you, that's more scary than funny. You got some changes to make, changes to make.

"I was at the University of Wisconsin not too long ago and a young cat walked up to me and said, 'Mr. Gregory, I've got a problem maybe you can help me with.' I said, 'Yeah, what's the problem son?' He said, 'I'm a draft resistor and I decided I'm not going to kill. It's against my religious background; it's against everything. I'm not going to kill.' I said, 'That's your decision, baby, there's nothing wrong with it.' He says, 'Well, I'm going crazy.' I said, 'Really, why?' He said, 'My Mama and Daddy don't talk to me no more. I haven't heard from them. They don't want me to come home.' I said, 'Well,

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if you're going to worry about the reactions of a fool, you're supposed to go crazy.' He said, 'That's my Mama and Daddy.' I said, 'Wait a minute, don't waste my time, boy. That Mama and Daddy of yours has got uptight because you don't want to go to war, because you don't want to kill nobody. That same Mama and Daddy I know damn good and well, had you taken 40 sticks of dynamite last night and threw it into the girls' dormitory, that Mama and Daddy that don't want to talk to you today would be down here on the campus hugging you and saying that's my boy. What got into you? We'll get you the best lawyer money can buy, son.' Do you understand what you're dealing with? Kill everybody in the dormitory and Mama and Daddy can rally behind that, because this system can cater more to a murder than they can to a man who stands up and asserts his moral man.

"Do you ever wonder why these old fools get upset over these draft card burners? Do you ever ask yourself which is the most important card in America today? Which is the most important card we have, the draft card or the Social Security Card? Social Security card stays with you all your life; women and men have Social Security cards, right? Draft card stays with you part of your life, and men have draft cards. So, beyond a shadow of a doubt, Social Security card is the most important card you have. Why is it we can all sit here tonight and burn the Social Security card and nobody cares? And this is the most important card you'll ever have in your life. Burn your draft card and everybody wants to act like a damn fool. Because when you young kids burn them draft cards you're saying to us old fools, one day old fool, you're going to get this country in a war and we're not going to fight, and you're going to have to fight it yourself. That scares us. We got news for you youngsters. Before we go fight one or two wars, we'll quit having them.

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"No, I tell you youngsters, you've got a lot of questions to ask yourself. One day you've got to ask the question loud and strong if democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun? And the day you young folks make this democracy work right for the first time, that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because, you see anything good you don't have to force on people; they will steal it. So, you can be a fool if you want and run around here talking about Communism instead of tightening up your democracy. Baby, the greatest detriment to Communism in the history of this world is for you to make that Constitution work right. There are Communists all over the world. It really upsets me the way you Southerners freak out behind Communists. You're the same way we niggers used to be with ghosts. Anytime some old white man wanted to control the niggers was to say, 'The ghost is going to get you, boy,' and we just sweat it out fast.

"They do you the same way. They tell you about the Communists and you just go crazy, instead of standing up one day asking them to name them. J. Edgar Hoover said there's Communists in the civil rights movement. Ask him to name them. He said Communists came to Chicago against the Democratic Convention. I don't doubt it, but I say, damn it, name them. That don't seem like it's asking too much. They don't ever name them, and all you fools freak out over a threat. Name it.

"My Mama and Daddy used to control us with the ghosts. She was out there working at the white folks' house, couldn't get home, would call us up and say, 'You in bed? If you not, the ghost going to get you.' Man, we got in bed at seven o'clock, waiting on the ghost.

"Let me say to you young people, probably the most important thing I could say to you tonight is what I'm going to say right now. Don't make the mistake in this or any other institution, don't make the same mistake us fools made when we



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sat in these institutions ahead of you. We were so busy trying to learn how to make a living, we forgot to learn how to live. Please, youngsters, learn how to live. You see so many people say 'I'm going to school to learn how to be somebody.' Hell, you was born somebody. If you're going to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else, that makes you two people. Read what Sigmund Freud says happens to you when you become two people. Why you got to go to school for four years and pay top dollars for somebody to teach you how to be crazy? You say well, you got to eat. Well, you know, do you know how powerful nature is? A gorilla has to eat. Have you ever known one to go to college so he can get him a job? Have you ever been shopping with a gorilla in a store? Have you ever read of a gorilla starving to death? You see, one thing you youngsters got to do when you change this system, one thing you must do, and people say why don't you all come inside and change the system? Tell them it's too corrupt, too corrupt.

"How in the hell are you going to change the system with the electoral college sitting there when you don't even vote for the President? Four years ago had these fools in this country picked up a paper and read, 'In Moscow, Russia they are going out to vote today, November 5, for a new Premier, but they don't count because on December 16 the Electoral College is going to meet in Moscow and they decide who the Premier is going to be.' You know what everybody would be saying in America? Hmmm - That's Communism for you.

"Now you youngsters change the system, one of the most corrupt establishments, more so corrupt than the church, is the institutions of higher education, because they are frauds, baby, they are frauds. Colleges and universities across this country do not educate; they indoctrinate, and there is a difference between educating a man and indoctrinating a man. You educate him to control him, you indoctrinate him to control him. You educate

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him so he can understand nature, and if you ever understand nature, baby, and find out the beauty of what you are, you'll be mighty powerful and mighty strong.

"Let me ask you a question, raise your hands. How many of you in this room tonight understand Chinese? One, two. I saw two people, maybe there's three. Look at this audience. I say that to show you how strong nature is. Two people in this gathering understand Chinese. Are you aware of the fact that dogs in China tonight understand Chinese? Never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian. Do you? Dogs in Germany understand German. I say that to say you're born through nature with all the wisdom you need to find your way out of one of these tricks because you want dignity. Don't let anybody tell you you get that from an institution.

"And so I hope you youngsters open up your eyes. Stop being programmed. Oh, we got a way we program you in institutions. When you come, we give you a book. Here is for the class assignments. Now, that's not the way we program you, no. After you read the book, we give you what we call a test, and if you didn't read the book you can't pass the test. That's programming. Kids are hip to it; they do everything they can. They stoop to some of the lowest depths in their life to steal the test. Because if you can get the test, they put the grade on the transcript. That's all that counts, because the transcript don't make nobody nothing after you get out of here, but you.

"What's a transcript? Do you realize you leave this institution, or any other institution, ten years from now, five years from now, and get ready to get married, do you think your other partner is going to ask to see your transcript? Well, if you graduate from here tonight and this institution burned down to the ground and every record burned with it, do you think that would affect your life one way or the other? Oh, them transcripts help us fools understand how nice we've indoctrinated you.

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Hmmmm, Davy Jones, A's, A's, yes, bring him in with the company, we need him. And when we talk about some schools are better than the others, that don't mean education wise. It means like Harvard and Yale has tremendous backings to indoctrinate. And them are the wierdest fools you ever seen in your life, one of them Yale or Harvard cats. Little beady eyes, Brook Brothers suits, acting all strange. All of them talk alike now. They have that same indoctrination. Bit cat says, 'Yeah, hire a Harvard man, because you know you can hire him. He ain't going to steal from us for five years, anyway.'

"So, I say to you youngsters, you've got a lot of changes to make, but fight off the indoctrination as much as you can.

"You know, it's almost sickening to look at you young women. I think, sometimes I wonder if nature really put you here to be the fools you have ended up being. I mean, if you could just think for five minutes, it would give me faith in the whole world. You don't think. I know animals protect themselves and their kids better than you protect yourself and your kids. I can't believe you women. 'We want the right to vote, we want the right to work.' We going to have you doing all the work one day. I can't believe nature put you here, down flat on your feet, and some old man done jacked you up and got you up on your heels, and you're just like a damn fool, keep staying up there. We didn't get up on ours, and we made high-heeled shoes.

"I mean, somewhere, when you was born, nature made you a woman, and there is nothing you or nobody else can do to improve on your womanhood. You dumb broads spend billions of dollars a year trying to improve on your face. What's all that for? Nature carved you out at birth, and ain't a damn thing Helena Rubenstein can do for you.

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"But baby, if you women would ever wake up. Check the history books and find out the last time a woman started a war. The men start the wars and then we come back and get your babies to fight them. When are you ever going to wake up? I know animals wouldn't be so stupid. You carry that baby in your belly for nine months; then you spit it out; then you watch it grow up; you hug it when it's sick, hold it when it's cold, laugh with it when it's happy, and then us fool men get a war going and we say, 'All right, give me that boy.' And you send it. Are you out of your mind? Because one day when you women decide in the crib that you're not raising no killers, that's the day we're going to have to find another way to fight wars.

"All over the world, men's worried about the population explosion. Do you ever turn on the television, ever read an article where women are worried about the population explosion? All the men's worried about population explosion. Now it takes a man and a woman to have a baby. The women ain't worried about it; we're worrying about it, but we make you take the pill. Can you really be that simple? I mean, all you got to do is tell the men, you know, it takes two to tango, baby, 'you all take the pill, since you're worried about it.' Because if you men will stop it at your end, we ain't got nothing to worry about.

"Or if you don't want to be that dirty, just make a law. You women take the pill on the even months, we take it on the uneven months. You know, the Surgeon General of the United States, if he ever releases that secret data, that report on birth control pills, well they know damn good and well fifteen years from now they're going to be fatal to 85 per cent of everybody that's been using them for a long period of time.

"But it ain't the first time they held a report. They held the cigarette report up, thanks to this state, for twenty years. If you girls only knew what the men was doing, baby, if you only knew about those birth control. Well, you think you are tricking nature when you get under your little bush with

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your pill and you think you can really trick and fake out the business of bosses. I don't know if Nixon is morally dedicated enough to release that report. People in London found out about it. That's why they took birth control pills off the market, because of this report, here. So I say one day, after women ever wake up, somewhere, then you don't have to worry about us men, because once you change your attitude, we're going to have to change ours.

"So I say to you youngsters, keep your eyes open wide, stay alert, think. If you don't understand it, keep wrestling with it until you do. That's why when you see Brother Greg I've always got my Bible with me. I don't go nowhere without my Bible. I don't read it, oh, I used to didn't even carry it with me. Yeah. Ever since I found out the missionaries went to Africa, and when they arrived in Africa, the Africans owned all the land and the missionaries owned all the Bibles. And when the missionaries left, the Africans had all the Bibles, and the missionaries had all the land. I say this is a hell of a book, here. I'm going to keep this book, because one day I'm going to go in the Hilton Hotel, baby, with my Bible. And when I walk in Hilton will own the hotel and I'll have the Bible. And when I leave, I'll have the hotel, and you'll see Hilton standing there with the Bible.

"Oh, I can't tell how much I have learned from the white Christian. I'll never forget when I first met my first white Christian. I was a little bitty kid, eight years old, walking down the street. I heard a cat say, 'Come here, boy.' That's how come I knew he was a white Christian. I said, 'Yessir, Mr. white Christian.' He said, 'Boy, what is it you want to do when you grow up?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, when I grow up I wants to go to Africa so I can visit my ancestors.' He said, 'Boy, why do you want to go to Africa and visit them savages?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, why do you want to call my ancestors savages?' He said, 'Because they're cannibals.' I said, 'What's

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a cannibal?' He said, 'They eat people.' I said, 'Ooh, ooh, real live human beings? They cook them?' Sounds funny? It's a hell of a thing to find out one day your folks eat folks. And I had to take his word for it because I know white christians ain't going to lie to us, right? Right. Right.

"About two weeks later, I got it confirmed. I went to see my first Tarzan movie. I walked in the middle of the movie and there them black cats was cooking them folks. I was eight years old. I didn't know them wasn't real, live Africans. Them was some old California niggers, but how did I know? Oh, I was upset.

"I rushed out of the movie and ran to the first church I came to." It happened to be a white christian church. I fell on my knees and said, 'Oh, please my God, forgive my savage cannibal ancestors for eating them folks.' The white christian ministor overheard my prayer. He was touched because he just lost three missionaries the week before. He was so touched by my prayer he walked out from behind the back room and walked up to the altar where I was kneeling down and reached down and put his hand on my head and rubbed it for luck. He says, 'Boy, I can't believe a black boy has got that much sense, to pray for them black savage cannibals.' I said, 'Yessir, Mr. White Christian Minister, I'm so sorry my ancestors eat folks. I sure want to thank you for letting me use this white church to pray in.'

"Just as I got ready to split, he grabbed me and said, 'Any black boy got that much sense to pray for them cannibals, I want you to stick around and share communion with us.' I said, 'No sir, Mr. White Christian Minister, I just wanted to pray for the cannibals. Communion, what's that?' He said, 'Get on your knees boy, open your mouth. This is his body, and this is his blood.' Yes, I've learned a lot from the white christians. Now, I pray for all the cannibals, even those who become cannibals by proxy.

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"So, I say to you youngsters, you have a powerful job. You know, if you really want to have some fun one day, take this American history book and read it without being programmed. Just get under a tree by yourself. You'll find out the American history book is the most vile, corrupt, dirty, stinking piece of literature that's ever been printed. Except the first page, I take that back. The first page of the American history book, every time I read it I just want to cry. The American History Book, page one, here was a white European who decided that he wanted to break the shackles that bound him to the king and queen. He decided that he wanted to strike out and find a new land where he could worship his own god, where he could seek out freedom of religion, freedom of expression, freedom of speech. Can't nobody go against that, that's page one. But don't turn the page. Page two says on the way over here to find his god, he stole us. That's a hell of a prayer meeting, ain't it? He's going to find God with some slaves. The more you read it, the worse it gets.

"Page 163, not only did he steal us, but he came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. Ask yourself one day, how do you do that? How do you discover something that's not only occupied but being used at the time? And then print that in your history book and send it out all over the world. How do you discover occupied country? And wonder why the whole world don't trust us. How do you discover something somebody else owns? Now, you put that filth in your history books for your own kids to read, and wonder what's wrong with them.

"That's like me and my old lady walking out of here tonight and you and your lady sitting in your brand-new automobile. And my lady look at me and saying, 'My, that's a mighty nice looking car, sure wish I had it.' And I say, 'Let's discover it.' Yeah, this history book is a hell of a book here. I'll

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give you a little test on it. 'Give me liberty or give me death,' who said that? Rap Brown, didn't he? Who said this, 'Don't shoot till you see the whites, I mean of their eyes?' I don't know?

You know, I wish you youngsters would do me a favor sometime this week, if you would stop by the library and take a pen and a piece of paper with you, and check out a book that has the Declaration of Independence in it, and copy it down for me. Put it in your hip pocket and keep it 24 hours a day. Don't read it, just copy it down. Your girls put it in your pocketbook. And here's the favor I want you to do for me, when the riot season opens up again.

"Yeah, we even been programmed. White folks has told us we supposed to riot in seasons. July through August, that's the season. And we didn't show this year and just scared the hell out of them. After King got killed, we came out and tore the country up, but that didn't count because that wasn't the season. Oh, they got cats in the Pentagon who said, 'Wonder what happened to them? What happened.' They're nervous, they're scared. They asked George Wallace how come you think they didn't riot? Wallace said, 'You know them niggers is lazy and shiftless. They wasn't coming out three years in a row. They're tired.' I tell you where we was the last riot season. We decided we got tired of stealing all them old bad, no good products. And we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports. When the riot season opens up again, we ain't stealing no more Motorolas, baby.

"Would you believe I got a cousin in Chicago, the night the riot broke, his luck was so bad, now dig, my cousin wouldn't steal anything that isn't worth stealing. His luck was so bad that out of all the nights to pick to go get your television set out of the repair shop, yeah, he picked the night the riot broke. If you could have seen him trying to explain to that white cop this was his set. Yeah, my cousin would be dead now if that cop had



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not been hip. No, he just looked up at that cop and said, 'Do you know anybody in their right mind that would steal a Motorola?'

"Here's what I want you to do for me, the favor. When the riot season opens up again, I want you to go home and get around your parents. That goes for you black folks, too. You got some old black folks at home that thinks, some of them, more corrupt than the Ku Klux Klan. Put your television in the middle of the room and turn on the evening news, because they're going to show those black cats looting and burning and socking it to them towns. Now, turn on Huntley and Brinkley because they get close-ups. ABC and CBS, they're scared of the black neighborhood. They come by and try to get it over a helicopter. NBC gets such close-ups of the riots you can recognize your kinfolks. 'Looky there, there's Uncle Dudlow. I didn't know he was in Detroit. Look at him.'

"After you get NBC on, get your television adjusted, run upstairs and get your folks. Say, 'Come on down, I want to show you something.' And when they sit there and look at them niggers rioting and looting and socking it to them towns, just listen to them. 'Wonder what's wrong with them. Sometimes our folks just don't know how to act. Niggers, all of them act like that, need to be . . .' Just let them talk. Let them talk and get it out of their system.

"Then, I want you to go up to the television and cut the sound off. Reach in your pocket or your pocketbook and pull out your Declaration of Independence, and while they are looking at them niggers burn and sock it to them towns, I want you to read the Declaration of Independence as loud as you can, and maybe them fools will understand what they are looking at for the first time. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by the creator with certain unalienable rights, that when these rights are destroyed over a

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long period of time, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government.' Now, I know them old fools are going to assume that's some message Malcolm X left for Rap Brown, but I'm sure with a minimum amount of persuasion, that is their beloved Declaration of Independence, the one with the mistake on it, that one where they forgot to write in, 'for white only.' Black folks read it, and you know we're so stupid when we read it, if you don't put it on there, it's for you, we didn't know it. We thought it was for all Americans. Yeah, we thought George Washington and Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, them white heroes you pushed on me, we thought they were speaking for all Americans after long periods of time. We didn't know they were just speaking for white folks.

"And one thing you better do is get that white-boy history book out of my ghetto, because, baby, there ain't no way in the hell you can teach me about Washington and Payne and Jefferson, and do you think 'Give me liberty or give me death' meant 'We shall overcome'?

"Do you think you can tell me about the white folks getting me out of school, every holiday I'm out of school. Some vicious white cat that wanted to beat up somebody for freedom, and now when I want to be like him, since you told me I was inferior to you and I had started acting like you. I had to start throwing dynamite like you and get my rights like you did. That's what you said in here. Now, were you lying? Funny thing's happening to Niggers today, is that we're acting white. Right out of this history book, baby. Patrick Henry, George Washington, and Tom Payne, and Thomas Jefferson. And if you don't like the way we're acting, we say get the damn book out of our community, or you're going to be in trouble.

"So I tell you youngsters today that you've got a lot of changes to make. You can make them. The system has to be completely, thoroughly overhauled, because it's not fair for

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you to say you see, we are so corrupt today, that when you finish high school you're too pure to join us. But after you get through college, you qualify. Yeah, you're ready to move on into the system then. I say you got a big job to do, a mighty powerful job to do.

"In closing, let me briefly discuss with you, we are going to run over a little bit tonight, so those of you that got another job to get to, a baby-sitter, and want to split, I hope that you will be honest enough with yourself that whenever you have to leave or want to leave, you can feel free to get up and leave without sitting there worrying about if you walk out on me, some fool's going to think you're a racist. If at any part you get ready to leave, I hope you just move out quietly. I hope you will not be one of the foul-minded people that will sit and worry about what some fool thinks your intentions were for leaving. I hope you can be that free.

"I want to tell you that black folks have got an attitude, and rightfully so. We're tired of these insults. We're tired of white America telling us to be non-violent. I wonder if you understand how bad that insults us. America telling us to be non-violent. The only country in the history of the world that's dropped the nuclear bomb on another human being, and they're asking us to be non-violent. Nobody knows any better than me. I'm a slave to non-violence. I believe in non-violence to the extent that I had to become a vegetarian five years ago, because I believed 'Thou shalt not kill' means just that, and so animals are covered under that. With me, I'm not pushing it on nobody else. My non-violentism, I don't go around preaching non-violentism. In the nation, the Constitution says you have a right to bear arms, and I'm not against that, but my belief I do not want to bear arms. If a man breaks in my house and kills my wife and kills my family, and the only way I can stop him is to kill him, I have a right to choose not to be violent, but I do not have a right

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to tell you you've got to stand by and watch anybody misuse your loved ones. Non-violence is my hang-up and mine alone. Vegetarianism, that's all me, baby, but I would never knock a steak off your plate, and never want you to put a pork chop on mine. I would never take no dynamite out of your hand and I will never let you take my picket sign out of mine. Non-violence is my hang-up baby. Don't teach it, don't preach it, in a nation where Matt Dillon comes into your house once a week to teach you it is a virtue to shoot straight. Non-violence, are you serious?

"Everybody wants us to be . . . ever heard of a nigger doing some underground nuclear testing? All the white boys got the nuclear bombs, yet them same cats want us to be non-violent. Are you serious? America owns the mightiest army, the mightiest navy, the mightiest air force, owns the state police, the local police, the federal police. And all them cats got guns, and then you look at us that don't have a damn thing and say, 'Be non-violent, boy.' We say, 'You go to Hell, baby, we tired of it.' Now, I say to you and to all America and to all the fools, if you really believe America freaks out for non-violence, I say prove it. And don't prove it to black folks because we proved to the world we'll burn a town down.

"If you really want the world and black folks to believe you are non-violent, prove it. Get up on that Indian Reservation and cut my Indian brother loose. You can't be no more non-violent than he has been in the last 75 years. I thought you liked non-violence. How come he's still up there? You ain't done nothing but trick him, baby. Non-violence ain't nothing but a cheap, whitey cop-out.

"We in Vietnam tonight with a half a million American boys to guarantee a foreigner a better way of life than you want to guarantee you own red brother, who you stole this country from, so we say to America, if you're non-violent, free my Indian

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brother. If you don't free him, quit talking like that. If that Indian wants to be free in the morning, it is said what he would have to do. That Indian would have to realize he is dealing with a system that's so insane that until you make them people through the muzzle of a gun, she is going to keep us a nigger. You youngsters got to change the system so a man do not have to become violent to get redress of grievances.

"Oh, if that Indian wanted a better way of life in the morning, all he got to do is get up on the \_\_\_\_\_, right here in the State of North Carolina, and catch white folks driving down the expressway in the morning and start shooting at you. POW, and yelling 'red power, whitey go home.' And when the Indian says whitey go home, he is talking about the big trip, baby, he is talking about all the way off the continent.

"And sure enough, that Indian gets to raising hell tomorrow, the whole country would be upset. I can just hear them now. 'Them stinking reds.' And you turn on the television and look at 'Meet the Press' Sunday, they'll be interviewing some old Uncle Tom-Tom Indian that'll be saying everything all the fools want to hear. I can just hear him now, 'Me like a-heap-a reservation. Problem come from them young bucks, them Stokely Running Horses, and Rap White Clouds.' Well, all the fools will go back to sleep believing them Indians was happy.

"They said the niggers was happy, them niggers was happy. But there's a new set coming through that ain't America's nigger no more. Just as sure as that Indian raises enough hell, baby, just as sure as he comes off that reservation and gets to socking it to you, burning down some of these colleges that's on his land and getting some of those blond scalps and raping some of your white ladies, oh, I'll bet you listen to them then. Oh, you'll be saying a bunch of foul, dirty things about him, but you'll listen to him.

"Oh, you turn on television next summer, if he gets to raising hell, and they'll be doing him on television like

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like they did us this summer. 'Tune in every Tuesday night to meet your Indian brother, seven-part series, no commercials, sponsored by Xerox.' Oh, if the Indians get to raising enough hell, y'all have an Indian speaking to you next year. Not now, because he's too peaceful. You don't give a damn about him now.

"Well, you know the Indian would have to create violence before making this nation understand what he is talking about. They're so peaceful, we don't care. The highest form of suicide rate among young people on this earth happens to be on our Indian reservations, and we don't even know about it. The highest form of tuberculosis among any minority group on the face of this earth happens to be upon the Indian reservations.

"In 1968, a sheriff can still walk up on the Indian reservation and he decides if the Indian Mama and Daddy can take care of their kids, and if he decides they can't take care of their kids, he has all the jurisdiction he needs to take that Indian baby away from them and put it in a home of white folks. And so they take their orders from out West. How many of these Indians you all need for maids? This is 1968, baby, why are you worrying about the Communists? You are worried about the Communists in Vietnam and you ain't worried about this Indian up here. Why, you're out of your minds.

"And then the Bureau of Indian Affairs is supposed to take care of Indian business. That's the government agency that handles Indian business. It makes about as much sense as the government hiring the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take care of Indian business as it would be to hire the Ku Klux Klan to implement the civil rights act. And the sad thing is if we did away with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in the morning, the money it cost this government to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs, if we wiped them out overnight, every Indian in America could get \$4,300 a year apiece.

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"So, I say you youngsters have a job. The Mexican brothers in California are saying, 'Please, brothers, don't buy grapes.' Are you listening to them, baby? Because if you buy grapes this year, and they don't win their battle, next year they're going to win. They might have to blow up the grape vineyards, but they're going to win. And then everybody will say, 'Why are them Mexicans so evil?' Because you didn't help them by non-violence when they asked.

"And so, brothers and sisters, I say to you tonight, black folks have an attitude, rightfully so, that we don't care about white folks reaction to us. We don't care what you think about our attitude because all we know in the last two years is much, is that white folks been saying we been bugging them. It must be doing something because we ain't been lynched in two years in this country. So, if bugging white America means it makes me safe, we ain't began to bug you.

"We're saying we're tired of these insults. Have you got a right to make me a nigger, you got a right to make me a nigger? You do anything you want to do inside your head, but you better keep it there. You got a right to burn all the crosses you want, but you better not never burn another cross on my front lawn. We're tired of these insults. Burn it on your lawn, but let everybody know you want to burn it on mine. We're tired of these insults.

"Now everybody is getting upset, saying how come y'all don't want to be called colored, how come y'all don't want to be called Negro? Just call us black, baby, that's all we want. And them old niggers that are running around, you call them anything you want. But don't listen to them old niggers and get your head busted. You don't play games with yourself.

"(clapping, and unintelligible for few seconds) If he's an Irishman over there, he's an Irishman here. You don't play no games with yourself. We left Africa Africans, and when we got here we got to be your Nigra, Nugru, colored folks. We say

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now don't play no games with yourself, damn it, and you better stop playing them with us. Just call us black. That's all. And if you want to play games with somebody, play them with your own self. You didn't change when you came across that water. How come I got to change?

"And so we don't feel like we putting you in imposition with our attitude. We feel like these insults have kept you in the imposition for 400 years, and we're tired of it. And just started getting tired. Twenty and thirty years ago, black people in this country had an empty stomach. Today black people in America have a full stomach but a hungry mind, and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell, and hungry minds deal on sound, and all at once this country don't sound right to us any more. Three years ago five white boys burned up their draft cards, and in two weeks time the Senate and Congress pushed through an Anti-Draft Card Burning law. We haven't been able to get a bill in 100 years. This country just told me America thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black Mammy.

"If I go to Vietnam tonight and get killed by the Viet Cong, this government gives my black wife \$10,000. Now, she can't take that \$10,000 and buy her a house anywhere in this country she wants to buy her one. Hell, are you out of your minds. I got to get a Fair Housing Bill passed to live next to you. Who in the hell do you think you are?

"That old white cracker broad who you are supposed to not like, came to my country, Stalin's daughter, a known Communist and a known Russian. How come you didn't make her get a Fair Housing Bill to live anywhere she wants to live in my country? Are you out of your minds? Do you really think we're going to put up with this nonsense another day?



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"All these Russian exchange students you bring over here." They don't want to be no American citizen. They want to lap up four years of this old bad education and then they are going back to Moscow and eight years from now might drop a bomb on you. You don't make these Russian exchange students get no Fair Housing Bill to live where they want to live. How come I need one?

"This is what we're talking about. This is what the issue is. And we don't give a damn who we make mad. We're tired of these insults. And so we're saying, we have an attitude and we're going to keep an attitude.

"Oh, you got a lot of white folks in this country think a nigger is the dirtiest, stinking, smelling, immoral beast that ever walked the face of this earth. You see, that's your hang-up, baby. I'm not here to convince you niggers don't stink. I say to you, go out and do your own research. Yes, check the records at the cosmetic industry and see how many more billion dollars a year in this country white folks spend on deoderant and look at them deoderant commercials on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. And then I say figure it out with your own intelligence if niggers is doing all the stinking, and white folks buying all the deoderant, who really stinks.

"There's a lot of white folks believes that we are the most immoral creatures . . . I don't have to tell you. You listen to your parents. I say I'm not here to tell you we're not immoral. I say go to the black community and watch. Every dirty, stinking, scroungy, immoral way black folks have, it is a white European scroungy, dirty, stinking, immoral way. You're right. We do not know what the Africans do in the bushes after dark, but we know what you do in the bushes after dark, and we're doing the same thing in the bushes after dark you're doing. Right, baby?

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"Oh, lots of white folks believe black folks are inferior to you. Well, that's your own hang-up. Hell, I'm not inferior to you. The whole world knows I go to bed with a Chinese woman and give her a baby, the baby is going to be colored. If I go to bed with an Irish woman, a Jewish woman, any woman I take to bed on the face of this earth and give her a baby, the baby is me. Any man my sister goes to bed with on the face of this earth and gets a baby, the baby is her. Is that inferior stock to you?

"Now, we say we're tired of these hangups. And we're reacting to them. And people say education is a problem. You in Vietnam tonight with a half a million American boys to liberate the Vietnamese in the morning. Have you ever heard one white or black American questioning that Vietnamese educational staff? But you are going to free him. You're not going to question his, and you better not question mine. And then you do question mine.

"Do you realize how many millions of people would be dead on the face of this earth today if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that an American black man by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma? Don't take my word for it. Go to the library and check it out. Are you aware of the fact that Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they did not accept niggers? Are you going to tell us education is our problem when the man who gave blood plasma to the world died from the lack of his own invention? That didn't have a damn thing to do with education.

"We're tired of these insults. They say go down to the ghetto and pull your brother up by his boot straps. Why don't you give them some boots with some zippers on them? I would bet black women in America have had 20 per cent more

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illegitimate babies. We have had fun in the ghetto, baby. White women in America have 2 per cent illegitimate babies, but don't get no damn attitude, because your white lady got 2 per cent and my black lady got 20 per cent. That don't make you no better than me because if we ever get our hands on your white folks' abortion credit card, we'll show you how to knock a rate down too, baby.

"We're tired of these insults. You say, 'Why do you black folks have all them kids? You can't take care of them. You'll end up on relief.' We know that. I ain't never met a white man that would turn down some free money. And if words like relief and \_\_\_\_\_ and welfare upset you, change it and call it foreign aid. Or call it what you call that free money you give them white farmers, subsidies. Do you really think you're going to pay a farmer not to plant and then ain't going to pay my sister after she plants?

"And we say we are tired of all them babies white folks accuse us of having that we can't take care of. I've got news for you, baby. We're going to keep on having those babies in the ghetto, and I'll make a deal with you. The day this stinking system learns how to hire a black boy and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys, so we can afford all them whores and prostitutes you can afford, we'll quit having all them babies at home too. You say we don't have to ask you about that whore, because it's my sister, because she does talk when she comes home. So we know what you're doing, baby. So get that out of your head now. We're tired of these insults.

"So we are saying we wish this country would stop insulting us. I went to a play a couple of weeks ago. Here a white cat moved all the way out of his seat and come all the way over to me and said, 'Mr. Gregory, boy.' I said, 'Yeah, man, what you want?' 'I think you all should teach colored folks some responsibility. You're talking about jobs. Teach them how to get to work on time. Teach them how not to take too many

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days off. I know you're going to get mad, but I got the records to prove it. 'You don't need no records for me because I used to be one of them niggers you are talking about. How long you had your company?' 'Forty years.' 'All your records, if you go back and check them right, you'll find out. The records of the first day you gave a black man a job he got there two hours early. The first day I got my job I sat two hours waiting to punch in and then I punched in, and for the next eight hours I had to listen to all of that talk, niggers, coons, boy, push me on the butt, rub me on the head for luck. You know anybody in their right mind that's going to get to work on time with them insults, baby? You're not a fool. We come to work as late as we can and leave as early as we can and we take as many days off as we can, because a day away from that plant is a day of insults I don't have to take. So we say we're tired of it, insults, insults, insults.

"You know when I stop and think how the Germans killed my daddy during World War II, how the Germans killed my daddy in 1942. I was ten years old then. I'm 36 years old now. That means I would have gone 26 years without a daddy. That's not the insult, because when daddies go to war they go to kill or be killed. The insult is the same German who killed my daddy, that same German tonight can come to my daddy's country and live where my daddy's boy can't live.

"And so as I leave you tonight, I say, please no more insults. No more civil rights legislation, we don't want civil rights legislation. We want the United States Constitution. Fair Housing Bills, even when we tried to be good niggers and give us Fair Housing Bills, you played games with us. We get a Fair Housing Bill that covers 80 per cent of the housing. What am I supposed to do with the other 20 per cent of me? Join the Communist party?

"There is one more bill we would like for you to pass. We'd like for you to pass what we call an 'Honest White Folks Bill.' Now don't get uptight cause it ain't got nothing to do

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with you. We'll just name it, as a matter of fact, we'll just name it the 'Concerned Honky Law.' It's a simple bill and will just read 'All five year old male black baby boys (it don't pertain to no white folks.) . . . all five year old male black baby boys will have to go to a government camp for one year and stay at that camp from the age of five to the age of six.' And you'll stipulate those black kids to sleep eight hours a day and the other sixteen hours a day, now this is where the 'Concerned Honky Law,' the 'Honest White Folks Bill,' comes in, will take all the five year olds from this year on, keep just the boys for one year, and sleep eight hours a day for a solid year every day, and sixteen hours a day for a solid year, the government teach them, 'Nigger, when you grow up don't date no white woman, don't make love to no . . .' Let me tell you something, we can believe that nothing bugs you no more than a nigger with a white woman, and you ain't got enough backbone to even talk about it. Who in the hell do you think you are?

"Have your white sister passing a nigger half-naked with a living bra on, who in the hell do you think you are? And so I say to you as loud and as clear, why don't you talk about your damn hang-ups and maybe you can get that broad back. Because you see, I went to see my first movie when I was four years old, baby. My mind was pure, honest, didn't know nothing about no white lady or no black lady. Never seen nobody make love in my life. Four years old, looking at the movie. Who's making love on the screen? Them white ladies, Ava Gardner. Humphrey Bogart was doing it.

"Four years old--I didn't know what they was doing. I just knew that one day I wanted to grow up and do it, baby. Yes, I nudged my friend. I said, 'Ooh, ooh, looky there.' Yeah, I went to the movie every night. Not to see that white woman. I was going to the movie because in my home town it was warmer in the movie than it was at home in the winter time, and in the summer time it was cooler in the movie. We could go free till you was twelve.

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"The next thing I knew, I'm eight years old. For four years you been brainwashing me, showing me the epitome of womanhood is that white broad, the epitome of decency is that white broad. You programmed me, just like if you program one of your electric machines that two and two is ten, when it gives it back to you, you should be mad at yourself because you programmed it that way, baby. You programmed me. Yeah, eight years old I sat there at the movie and watched Ava Gardner and Alan Ladd get into the hang of it. I nudged my friend and I said, 'Man, when I grow up, I'm sure going to get me one of them.' He said, 'Which one?' And I said, 'I don't know. I think I'll try them both.'

"I got news for you. I'm grown now, and I'm going to get me a white lady, and the madder it makes you, the more of them broads I'm going to get me and I hope it makes you so mad you'll quit programming my little black kids that's coming up. I hope you get so mad you'll show them some black women making love in the movie. You'll show them some black women holding some Pepsi-cola bottles. You'll show them some black women walking across that screen half naked with them living bras on, and once you do that you can have that broad. Take her to the moon. You can do any damn thing you want to do with her, but we're saying quit programming these black folks since you got such a tremendous hang-up.

"So, as I leave you tonight, I say you youngsters got to think the faith and destiny of the world depends on you.

"Briefly let me discuss two quick things with you. The package that I had mailed here, did anyone check to see if it got here? Did it get here? It didn't get here? Okay, I'll tell you what to do with that in just a minute.

"In the Turner Report on Civil Disorders it says it will take the government 80 billion dollars to solve the problem in the black ghetto, and I say to you young folks, don't be no fool.

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Don't send no 80 billion dollars to the black ghetto. You can't buy it. To solve the problem in the black ghetto, America is going to have to do one thing that will not cost you one nickel as far as black folks are concerned. You are going to have to create an atmosphere where for the first time in the history of this country, black folks trust white folks. And how do you do that?

"It won't cost you a nickel as far as we're concerned. You're going to have to get up on that Indian reservation and cut my Indian brother loose. You're going to have to free my Puerto Rican brother. You're going to have to give my Mexican brother his constitutional rights. And last, but not least, because my Jewish brother keeps playing games with himself, but he should paint his face as black as mine and see what you Gentiles got to say about him every day in the week, and then he'll understand he's in the same bag as the rest of us. So we say when you free my Jewish brother, my Puerto Rican brother, my Mexican brother, my Indian brother, at that point we will trust you. We will say 'My white brother, I trust you. Together would you hold my hand and let us solve our problems.' If you think you're going to solve our problems without freeing these other people, then we say to you take that 80 billion dollars and buy yourself some of the biggest guns money can buy, because you're damn sure going to need them. That's out of the history book, it's called Patrick Henry.

"The final issue I want to talk to you about tonight, which will take two seconds and then we're going to let everybody split that's got to split and those of you that have time for some questions, we'll take about three or four minutes, and then we'll get with the questions.

"On election night I sat up late watching television because I was kind of hoping that North Carolina might come through late for me and put me over the top. I was waiting, but you didn't

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do it. About three o'clock in the morning Nixon's office started lying and said, 'did any of you stay up late and watch the returns? Nixon's office says, 'Uh, uh, Nixon has retired and gone to bed and gone to sleep.' Well you knew that was a lie. Then the Humphrey people said, 'Yes, Humphrey has gone to bed two hours ago.' I said you know that's a lie. But being that all of them was in bed but me, I held a press conference and I declared myself the independent write-in President of the United States in exile, and wasn't nobody there to stop me. And we recieved a million and a half votes, and that's pretty good when you think how many got stolen, which is not the issue, but that probably counted 10 per cent. And so we received more write-in votes than anybody in the history of the country so we declared ourselves the exile write-in President of the United States.

"We're opening up an office in Washington, D. C. in a few weeks, going to paint it black, call it the 'Black House.' And we're going to set up a worldwide food program to see if we can solve the problems of hunger in America and on the face of this earth. This is going to be my project for the next three years. This is what this fast was all about. I get ashamed of the fact that when I read the Field Foundation Report of how the people in Appalachian and Mississippi, and Alabama, and North Carolina, and South Carolina, goes to bed hungry, I get ashamed of how much food I have locked away. I get ashamed of the fact that my wife can go to the store and spend \$2,000 a day for food if she cared to, in a country where my brother goes to bed hungry.

"And so I decided I would go forty days if I could without eating to kind of dramatize that it is our responsibility to feed our brother and so I'm starting up a food army. That's the good thing about being the President of the United States in exile-- it gives you the right to have an army. And so I mailed some application blanks here that's already self-explanatory. If you want to join the Food Army and work with me to help solve the problem of feeding folks all over the world and in America.



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Can we put those in the Union tomorrow, when they get here, or whenever they get here, they'll put them in the Union. We also have some envelopes here that says 'Dollars for the Hungry.' You know it's getting so much publicity now, did you see where the FBI has started to investigate hungry folks? Did you see that in the paper the other day? Raise your hand if you did? Did you see it? None of your saw it, none of you? I don't believe that.

"It is in the New York Times, the morning paper. That great big investigation is going on. I hope you'll feel the way about the New York Times that I do. I read that just to get my government's position every morning. That paper is something else, and it is the most over-read scratch sheet ever been invented.

"No, I hope, when they come in I have a thousand of them, that if you care to participate in feeding people, now let me say this. When we talk about feeding, I want to tell you how simple it is to feed everybody on the face of this earth. Do you realize if our organization gets big enough, we can feed everybody on the face of this earth, and it won't cost nobody a nickel? That's right. You're familiar with Green Stamps, right? You go to a store, you shop, you get Green Stamps. Do you have Plaid Stamps here? You get gasoline, you get Plaid Stamps? Can you imagine if this army gets so big that we decide where we shop, we don't want Green Stamps, we want Food Stamps? Can you imagine if a company put out a food stamp, and if you shop at Sears and Roebuck or bought a new car, and they give you a food stamp, and you didn't send it in and get a lamp like a Green Stamp? After you get it filled up, you send it in to one central location and that food stamp buys food for people all over the world. Do you realize America spends enough money in six months to get food stamps to buy enough food to feed the world for the next twenty years? It don't cost nobody a nickel. This is the type of program we're trying to get together.

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"Please, youngsters, don't forget about the one man who everybody is not looking at today, and that's the poor white man in America. Riots, said to believe that poverty causes riots. If poverty caused riots, this white hillbilly would have burned this country down 75 years ago. It is insults that cause riots, and I say to you youngsters that's interested in the black cause and the Mexican cause, and the Indian cause, you want to join VISTA and the Peace Corps. That's good, but please do not forget about the poor white man who has missed his day.

"Now, we treat him bad. Black folks give him the credit for being the world's biggest racist when he's the victim of the system. Young, hip white kids don't want to be around him because that represents something that you detest. Somebody got to organize this poor white man and see to it that he gets him a job too. To see to it that if he can't eat, he can get his check that he can feed his kids, that he can get his kids in school. And as black folks is telling these institutions we want you to relax your standards so we can get in since you kept us out so long, you got to get these young white poor kids and get these schools to relax their standards so he can get in too. I beg you, my brothers and sisters, don't forget about this poor white man. If you forget about him, we're going to do the same thing all over again five years from now, and you, as you move into your comfortable house, will wonder why he's burning and why he's looting.

"And so I say we have a chance to get all the brothers and go in the same direction. I hope you youngsters will take this fight into the arena of human rights, and not into the arena of civil rights. Because if you go for human rights, then my white brother in that ghetto, in his ghetto, that don't know where he's going to get his turnip from in the morning. I've got the pressure, pressure, pressure, to get projects going in Appalachian. He counts too.

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"And because he's white don't mean he's rich. So, somewhere I hope you youngsters solve the problem and bring America to the level where America should have been since the founding day.

"Again I say that I'm sorry that the slips and the envelopes didn't show up. They are self-explanatory. If you want to feed the hungry and you got a dollar, most of you got a dollar, put it in, mail it in. If you want to join the army for the poor, fill out the application and we'll get you information. For those of you who want, I'll have some time in a few minutes for the question and answer period. I'll gladly entertain that for you.

"Again, my brothers and sisters, I thank you. May God bless you, and may nature have fun with you."

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Date: 1/27/69

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472) (RUC)

SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Jacksonville airtel to the Bureau, dated 1/7/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM in captioned matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and 1 copy of an FD-376.

Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago, Mobile and Charlotte. One copy each of the LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, Tallahassee, Secret Service, Jacksonville, Fla., and Military Intelligence, Jacksonville.

Source One set forth in the LHM is

Fia., to SA ROBERT P. ROMANS.

On 1/23/69

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advised that in view of the hilarity of subject's text and inherent acoustical problems in Westcott Auditorium, an unsuccessful attempt was made to record subject's presentation.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Jacksonville, Florida  
January 27, 1969

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville

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File No.

Jacksonville, Florida  
January 27, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On January 23, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised Richard Claxton Gregory appeared at Westcott Auditorium on the Florida State University Campus, Tallahassee, Florida, on January 22, 1969.

Source further advised Gregory began his performance at 7:30 PM, which lasted for approximately 2 hours, followed by one-half hour question and answer period.

The audience, approximately 1500 persons, consisted of mostly students of mixed racial composition. Source advised Gregory's diversified subject matter (that is, attire of students, Chicago Police) was humorous in nature and obviously designed to entertain. Source advised Gregory made no inflammatory remarks toward inciting the gathering; consequently, there were no incidents or arrests following Gregory's appearance.

The foregoing information was made available to [redacted]  
[redacted] Tallahassee, Florida,  
and local law enforcement agencies in Tallahassee, Florida.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-New) (P)

SUBJECT: SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY,  
WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
1/28/69  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM and two copies for Chicago in regard to captioned matter.

Two copies of this LHM are being designated for Secret Service, G-2 and one copy for the USA, all Detroit.

Michigan State Police and local law enforcement agencies notified and representatives of these groups stated they expect no disturbances in connection with GREGORY's appearance.

Source utilized in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

[redacted] Michigan (concealed by request).

This LHM is being classified confidential to protect a source of continuing value.

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Detroit, Michigan  
January 25, 1969

Re: Speech by Dick Gregory  
Western Michigan University  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
January 28, 1969

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Source, who has furnished reliable information  
in the past, furnished the following information:

On January 22, 1969, source advised that Dick  
Gregory, controversial civil rights leader and comedian,  
will make a speech in the University auditorium, Western  
Michigan University, at 8:00 PM, January 28, 1969.  
Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Student  
Association, Western Michigan University. There is no  
charge and the speech is open to all students and to  
the public.

Gregory is to arrive at Metropolitan Airport,  
Romulus, Michigan, at 2:49 PM, January 28, 1969, on a  
flight from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He will be met  
by a delegation of Student Association officers and a  
representative of the Western Michigan University Safety  
and Security Department, and will be driven to Kalamazoo  
in a state owned vehicle.

Gregory is scheduled to stay at the Howard  
Johnson Motor Inn, Kalamazoo, and depart Kalamazoo at  
9:05 AM, January 29, 1969, via North Central Airlines  
flight #800. He reportedly will proceed to Iowa.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM

(OO: CHARLOTTE)

Re Charlotte airtel to the Bureau, 1/7/69.

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Chicago for their information.

Investigation at Durham, N. C., was conducted  
by SA CHARLES S. MILLER.

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Will follow speech of GREGORY at Duke University  
2/10/69 and thereafter submit LHM.

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File No.

Charlotte, North Carolina

January 24, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated January 7, 1969.

On January 14, 1969, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North  
Carolina, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was scheduled  
to appear on the Duke University campus February 10,  
1969. His sponsor was the Major Speakers Committee  
of Duke University on behalf of the Afro-American  
Student Society on campus.

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GREGORY's tentative schedule was as follows:

February 10: Arrival - early afternoon  
3:00-4:00 p.m.: Page Auditorium - discussion  
with students  
4:00-5:00 p.m.: Reception for Major  
Speakers Committee and  
Afro-American Students,  
invited University  
Community members

Flowers Lounge ???

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

6:00-7:30 p.m.:

Dinner with Committee  
Members --?? place unknown  
(probably off campus?  
depending on security &  
feeling)

8:15-10:30 p.m.:

Major Address and question  
period - Page Auditorium

10:30 p.m.:

Reception - Open - Living  
groups or Flowers Ballroom???

Stay at Statler-Hilton Hotel

Departure:

Tuesday, morning, February 11th.

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[redacted] and [redacted] advised on 3/28/67 and 4/7/67, respectively, that a leaflet issued by the African-American Heritage Association (AAHA) urged people to support Dick Gregory in his write-in campaign for mayor of Chicago in the forthcoming city election.

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This serial indicated that the AAHA was strongly influenced by the CP.

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This information appeared in the file captioned "International War Crimes Tribunal," which was organized by the [redacted]

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*CAH.F.* The following references in the file captioned "National Conference of Negro Elected Officials" contain information pertaining to Dick Gregory's participation in this conference, which was held in Los Angeles, May 26-28, 1967, and was sponsored by a coalition of activists, nationalists, and civil rights groups. Gregory was chairman of the last session of the conference.

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SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,  
KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT, NINETEEN SIXTY  
NINE, RM

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THAT SPEECH BY  
DICK GREGORY AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN, ON JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST WAS CANCELLED AT  
SIX PM, JANUARY TWENTY EIGHT LAST BECAUSE GREGORY WAS UNABLE  
TO OBTAIN FLIGHT TO MICHIGAN IN TIME FOR HIS SCHEDULED SPEECH  
DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE DETROIT AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JAN. TWENTYFIVE LAST

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UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS, RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM

STATE OF ILLINOIS, ALLEGEDLY COMING

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THAT EIGHT BLACK PANTHER

MEMBERS FROM CHICAGO AREA, NAMES UNKNOWN, INTEND TO ATTEND

REMAINDER OF SESSION AT MACOMB. ALSO ALLEGED THAT

WHITE PANTHERS INTEND TO ATTEND SESSIONS TO COUNTERACT APPEARANCES

OF BLACK PANTHERS. DOES NOT KNOW HOW RELIABLE THIS

INFORMATION IS AND NO OTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED RE WHITE PANTHERS.

CHICAGO CONTACT

FOR BASIS

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILL.  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILL., JAN. TWENTYTHREE LAST THROUGH  
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[REDACTED] BORN [REDACTED] WAS ARRESTED MAY  
THREE SIXTYSIX, AND CHARGED WITH TEN TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. NINE  
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ONE COUNT OF RESISTING ARREST. ON JULY SEVEN SIXTYEIGHT,  
ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING. BUREAU OF RECORDS FAILED TO REFLECT  
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ON PAGE ONE A OF THE JAN. TWENTYTHREE SIXTYNINE CITY EDITION OF THE POST TRIBUNE, GARY, IND. , A STORY REVEALS LAKE CO. PROSECUTOR'S INVESTIGATORS ARRESTED [REDACTED]

FOUR EIGHT TWO SIBLEY ST., CHARGING HIM WITH POSSESSION AND DALE OF OBSCENE LITERATURE. NAME OF [REDACTED]

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IND. RELEASED ON ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR BOND.

THIS DATE SOURCES RECONTACTED AND NO INFO DEVELOPED RE THE WHITE PANTHER PARTY. NO INFO DEVELOPED AT EITHER THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY OR WPP ATTEND MACOMB CONFERENCE.

REFERENCE CHICAGO TEL JAN TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE AND INDIANAPOLIS TEL TO BUREAU JAN. TWENTYFOUR SIXTYNINE.

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INDIANAPOLIS MAINTAINING CONTACT OVER WEEKEND WITH SOURCES. BUREAU AND OO WILL BE IMMEDIATELY ADVISED IF ANY POSITIVE INFO DEVELOPED.

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[REDACTED] WIU, ADVISED THAT

AFTERNOON SESSION BEGAN WITH SPEECH BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY (OSU), WHO SPOKE CONCERNING RACIAL PROBLEMS AT OSU, WAS CRITICAL OF OSU ADMINISTRATION AND CAMPUS POLICE. ATTENDANCE AT SPEECH ONE HUNDRED FIFTY. THIS FOLLOWED BY COFFEE HOUR, CBS FILM OF BLACK AMERICA AND DANCE BY BLACK WOMEN STUDENTS, ATTENDED BY LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED PERSONS. THERE WERE NO INFLAMMATORY REMARKS OR DEMONSTRATIONS.

NIGHT SESSION TODAY ATTENDED BY THREE HUNDRED PERSONS. SPEECH BY LEE F. PALMER, JR., CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, REPORTER, DEALT CHIEFLEY WITH NEED FOR NEGROES TO STUDY IN COLLEGE TO PREPARE THEMSELVES FOR A USEFUL FUTURE. PALMER MADE FAVORABLE STATEMENTS CONCERNING MALCOM X AND BPP. PALMER MADE NO INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS AND THERE WERE NO DEMONSTRATIONS. PALMER FOLLOWED BY

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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 12 copies of  
a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding activities at the  
captioned Symposium. Also enclosed for the Bureau is one  
copy of the printed Symposium program.

Confidential sources utilized in enclosed LHM  
are as follows:

- ④-Bureau (Enc. 13)(RM)
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  - 1-New York (100- ) (JERRY RUBIN)(Enc. 1)(Info)(RM)
  - 2-San Francisco (Enc. 2)(Info)(RM)
    - (1-100- ) (THOMAS HAYDEN)
    - (1-100- ) (CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.)
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    - (1-100-42010) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-42555) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-43245) [REDACTED]
    - (1-100-44715)(NU SDS)
    - (1-157-347 ) (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)
    - (1-157- ) (Rev. JESSE JACKSON)
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Only those individuals and organizations were characterized herein where sufficient identifying data was contained in the files of the Chicago Office to subversively characterize those individuals and/or organizations.

Information copies of this communication are being furnished to New York in view of their interest in JERRY RUBIN and San Francisco in view of their interest in THOMAS HAYDEN and CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.

Copies of the enclosed LHM are also being furnished to USA, Chicago; Secret Service, Chicago; and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Ill., in view of their continuing interest in matters of this nature.

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On December 6, 1968, first source advised that the Symposium Group of Northwestern University (NU), a legitimate University-sponsored function, has planned their "Symposium '69" to be entitled, "Confronting Change," for January 3-9, 1969. The purported purpose of this event is to consider the issues of the New Left and social change. Source advised that the program is to be as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>
January 3, 1969	Films	7:30 p.m.	
January 4, 1969	Films	7:30 p.m.	12-20-79 CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 LUB/ce REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2 DATE OF REVIEW 1-15-89
January 5, 1969	Play "Futz"	7:00 and 9:30 p.m.	APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 12-20-79/ce
January 6, 1969	Keynote Address	8:00 p.m.	Richard Claxton Gregory
January 7, 1969	Seminar	3:00 p.m.	Carl Preston Oglesby, Jr.
	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Carl Preston Oglesby, Jr.; Michael Harrington; Anthony Downs

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Participants</u>
January 8, 1969	Seminar	10:00 a.m.	Michael Harrington
	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Reverend Jesse Jackson; Thomas Ayers; James Herndon; Richard Goodwin
January 9, 1969	Panel Presentation	8:00 p.m.	Raymond Mack; Lawrence Lavengood; Seymour M. Miller; Thomas Hayden; Mike James

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory is a Negro entertainer and civil rights activist.

CARL PRESTON OGLESBY, JR.

Second source described Carl Oglesby as a "modern day Saul," completely and personally committed to the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) program, enthusiastic in his work and the promotion of same. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The December 4, 1968, edition of the "Daily Northwestern," the student newspaper of NU, Evanston, Illinois, in an article entitled, "Hayden Panel to Wind Up Symposium," stated that Carl Oglesby is the consulting editor of "Ramparts" magazine.

Characterizations of "Ramparts" magazine and SDS are attached hereto.

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Reverend JESSE JACKSON

Jesse Jackson is the National Director of Operation: Breadbasket which is the economic arm of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC).

THOMAS HAYDEN

The "New York Daily News," in its issue of January 10, 1968, carried an article entitled, "Word From The Left," in which it identified Hayden as one of a party of three who had traveled to North Vietnam in defiance of the United States Department of State ban on such travel. This article also identified Hayden as a founder of SDS.

MIKE JAMES

Third source advised that on March 25, 1967, a peace march and rally was held in Chicago, Illinois, which was sponsored by various peace and civil rights organizations. During demonstrations, Mike James, who was introduced as an SDS leader, spoke and urged that draft eligible youths defy the draft and called for continued protests and sit-in demonstrations on every campus protesting the Vietnam war. ~~(U)~~

On December 31, 1968, a fourth source made available the "official" printed program for the NU "Symposium, 1969." Source advised that Carl Oglesby's name did not appear in the program and source stated that he did not believe Oglesby would appear. Source noted that the place where Oglesby was originally scheduled to appear now reflected the name of Jerry Rubin. ~~(U)~~

JERRY RUBIN

In a biographical note on Jerry Rubin, the printed program of NU's "Symposium, 1969" notes that Rubin is currently a leader of the Youth International Party which was a prime mover in the demonstrations against the war in Vietnam in New York City two years ago, and the demonstrations at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, 1968.

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Source further advised that the films to be shown on January 3-4, 1969, were "The Magnificent Ambersons," "The Married Woman," "The Rules of the Game," "The Roaring Twenties," and "L'Avventura." All are "feature" films which supposedly have to do with some social attitude or condition.

On January 6, 1969, fourth source advised that the play "Futz" held on January 5, 1969, dealt with the "clash of values within society" by using the example of a man deeply in love with his pig. Source advised that the main element of the play's script appeared to be obscenity which was both strong and frequent. ~~(U)~~

On January 7, 1969, first source advised that Dick Gregory's keynote address on January 6, 1969, was attended by approximately 1,100 persons, of whom only 85 to 95 were Negro. Source advised that Gregory's attempts at humor were generally well received; however, his serious points were only applauded by the Negro students and/or identifiable SDS members. These remarks were received by the majority of the audience with apathy. Gregory's main topics were: 1) President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy were killed as a result of a Central Intelligence Agency conspiracy; 2) civil rights of women and American Indians; 3) FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover constantly "covers up dissent and unrest by claiming it is communist-inspired or subversive"; 4) suggested a youth (anyone younger than 27) boycott of the recording and cigarette industries as a means of ending the Vietnam war and obtaining the right to vote at age 18; and 5) America's racist attitudes make it "the rottenest country in the world." ~~(U)~~

On January 7, 1969, fourth source furnished essentially the same information and advised that there had been no incidents or arrests to the source's knowledge. Source advised that Gregory continued until 11:25 p.m. and that approximately 300 to 400 people had left the auditorium prior to 11:00 p.m. ~~(U)~~

On January 8, 1969, first source advised that the panel discussion on January 7, 1969, lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with more than 1,100 persons attending although only 10 to 15 Negro students were observed. Source advised that the panel consisted of Jerry Rubin, who wore a Viet Cong flag as a cape, Michael Harrington, who has been publicly ~~(U)~~

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described as a prominent author and spokesman for the political left, Anthony Downs, Senior Vice President of the Real Estate Research Corporation of Chicago and a member of the President's National Commission on Urban Problems. Source advised the panel moderator was Robert H. Wiebe. ~~(U)~~

ROBERT H. WIEBE

On December 31, 1968, fourth source advised that Robert Wiebe is a History Professor at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and was the faculty advisor for the SDS-sponsored "Week of Dis-Orientation," at NU, September 11-17, 1968. ~~(U)~~

First source also advised that Rubin dominated the entire "discussion." He stated that he advocated a "total assault on society" because "Change could be brought about only by burning down enough cities and enough of the 'establishment' concerns to bring them down a notch and hurt them." Rubin also suggested that student groups had the power to close at least ten universities (not identified) and should proceed to do so. ~~(U)~~

On January 8, 1969, fourth source advised that Rubin had arrived at O'Hare Airport, Chicago, at 11:00 a.m. via United Air Lines, from New York City. He checked in at the North Shore Hotel, 1611 Chicago Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, and source believes he will return to New York on January 10, 1969. Source also advised that Rubin stated that "the police are looking for me in four states and it's time to be moving on." ~~(U)~~

On January 9, 1969, fourth source advised that the panel discussion on January 8, 1969, lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 9:35 p.m. with approximately 650 to 700 persons attending, including approximately 200 Negroes. Source advised that the panel consisted of Thomas Ayers, President of Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; James Herndon, a California junior high school teacher, author and critic of public education systems; Richard Goodwin, a speech writer for the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy and former Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs under President John F. Kennedy. Source ~~(U)~~

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advised that the Reverend Jesse Jackson sent word at the last minute that he would be unable to attend due to "an important commitment in Washington, D.C." As a substitute for Jackson, the Symposium committee obtained one Claude Brown, a Negro law school student from California. Source advised that Brown spoke first, primarily in regard to changes needed in the attitudes and policies of the "white government." When Thomas Ayers attempted to speak, the audience began laughing, clapping and talking among themselves. Due to their rudeness, Ayers cut his speech short. Source further noted that at 9:00 p.m. Brown announced he had to leave for the airport and abruptly did so at which time all the Negroes in the audience got up and followed Brown from the auditorium. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On January 10, 1969, first source advised that the panel discussion on January 9, 1969, lasted from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with approximately 1,300 persons present, including only about 20 to 25 Negro students. The panel consisted of Raymond Mack, Director of NU's Center for Urban Studies; Seymour M. Miller, Professor of Sociology at New York University; Thomas Hayden; and Mike James. Moderator was Lawrence Lavengood, NU Assistant Professor of Business History. Source advised that Hayden dominated the program and presented several "programs" that must be accomplished such as: 1) wider, less restricted demands to institutions; 2) "The Movement" must operate on frontier of the law, not open confrontation; 3) organize beyond the campus; 4) form a radical, political party; and, 5) practice self-defense. Hayden further stated that the non-violent, civil disobedience teaching of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was a failure. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Source advised that Mike James, although he took only a small part in the program, was the "most dynamic" speaker of the evening. He stated that "we" must fight but the choice of where to fight was all-important. He suggested efforts to recruit the "motorcycle greasers" who, he stated, would respond to a radicalism if it was taken to them. James ended with the comment, "America--Change or Die."

Source further advised that at about 9:50 p.m., an unidentified white male, approximately 50 years old, stood at his seat in the audience and called Hayden and James "Red." He then stated that in spite of a few faults, America was the freest, most just country in the world.

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On January 10, 1969, fourth source advised that Hayden and James arrived at NU together at 7:27 p.m., January 9, 1969, via Checkered Cab, from Chicago and that they left together at 11:15 p.m. via Checkered Cab. Source advised that Hayden had come to NU via plane direct from San Francisco State College, and source believed that Hayden would return to Oakland, California, on January 10, 1969. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Fourth source also advised that the seminars took place as scheduled but were closed to all but members of the NU Symposium Group and, therefore, source could not attend. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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"RAMPARTS"

"Ramparts" is a monthly magazine with editorial offices in San Francisco, California. The January, 1968, issue listed WARREN HINCKLE, III, as Editor, and ROBERT SCHEER as Managing Editor. It stated that the press run for that issue was 279,000.

The September 10, 1967, issue of the "Denver Post" contained an article on "Ramparts," based upon an interview of its staff by EARL SHORIS, author of the article. This article captioned, "Ramparts: An expression of the 'New Left,'" read in part as follows:

"HINCKLE calls Ramparts 'radical in style and politics.' It belongs to the left, if not the new left....

"The editors of Ramparts are confident of their own virtue, so confident they are able to dispense with objectivity.... Editor HINCKLE said, 'I don't believe in this "on the other hand" stuff. People write in and ask us to print the other side. We tell them no we are not a debating society....'

"Ramparts has been crass and commercial. It has often been more exhortative than informative, but it has also produced some exciting reporting on Vietnam, the city of Oakland, and conservation or the lack of it in America. The magazine joined every other publication in America in belaboring the Warren Report, but SOL STERN's uncloaking of the CIA was brilliant, effective reporting. If Ramparts may have overstated the number of children who have been casualties in Vietnam, it is small criticism; children have been burned and killed.

"The financial problems that have plagued Ramparts for most of its five years may be coming to an end. With 120,000 subscribers and as many newsstand sales, the cost of printing has dropped...."

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

The Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as it is known today, came into being at a founding convention held at Port Huron, Michigan, in June, 1962. The SDS is an association of young people on the left and has a current program of protesting the draft, promoting a campaign for youth to develop a conscientious objector status, denouncing United States intervention in the war in Vietnam and to "radically transform" the university community, and provide for its complete control by students. GUS HALL, General Secretary, Communist Party, USA, when interviewed by a representative of United Press International in San Francisco, California, on May 14, 1965, described the SDS as a part of the "responsible left" which the Party has "going for us." At the June, 1965, SDS National Convention, an anti-communist proviso was removed from the SDS constitution. In the October 7, 1966, issue of "New Left Notes," the official publication of SDS, an SDS spokesman stated that there are some communists in SDS and they are welcome. The national headquarters of this organization as of July 24, 1968, was located in Room 206, 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, Illinois.

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GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN  
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Re my airtel, dated 1/9/69.

Referenced airtel refers to newly-formed organization at Grand Rapids, Mich. as "Blacks Unite For Freedom". Correct name of organization is "Blacks United For Freedom".

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Re Springfield teletype to Bureau 1/26/69.

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Enclosed for Chicago are two copies and for Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, one copy each of LHM captioned as above.

Copies of LHM have been disseminated locally to USA, Springfield, Illinois; US Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

Information contained in enclosed LHM was furnished on a daily basis to local law enforcement agencies, Macomb, Illinois; USA, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield, and MI.

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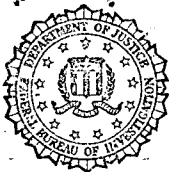
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois  
January 27, 1969

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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY AND  
ROY INNIS AT WESTERN ILLINOIS  
UNIVERSITY, MACOMB, ILLINOIS,  
JANUARY 23-26, 1969

[REDACTED]  
Western Illinois University (WIU), Macomb, Illinois, furnished  
the following information concerning this matter.

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On January 23, 1969, a conference sponsored by  
[REDACTED] WIU, and black  
students of the student organization Omega Chi began at  
1:00 PM.

Approximately 150 persons attended the afternoon  
session consisting of a welcoming address by the president  
of WIU and introduction of the officials of the conference.

After this a panel discussion by black veterans was  
held. At this panel, the black veterans discussed problems  
found by Negroes in the various branches of the service,  
including housing problems in towns located close to military  
bases and problems concerning promotions in the military.  
They also discussed problems black veterans encountered at WIU.

There were no inflammatory statements made during  
this session.

The night session on January 23, 1969, began with a  
panel discussion led by track coach Stan Wright, WIU, and by  
black athletes Lew Jackson and Ike Richardson of the WIU  
basketball team and Mike Cason and Joe Silva of the WIU track  
team. Wright led a discussion concerning the overall problems

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of Negro athletes. Silva then spoke on the problems of a black athlete at a black college. Silva had attended an all-Negro college before transferring to WIU. Cason then spoke on the problems of the black athlete in society, and Richardson on the problems encountered by black athletes at WIU. There were no inflammatory statements and this ~~statement~~ *session* was attended by approximately 225 persons.

At 8:00 PM on the night of January 23, 1969, Roy Innis, Executive Director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) was scheduled to be the speaker. However, Innis cancelled his speech due to bad weather and the Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) film "Of Black America" was shown at the time Innis was scheduled. Approximately 500 persons attended the showing of the film of which 50 were black students.

On January 24, 1969, the afternoon session of the conference began with another showing of the CBS film "Of Black America". After the film, speeches were given by black women students and poetry was read by black students. The afternoon session was attended by approximately 150 persons. This meeting was very peaceful and no inflammatory statements were made.

The night session of January 24, 1969, began with another showing of the CBS film "Of Black America" after which black students of WIU read poetry and made speeches concerning campus problems. A dance performance was then presented by black women students.

At this session Claude Brown, author of "Manchild in the Promised Land", was scheduled to begin speaking at 8:00 PM; however, Brown arrived at 9:30 PM and then spoke for over two hours.

There were approximately 550 persons present at Brown's speech, of which 20 were Negroes.

Brown began his speech with a sarcastic prayer directed to George Wallace. In his speech Brown used abusive

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and vulgar language. Brown stated he was a Black Panther Party (BPP)\* supporter and advocater of BPP tactics. He advised that in June, 1969, he intends to move from New York City to the West Coast where he then will go to work for a BPP newspaper. Brown praised Eldridge Cleaver and stated he considers Cleaver to be an outstanding person because Cleaver outwitted the police and "escaped from the police in California".

Brown stated he personally has made trips to San Francisco State College and has seen police brutally beat students. He stated these students were only seeking what is rightful and legitimate. Brown was very critical of "the establishment" and stated that Panther power must overthrow the establishment. He also stated that the police in the United States must go. Brown spoke highly of Malcolm X and that the goal of every black person should be to be like Malcolm X. He urged persons in the audience to buy all of Malcolm X's books, to read the books and recommend the books to others. There was much enthusiasm generated in the audience over the speech of Brown.

After the speech, there were no incidents and no demonstrations.

On January 25, 1969, the afternoon session began with a speech by Peter Simmons, Professor of Law of Ohio State University (OSU). Simmons spoke concerning the racial problems at OSU and was very critical of the administration and the campus police at OSU. He stated that all of the problems of a racial nature at OSU have been caused by the administration and campus police "overreacting" to the problems on the campus involving Negro students.

The remainder of the afternoon session consisted of a coffee hour, another showing of the CBS film "Of Black America" and a dance performance by black women students. Approximately 150 persons attended this session and there were no demonstrations and no inflammatory remarks made.

\*See Appendix.

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The night session on January 25, 1969, began with a speech by Lee F. Palmer, Jr., a Negro reporter for the "Chicago Daily News". Approximately 300 persons attended this session. Palmer was enthusiastically received by the audience. Palmer spoke concerning the need for black students to be very diligent in college and to study in order to develop brain power in place of black power. In his speech Palmer made favorable statements concerning some actions of Malcolm X and BPP to raise the standards of living of Negroes. However, the dominant theme of his speech was one of moderation. There were no inflammatory statements made by Palmer.

After Palmer's speech, black students presented a performance of plays and skits and dances by black women students. After this a dance was held for persons attending the conference.

On January 26, 1969, the afternoon session was attended by 14 Negroes and 23 whites. This session began with a round-table discussion of ideas concerning race relations and was followed by another showing of the film "Of Black America", repeat performances of the plays and skits and speeches by black students.

One of the skits performed by the black students was entitled "To Hell with My Country 'Tis of Thee". The skit included a skit showing an American President and his cabinet members holding a conference on new ways to harass and mistreat Negroes.

The only item on the agenda at the night session of January 23, 1969, was the speech of Dick Gregory, Negro comedian. Gregory spoke on the plight of the American Negro. He was sarcastic concerning whites' attempts to aid the Negro. Gregory claimed persons elected in the November, 1968, election were not interested in the Negro and will do nothing to aid the Negro. He also stated that the people who were defeated in November, 1968, also would have done nothing to aid the Negro.

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There were 2300 persons present at the time Gregory spoke.

There were no incidents and no demonstrations after Gregory spoke and his speech was the last item connected with the conference.

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January 23, 1969

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am enclosing an article from the Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph of a speech given at The Colorado College of this city by Mr. Dick Gregory.

This evening I listened in on a radio tape recording of the entire speech of this individual and I was absolutely shocked not only by his speech, but by his suggestions of the violent and radical changes in the government. It seems to me that his remarks throughout the speech border on treason and traitor tendencies. His one remark "America the beautiful? The American flag moves me about as much as a pair of dirty drawers" is a treasonous remark.

I presume that the FBI has already made full investigation of this individual. If not, it seems to me as a thoroughly 100% American, and Honorably Discharged veteran of World War II that a man of this character should be completely checked.

I could go on and on in this letter, but I believe that your Office is well aware of my feelings, and the feelings of millions of Americans who are disgusted with the general trend of our country. CORP

Let's get America the Beautiful back

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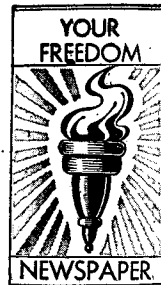
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# 'You Can Go To Hell,' Says Dick Gregory

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showstopper.

He didn't have them in the aisles because the Fire Marshall wouldn't allow that. But he had them in the "cheap seats," jerrybuilt seats get up in the auditorium's hall entrance; he had them on the stage behind him; in the wings; the balcony and in rooms scattered throughout the building where his voice was piped to them.

And for all his trouble, "The Man" got it right in the face, for Gregory ("call me black, call me nigger, but watch what you call them young blacks 'cause they might fight back") recited a litany of white evils perpetrated on blacks.

In his best, black-oriented, finger-snapping, comedic style, Gregory ripped off these gems, for — oddly enough, judging by the applause not so-sensitive white ears:

"We're tired of 400 years of insults from you white people and we don't give a damn about your attitude to our reaction. I tell you young people in the audience (hundreds of CC students) the only way that you're going to be able, baby, to change things is to beat the capitalists — the white capitalists are in charge of the country.

"Capitalists control everything and they put all the values on property rights, not human rights. Capitalists are the guys who make the guns, sell them to you and then preach against gun legislation. But they are the same cats who uphold the law requiring prescriptions for medicine.

"Man, like I'm going to shoot you with the gun, baby, but what am I gonna do with the medicine — am I going to beat you over the head with my cough medicine.

"Capitalism is bad news, baby, but like it's groovy for the spongy, stinking politicians and it's groovy for your parents who aren't interested in making anything but the fast buck.

"The problem is, us old fools refuse to tell you the truth. Moral pollution? That's what it is, but us old fools tell you it's air pollution. Hey, baby, like my parents used to tell me about Santa Claus coming down the chimney. I believed that crap until I realized that no white man was going to come down to our section of town after midnight. Groovy.

"If hippies and yuppies hadn't shown up in Chicago, them damn, rotten, stinking politicians would have had it all their way. And that groovy Mayor (Richard) Daley (of Chicago), he's talking 'bout them poor black cats looting teevee sets while he's looting and stealing votes in the back room of the convention hall.

"You young cats are the most morally dedicated young folks ever to come along. But this capitalist society — and them cats ain't qualified — are trying to tell you groovy people what to do with your lives.

"They control the papers, don't believe what you read in them papers, just read them for entertainment. Reporters should wise up to the world and hitch on to a little honesty and dignity. Man, like if you have a beard (he has one) do you have to stink? And all that involvement in Vietnam, man like (John) Kennedy got us there. If LBJ had looked like Kennedy he'd still be in office — and thank God he don't man.

"I didn't come here to impress you, I came here to inform you. This is the most insane, immoral country on the face of the earth. You got to re-examine America, baby, don't eulogize it.

"America the beautiful? The American flag moves me about as much as a pair of dirty drawers. You whites talk about freedom, man you're the biggest bunch of freedom-loving cats anywhere, yet you keep those poor Indians locked up on their reservations.

"You stupid bastards fight for the flag, the almighty flag, but what about the people under the flag? It's up to you young kids to solve problems you had nothing to do with, it was the old fools that thought it all up. But the old fools used up all the tricks and left you with none.

"Someday we gotta have a special day for blacks. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday today, we gotta have a special day for him. You white cats have closed down the country for everybody else, why not him?

"King didn't die for non-violence, he died for constitutional rights. I get upset at all this crap, he wasn't fighting for non-violence, he was fighting for the

type of dignity us blacks want.

"But King stopped after he got a victory, he didn't want revenge. The whole establishment is uptight. But nobody got uptight about the Shriners in Chicago during the convention.

"The hippies and the yuppies wanted to change things, but the Shriners just wanted to buy things, like booze, and prostitutes.

"You people just don't know do you, about this establishment they call this country. I bet you really believe the Jets (New York Jets pro football team) really beat the Baltimore Colts in last Sunday's football game. The crooked syndicate controlled that game and outcome cause they were paying off on the bets.

"But I hear New Yorkers say their faith in the stinking city was restored by that game. When a football game can decide the faith of a town, we in trouble, baby.

"Muhammed Ali goes to jail cause he's against a war, but the capitalists on Wall Street are a bunch of titty-watching degenerates who cop out for the buck and adultery. (He was referring to the celebrated secretary who set Wall Street agog with her tight sweater, mini-skirts and noon-time walks last year).

"It's the capitalists you're bucking. If you groovy kids want to go to war in Vietnam, if you're dumb enough to go, then maybe killing is good for you. You're inconsistent, you smoke the capitalist cigarettes even though you know it will cause cancer. I bet if they told you it would affect you sexually you'd throw away them coffin sticks.

"There'd be a shoot-out on the front lawn if they told your parents they were sending the family dog to Vietnam, but they let you go cheerfully. Man, like we can rally around a murderer easier in this country than we can around a draft resistor.

"Baby, you can learn, it's not too late for you. When we cats were in school, panty raids — feature, that, swiping some broad's drawers — was the thing. We were too busy learning how to make a living and didn't learn how to live.

"Colleges don't know how to educate, they indoctrinate. The corrupt bastards who run the school's administration — why they oughta have a Federal law banning them from coming within a hundred miles of a school.

"The only cat who ever dropped an atom bomb on a city wants us blacks not to be violent. Who the hell do you think you are, anyhow. You had us blacks programmed to how there's nothing but white breads in the world. The white breads are in the movies, on the television reaching out a Pepsi Cola to us. You think we gonna take the Pepsi and let you have the white bread back.

"I grew up thinking the only black chicks were Beulah and Aunt Jemima. If you think I want to make love to Beulah, man, you is a sick cat.

"We are tired of your insults. I'm just telling you to know us, to give us some reason to trust you whites. I'm not here to tell you niggers don't stink. Do your own research, baby."

# Attend Pain Parley

and Dr. O. A. Weum of the Colorado Springs Chiropractic Center, 619 N. Cascade. More than 400 chiropractors will attend the meeting.

Three doctors from the Orient who will lecture are:

Dr. Leung Kok Yuen, president of the Chinese Acupuncture Association and director of a modern clinic in the "Kowloon" (Chinese) sector of Hong Kong.

Dr. Kunzo Nagayama, instructor in anesthesiology at Osaka Medical College and director of Nagayama Pain Clinic and Kyoto Pain Laboratory in Kyoto, Japan.

Dr. Kenichiro Kon, lecturer at Nippon University and Kansai College of Acupuncture and Moxibustion, and an officer in the Kobe Chinese Medicine Association and in the Osaka, Nippon, and Hong Kong A-M Associations.

Presenting pain control developments from the western world will be the president and the director of International Pain Control Institute, Dr. Rolla J. Pennell of Kansas City, and Dr. Gordon D. Heuser of Colorado Springs.

The IPCI Congress will consist of lectures, demonstrations, and practical instruction in neurological, drugless methods of pain control developed both here and in the Orient.

**BLAST**

**LAKE CHARLES, La. (AP)** —An explosion and fire racked parts of the Continental Oil Co. refinery today.

Two units were involved in the explosion and flames enveloping them soared hundreds of feet into the air.

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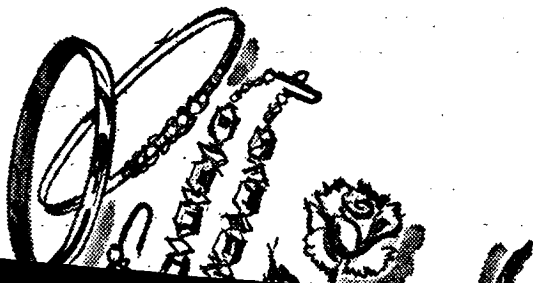
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constitute a permit. The officials can work out the mechanics of our proposed activities, but the right to demonstrate is guaranteed by the Constitution. That question is not negotiable."

The SDS is characteristically equally defiant. It is circulating a seven-page leaflet containing a map of downtown Washington noting the location of official inaugural centers and routes and detailing plans for counter action, as follows:

"A militant program at the inauguration is crucial in order to demonstrate solidarity with the National Liberation Front (Viet Cong) and the North Vietnamese army. The action at the inauguration must show the presence of an able and determined movement."

or immediately available should they be necessary.

## Assault Charge Is Dismissed

A charge of assault with a deadly weapon against Donald M. Moss was dismissed in district court Tuesday as the complaining witness no longer wished to prosecute.

Moss, 28, Ft. Carson, was accused of stabbing Thomas Elder, 25, Ft. Carson, in the neck with a bowie knife Jan. 1.

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# 'You Can Go Straight to Hell,' Gregory Says

By RAY BROUSSARD  
Gazette Telegraph Staff Writer

Activist Dick Gregory, a bundle of black power in a blue jump suit, told The Man where to go Wednesday night.

"You can go straight to hell, you bunch of titty-watching degenerates, you capitalist cats, you corrupt bastards — unless you can convince blacks, Mexi-

cans, Indians, Puerto Ricans that you deserve to be trusted."

Hip, harranguing and hard, that was Gregory. His two-hour hymn was a chant of resistance — to parents, the military draft and the establishment. And the country. "The American flag moves me about as much as a pair of dirty drawers."

"Capitalism is bad news, baby."

Roundhouse applause, repeated over and over, said he was good news. And the sight of reportedly 1,500 people shoe-horned into 800-capacity Arm-

strong Auditorium seemed to convert him into "black is beautiful" before the long evening was done.

Gregory's "Violence and the Civil Right Movement" was the Abbott Memorial Lecture for Colorado College's "Violence" symposium.

Gregory — ranting against 400 years of black slavery, white capitalistic society brutalizing human beings, politicians, "white broads," — Gregory fortissimo, Gregory profundo — he was the whole hip, supercool, uptight show.

'The Man' — black jargon for white society — on hand loved him.

They gave him the black power salute (arm, fist outstretched).

In short, the onetime quarter mile track star at Southern Illinois State College, author of "Nigger," mainstay of San Francisco's "hungry i" bistro, recent "Peace and Freedom" party candidate for president — he had them everywhere but in the aisles as a symposium (Turn to Page 6A, Column 7)

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January 29, 1969

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Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Dear [redacted]

I have received your letter of January 23rd, with enclosures, and understand the concern which prompted you to write.

Regarding your inquiry concerning Dick Gregory, the FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and, as such, does not determine whether prosecutive action will be undertaken in any situation. Such decisions concerning violations of Federal law are within the province of the Department of Justice which has been furnished voluminous data regarding Gregory.

I want to assure you that this Bureau is aware of its responsibilities with respect to the internal security of our country. We will continue to make every effort to carry out our duties with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record for correspondent. Gregory has made numerous vicious attacks against the Director and the Bureau, and there are indications he is demented and mentally unbalanced. He has supported the Black Muslims and injected himself into the Negro movements as well as associating with individuals and espoused causes that are closely associated with the communist movement. Correspondent's enclosure is a newspaper clipping from the Colorado Springs, Colorado, "Gazette Telegraph" concerning Gregory's speech there on 1-15-69. Gregory is on the Agitators Index.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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The 1/16/69 issue of the "Gazette Telegraph," Colorado Springs, Colorado, contained an article by Ray Broussard concerning a speech by Gregory at Colorado College on 1/15/69. If not previously handled, contact appropriate sources in order to develop full details regarding Gregory's appearance and speech at Colorado College. Furnish results to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

In the event you are able to obtain a verbatim transcript or a tape recording of his speech, a copy of same should be furnished to the Bureau.

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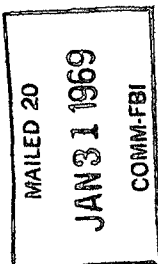
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NOTE:

Gregory is included in the Agitator Index. The newspaper article referred to herein reveals his speech was extremely antiwhite and antiestablishment.

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TWENTYFOUR LAST AFTER NOON SESSION OF CAPTIONED MEETING CONSISTING  
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ONE HUNDRED FIFTY PERSONS VERY PEACEFUL, NO INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS.  
NIGHT SHOWING OF FILM PEACEFUL. CLAUDE BROWN ARRIVED ONE AND ONE  
HALF HOURS LATE, BEGAN SPEECH NINE THIRTY P.M. LASTED OVER TWO  
HOURS. FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY PEOPLE PRESENT. BROWN USED ABUSIVE  
AND VULGAR LANGUAGE. STATED HE WAS BPP ADVOCATE, INTENDS TO GO TO  
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FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CG)

[redacted] advised on 2/10/69, that the subject is scheduled to be in Cincinnati on 2/14/69, performing at a supper club called the "Living Room." (U)

[redacted] Cincinnati Action For Peace (CAP), told the informant that a group from CAP planned to attend a speech by RON KARENGA at the University of Cincinnati on 2/14/69, and then go support GREGORY at the "Living Room." She did not indicate what she meant by "support." (U)

The informant will attend this affair, and Cincinnati will report any pertinent information developed re activities of GREGORY while he is in Cincinnati. INFO Re Karenga will be furnished under another caption. (U)

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(Priority)TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-2254) -P-

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory,  
Speaker,  
Mary Washington College,  
Fredericksburg, Va.,  
2/11/69  
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(OO: CG)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven (11)  
copies of LHM referring to captioned matter. *u*

It is noted that the local PD and VSP have been  
advised. Intelligence Agencies also advised. *u*

LEAD:RICHMOND AT FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Will maintain contact with   Mary  
Washington College, re outcome of captioned program, who is  
source referred to in LHM. *u*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Richmond, Virginia

February 10, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
SPEAKER,  
MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE,  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA,  
FEBRUARY 11, 1969

On February 5, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory will be a speaker at the Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Virginia. Gregory will speak on February 11, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. in the George Washington Auditorium. *u*

According to the source, Gregory is being sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee, whose Chairwoman is  *u*

Reportedly, Gregory's topic will be "humorous, serious and modern because he is involved in everything at the moment". *u*

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, Indianapolis

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

(157-1032)

☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

Dick Gregory;

St. Benedict College, Ferdinand, Indiana

2/4/69 OO: Chicago

☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

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## ACTION: UACB:

- (3) - Bureau (Enc. 11) ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
 (RM) ☐ LHM being submitted  
 2 - Chicago (157-347) ☒ Report being submitted  
 (Enc. 2) ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
 1 - Indianapolis ☐ Limited investigation instituted

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AGENCY: ACSI, INC. SEC. SERV.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Indianapolis, Indiana

February 7, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-1032

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 5, 1969, Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] Jasper, Indiana, advised that Dick Gregory ap-  
peared before approximately 1,000 to 1,200 people of which a-  
bout 50 were Negroes at the Ferdinand High School gymnasium,  
on February 4, 1969. His appearance was sponsored by the  
Cultural Appearance Committee of the St. Benedict College,  
Ferdinand, Indiana. u

Gregory talked basically to the young people and  
told them that there is no generation gap in America but a  
morality gap. He said that air pollution is not the number one  
problem but rather the main problem is moral pollution. He  
stated that the basic illness in the country is that property  
rights are considered more important than human rights and that  
capitalism must be behind the constitution instead of in front  
of it. He accused the United States of being the most morally  
polluted country on the globe and stated that South Africa,  
Cuba, and Red China don't pretend to be what they aren't. u

Gregory advocated lowering the voting age stating  
that if a man is old enough to fight for his country, he is  
old enough to vote. u

Gregory said the blacks in the United States are  
tired of insults and now they are reacting to them. He said  
they did not want civil rights but wanted human rights. u

Gregory spent the night at Jasper, Indiana, and left  
the following morning from Dress Memorial Airport, Evansville,  
Indiana. u

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conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is  
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**AIRTEL**

**AIRMAIL**

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To: Director, FBI

**ATTENTION:**

☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

From: SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (P) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

**DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.**

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
(OO: CHICAGO)

☐ CR    ☐ EL    ☐ VRA-65    ☐ CRA-64

☐ PA    ☐ PE    ☐ PF

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**Summary of Complaint:**

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies of LHM relating to subject's anticipated appearance in St. Petersburg, Fla., on February 24, 1969. Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376. 11

Two copies of LHM are being forwarded CG who is OO in instant case. /

Copies of LHM are being furnished USA, Tampa, NISO, Charleston, S. C., MI, Tampa, US Secret Service, Tampa, and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga. *W*

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5 - Tampa (2-157-3163) (1-80-139) (1-157-3383) (1-157-1489 Sub 6)

ACTION: UACB: WBG:jt (29)

☐ No further action being taken and

☒ LHM enclosure ☒ Copy furnished to USA , Tampa

☐ LHM being such as to

☐ Report being submitted

☐ Preliminary investigation instituted

☐ Limited investigation instituted

AGENCY: ACSI, INC., SEC. SERV.  
 DEPT: ICD, C-1010  
 FROM: P-12  
 DATE: 7/14/49  
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TP 157-3163

LEADS:

CHICAGO DIVISION

AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will furnish TP Division any information in its possession which would be of significance and/or assistance to TP in view of GREGORY's appearance here. *u*

TAMPA DIVISION

AT ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

Will follow subject's scheduled appearance in that city and report information relating to that appearance. *u*



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
February 10 1969

Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
February 10 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The January 14, 1969, edition of the "St. Petersburg Times", a daily St. Petersburg, Florida, newspaper, contained an article indicating that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY is scheduled to speak on February 24, 1969, at the Coliseum, 535 4th Avenue North, St. Petersburg, Florida. According to the article, appearance is under sponsorship of the Greater St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations. *u*

The January 24, 1969, edition of the "St. Petersburg Times", contained an article entitled, "GREGORY Quips Hit All Targets". The article indicated that just prior to January 24, 1969, GREGORY had delivered a speech at Westcott Auditorium at the Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida. GREGORY was quoted as having said, "This is the most morally degenerate, insane nation on the face of the earth". He was further quoted as having said, "I don't preach non-violence; I live it, I have the right to bear arms; I also have the right not to bear arms. To those of you who say be non-violent, we say, 'Go to hell.' Until you disrupt and raise hell, nobody gives a damn. Look at the Indian, the epitome of non-violence." *u*

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Date: 2/12/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (RM)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau, 1/24/69. *u*Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM in captioned matter, copies of which are being disseminated locally to military intelligence and Secret Service. *u*Two copies of LHM also enclosed for Chicago for information. *u*Investigation at Durham, N. C., conducted by SA CHARLES S. MILLER. *u*For the information of OO, a tape of GREGORY's speech was obtained. *u*

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(9)AGENCY: ACSI, ~~NIS~~, ~~OSI~~, SEC. SERV.,  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
February 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated January 24, 1969. *u*

On February 11, 1969, [redacted]  
[redacted] Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, advised  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY's arrival at Duke University on  
February 10, 1969, was delayed because of inclement weather;  
however, he did arrive at Durham, North Carolina, about 5:40 p.m.,  
on February 10, 1969. He was scheduled to attend a dinner  
at the residence of Duke University [redacted]  
at the University House, along with approximately eight  
representatives of the Afro-American Society of Duke University.  
Instead, approximately 75 black students paid a visit to  
the home of [redacted] and presented him with a list of  
approximately nine demands as follows: *u*

- (1) Not to be appeased by tidbits handed out by  
the Administration *u*
- (2) Immediate establishment of a black students program *u*
- (3) A black dormitory *u*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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- (4) The black population at Duke University to be increased to 29 per cent by 1973 u
- (5) Reinstatement of black students who in the past had failed to meet academic standards u
- (6) Financial reassurance for black students u
- (7) A black advisor selected by the Afro-Americans u
- (8) A summer program for entering black freshmen u
- (9) A say in everything involving black students u

After a brief discussion of the demands, the group departed peacefully. u

Thereafter, at 8:15 p.m., GREGORY addressed approximately 3,500 to 4,000 persons in the Duke indoor stadium. GREGORY said the country suffered from "A moral gap" rather than "A generation gap". He described the country as the most morally polluted in the world, and he said it would be up to the younger generation, which he described as the most moral, to cure "The old broad of her cancer". He likened LYNDON B. JOHNSON to the number one tyrant since JULIUS CAESAR and suggested it made no difference which of the two major candidates had won the election saying "one stinking, slimy politician is just like another". u

GREGORY said that the sad thing about America was that of all the countries she was the only one that lied about what she was and that preached one thing and practiced another. u

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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He advised the audience to beat the capitalists back, because they put property rights over human rights. "When we march we got nothing but when the Niggers started burning down capitalists' property, we started getting someplace". He told the audience the number one point of order was to change all colleges and universities to educate rather than to indoctrinate. He closed with a plea for "trust" between all groups that make up America. U

GREGORY spent the night at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Durham, North Carolina, and then during the morning of February 11, 1969, he had coffee and then lunch with members of the Afro-American Society before departing from Durham, North Carolina, approximately 1:15 p.m., by United Flight Number 853, en route to Washington, D. C., with ultimate destination as Chicago, Illinois. U



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Date: 2/12/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, RICHMOND (157-2254) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka,  
Speaker, Mary Washington College,  
Fredericksburg, Va., 2/11/69  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

ReRHairtel to Bureau 2/10/69. *u*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies  
of LHM reflecting information concerning DICK GREGORY's speech  
at Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., on 2/11/69.  
Also enclosed are 2 copies of FD-376. *11*

Confidential source [redacted]

[redacted] referred to in enclosed LHM, was  
contacted 2/12/69 in absence of Chief of Police M. D. HAYNES,  
Fredericksburg PD *u*

Copies being disseminated to U. S. Secret Service,  
109th MIG, both Richmond, and USNISO, Norfolk, Va. *u*

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~SEC. SERV.~~, SEC. SERV.  
DEPT: ISD, ~~ONE~~ *IDZu*

HOW FORW: *RIS*  
DATE FORW: *2/18/69*  
BY: *BAF/ma*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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U. S. Secret Service, Richmond, Virginia

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Richmond, Virginia  
February 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
SPEAKER  
MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE,  
FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA,  
FEBRUARY 11, 1969

Reference is made to memorandum dated February 10, 1969, at Richmond, Virginia, in this matter. *u*

On February 12, 1969, a confidential source of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke as scheduled at Mary Washington College, George Washington Auditorium, Fredericksburg, Virginia, on the evening of February 11, 1969, from 8 to 9:30 P. M. *u*

Gregory spoke of current, general racial problems and appeared to the confidential source as making excuses for the minority groups. The speech was given in a humorous vein. *u*

The speech was attended by approximately 1600 students, of which about three-fourths left after the speech was over. Thereafter, Gregory held a question-and-answer period which lasted from about 9:30 to 11 P. M. *u*

There were no incidents. *u*

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Date: 2/12/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Kansas City radiogram to Chicago, 2/3/69 (IO),  
and Chicago radiogram to Kansas City, 2/3/69, (IO). u

On 2/5/69, GREGORY addressed about 700 students at Southwest Missouri State College (SMS), Springfield, Mo. The talk, sponsored by the Student Union Board, lasted about two hours and a 45 minute question and answer period followed. An established source [redacted] SMS, made available the original tape which is being transcribed as the stenographic situation permits. The talk was one in a series entitled, "Kaleidoscope-Patterns In A Changing World". Other speakers to be heard in the series include Senator STROM THURMOND, March 31; WILLIAM RUSHER, April 16, and JULIAN BOND, May 7. u

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The source gave the following resume of the talk: u

One of the biggest jobs ahead of you young people is not to destroy the capitalistic system - you've got work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful place behind the Constitution, not in front of it. As long as capitalists stand in front of the Constitution, it is property rights that are being emphasized-not human rights. If democracy is as good as we tell you it is, why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down other people's throats. If anything is good, you don't have to force it on people-they'll steal it from you. u

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He said he spends 90 percent of his time on college campuses and will be speaking at some 300 educational institutions within the next ten months. He believes the young people of today are the most moral, dedicated, committed people in the history of our country. He called "LBJ" the No. 1 tyrant since Julius Ceasar. He hoped the young people would bring on the scene some statesmen, not politicians, and then we will see a tremendous change in this country. It is a sad situation because you young people must solve the problems that you had nothing to do with creating. u

He called moral pollution America's No. 1 problem. He called the students to change the so-called educational systems and make them live up to their name. He said they were too damn busy to educate, they're so busy indoctrinating. The problem many times lies with the board of directors of the school not the administration. The board doesn't know anything about education and nothing about the kids. u

He urged the students to carry a copy of the Declaration of Independence with them and the next time there is a riot and it is shown on television, invite your parents in and watch it. Turn the sound off and read the Declaration of Independence, the part saying that when their rights have been denied for long periods of time, it is their duty to destroy and abolish that government. He called himself a slave to non-violence. He doesn't preach it, he lives it. u

He and his wife have pledged to eat only three days a week during 1969, and to spend the next four years trying to solve the hunger problems in America. He invited the students to do likewise. u

The talk was fairly well received and his remarks were often interspersed with applause. u

A report suitable for dissemination is being prepared. u

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Date: 2/12/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
VISIT TO A & T STATE UNIVERSITY,  
GREENSBORO, N. C., 2/13/69  
RACIAL MATTERS

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning proposed visit of GREGORY, copies of which are being disseminated to Military Intelligence, Secret Service, and one copy for Chicago, office of origin. u

Investigation at Greensboro, N. C., conducted by  
SA  u

SAC JOHN GRIMES, Secret Service, Charlotte, N. C., and  Military Intelligence, were advised on 2/12/69, by SA THOMAS H. GEORGE. u

LEAD:AGENCY: ACSI, ~~SEC. SERV.~~, SEC. SERV.,DEPT: ISD, ~~SEC. SERV.~~ ISDHOW FORW: R/SDATE FORW: 2/17/69BY: RaF/mcCHARLOTTE:AT GREENSBORO, N. C.

Will follow visit and have appropriate informant coverage of GREGORY's speech. u

The Bureau will be kept advised. u

- 3 - Bureau (Encl-11) ENCLOSURE  
1 - Chicago (Encl-1) (RM)  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

February 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
VISIT TO A & T STATE UNIVERSITY,  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,  
FEBRUARY 13, 1969  
RACIAL MATTERS

The Greensboro Daily News, February 12, 1969,  
contained an article stating that DICK GREGORY would give  
a lecture in Moore Gymnasium, A & T State University, at  
8:00 P. M. on February 13, 1969. *u*

A lecture was being sponsored by the A & T Student  
Union Advisory, according to the article. *u*

On February 12, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted]  
Greensboro, North Carolina, Police Department, [redacted]  
[redacted] advised he was aware of the visit by GREGORY and  
appropriate precautions were being taken by the Greensboro,  
North Carolina, Police Department. *u*

Military Intelligence and Secret Service have been  
advised. *u*

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To: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
From: SAC, DENVER (100-9440) (RUC)  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: Chicago)

ReBuairtel to Denver dated 1/31/69. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM concerning  
subject's talk at the Symposium on Violence sponsored by and held  
at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1/13-18/69. *u*

Two copies of LHM are enclosed for Chicago. *u*

T-1, utilized in LHM, is identified as 113th M.I.  
Group, Denver, Colorado. *u*

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During the period January 13-18, 1969, a  
"Symposium on Violence" was sponsored by and held  
at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado. *u*

DN T-1, another Government agency which  
conducts intelligence investigations, advised that  
on Wednesday, January 15, 1969, from 8:15 to 10:30 P.M.,  
Dick Gregory, Peace and Freedom Party candidate for  
President in 1968, delivered a speech concerning in-  
justices endured by minority Americans. His basic  
theme concerned the injustices the American Indian,  
the Mexican-American, the Puerto-Rican and the Black  
American have all suffered throughout American history.  
The time has come for these injustices to be eradicated  
for the benefit and survival of this country. With-  
out their eradication, this country will suffer more  
burning and social upheaval. What is needed is trust  
between the white and black communities. The blacks  
will not accept handouts because they do not need  
handouts. They demand trust and constitutional  
rights. In discussing these points, Gregory made use  
of many different examples and personal experiences.  
He was particularly bitter about the fact that  
foreigners are treated better than blacks and Indians. *u*

He believed the present American youth  
was the most morally committed in this country's  
history. "American youth is now doing the job that  
past generations had failed or refused to do. The  
moral dedication of youth stopped President Johnson.  
The actions of the youth at the Chicago Convention  
prevented Humphrey from being elected." He expressed  
the view that, "This country is now the most inane,  
degenerate nation on the face of the earth; it must  
now be made the moral country it should be. The  
major problem facing this country is 'moral pollution.'  
This cancer must be stopped so America will survive." *u*

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Throughout his speech, he rejected hatred or revenge as a motive or goal. What he demanded was what he felt to be legitimate rights guaranteed under the Constitution. He deplored Lincoln Rockwell's, Martin Luther King's and all other political assassinations. He claimed to follow the doctrine of non-violence although he could not in good conscience advocate it for others. He attacked the American hypocrisy of demanding the Negro to be non-violent, while the Government was engaged in wars in other countries. He demanded new morality not based on superficial conformity or race. "It is not necessary to destroy the capitalist system, but the capitalists who now control the country must act under the Constitution. The emphasis must be changed from property rights to human rights. Racism in society is based on the structure of the society, and the structure of our society must be changed if it is to survive. u

"The black men in his militant activities is only following the revolutionary traditions of American history. The Declaration of Independence, the work of Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson, and the Boston Tea Party all justify the actions of the black man in fighting for rights. u

"The capitalists blocked strict gun legislation because it might have cost them money. There is something wrong when it is easier to get a gun than it is to get medicine. At 18 years of age, a person is old enough to fight and die, but he is not old enough to vote for the policies or the people who make the policies that send him to war. We find it easier in this country to rally behind the murderer than to sympathize with the draft protester. If democracy is as good as we say it is, why do we have to run all over the world shoving it down everybody's throat. Schools in this country do not educate, they indoctrinate. With all the violence and power of the establishment, they have the nerve to say to the black man, 'Be non-violent.' Progress will be made as soon as this country is as concerned with domestic injustices as it is with communism abroad." u

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Informant advised he could not furnish any further information re this car such as make and license number as they left in such a big hurry. He stated he could not run to the window as he was with a group of members of the organization, CAP. He noted that both of these men are local militants and he will attempt to identify them. ~~C~~ (U)

Identification of these men will be sent Chicago upon receipt from the informant. Cincinnati will open cases on them if they are not known to this office. Cincinnati taking no further action re GREGORY at this time. ~~C~~ (U)



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Cincinnati, Ohio  
February 18, 1969

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DATE OF REVIEW 2-18-84

1-16-80

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

A Confidential Source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised a Special Agent of the FBI on February 10, 1969 that Gregory was scheduled to be in Cincinnati on February 14, 1969 and February 15, 1969 performing at the Living Room Supper Club, Metropole Hotel, 609 Walnut Street. ~~X~~ (U)

This source stated   of an organization called Cincinnati Action for Peace (CAP) told him that a group of CAP members planned to attend the February 14, 1969 performance of Gregory to support him. ~~X~~ (U)

This source described CAP as an organization dedicated to protesting the U. S. involvement in Vietnam and the U. S. Selective Service System. ~~X~~ (U)

This source advised on February 15, 1969 that he attended the performance of Gregory on February 14, 1969, talked with him, and determined that Gregory was residing at the Stouffer Inn, Fifth and Elm Streets, Cincinnati. Gregory indicated he was scheduled to go to Washington, D.C. after he left Cincinnati on February 16, 1969. ~~X~~ (U)

This source noted that Gregory had apparently toned down his jokes and commentary so as not to offend the white patrons. His jokes favored draft resisters and persons taking over control of schools but he did not talk violently concerning Black Power. u

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-48195)(P)

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Re WFO tel, 2/16/69. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies and two each for Chicago and Cincinnati of an LHM dated and captioned as above. U

Copies of attached LHM are being furnished to Chicago and Cincinnati in view of their interest in DICK GREGORY. U

The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect sources of continuing value whose identity might otherwise be compromised and because it indicates FBI interest in a political party, i.e., The New Party. U

The sources referred to in attached LHM are

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WFO continuing to follow activities in The New Party. U

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Washington, D.C. 20535

February 20, 1969

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THE NEW PARTY

On February 10, 1969, confidential sources who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on this date, Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and co-chairman of The New Party, spoke to approximately 1,000 individuals at Leonard Gymnasium, American University (AU), Washington, D.C. (WDC), at the invitation of the Secretary Political Union, a legislative organization of the student association at AU. The speech commenced at two p.m. and ended at approximately 5:45 p.m. u

The New Party has been publicly described as a group building an "Asian government" in Asia to further "the politics of participation." u

According to the sources, Gregory's speech appeared to focus on two separate areas. At first, he appeared to appeal for support for The New Party and distributed literature, the program booklet, and members for The New Party. He was concerned about the tremendous power in youth and emphasized the duties of youth to change the "system" and was very subtle in seeking to advocate violent approaches in changing the system. He remarked that everyone was upset with the late President John F. Kennedy, the late Senator Robert Kennedy, and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. were murdered but added that they seem to place little value on the lives of individuals of lesser stature. He said that all Americans should be upset to anyone who is assassinated. Throughout his speech, he would occasionally comment to his audience that "you have a lot to be ahead of you." u

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Gregory remarked that the politicians of America should be replaced by statesmen and that the youth of America should find the cancer in society and cut it out. He said that if an individual can be killed fighting for his country at the age of 16, then he should be able to vote at the age of 17 and advised that the youth of America should tell the record companies that they will be boycotted for two years unless they utilize their lobbying power in Congress to lower the voting age to 17. He said in America more importance is placed on a draft card than on a Social Security card. Gregory continued that America is controlled by capitalists and is a country where the use of napalm on people is okay while at the same time people in California are rescuing ducks covered with oil which reflects the standard of human values in America. Gregory commented that he was glad that the situation in Chicago occurred because it kept Hubert Humphrey from becoming President of the United States. u

According to the sources, the latter part of Gregory's speech seemed to emphasize his theme of racism in this country and Gregory stated that "we're tired of all these insults." At this point, Gregory consistently spoke of violence throughout the remainder of his speech. He mentioned the plight of the Indians and remarked if they would commit more acts of violence, perhaps they would receive more public attention. He remarked that his father was killed by the Germans during World War II but that some years later the same German immigrants can enjoy privileges which he can not enjoy and said that we live in a country that treats its enemies better than its citizens. He remarked that a country like this should be burned to the ground. Gregory justified looting by comparing it to the Boston Tea Party and seemed to justify people arming themselves against the police by reminding the audience of Paul Revere's ride when he told the people to arm themselves against the British, whom he described as the "cops." He told the audience that u

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THE NEW PARTY

the next time they are observing looting and rioting on television, they should read the Declaration of Independence aloud. Gregory went on to remark that the black power of America are merely reacting to American insults and that home rule for WDC is the only solution for local problems. U

According to the sources, no incidents occurred during Gregory's speech. U

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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, NEWARK AND WFO

FROM TAMPA (157-3163) 2P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; RM - BN; OO CHICAGO.

SUBJECT SPOKE COLISEUM, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA., EVENING  
FEB. TWENTYFOUR, LAST, BEFORE AUDIENCE OF ESTIMATED ONE  
THOUSAND, WITHOUT INCIDENT. STATED HIS APPEAL ON  
CONVICTION DENIED AND WOULD HAVE TO BEGIN SENTENCE FEB.  
TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT. SUBJECT AND WIFE DEPARTED TAMPA, FLA.,  
VIA NATIONAL AIRLINES FLIGHT FOUR ONE EIGHT, EIGHT FIFTEEN  
A.M., FEB. TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT, TO ARRIVE NEWARK, N.J.,  
TEN THIRTY A.M., FEB. TWENTYFIVE, INSTANT. PURPOSE OF  
TRAVEL NEWARK UNKNOWN. u

WHILE AT TAMPA, SUBJECT DISTRIBUTED BROCHURE INDICATING  
MARCH FOUR, NEXT, HE WOULD HOLD INAUGURATION OF HIMSELF AS  
PRESIDENT IN EXILE OF THE U.S., AT THE MORGAN COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, ONE SEVEN THREE THREE CALIFORNIA ST.,  
NW, WASHINGTON, D.C., ELEVEN FORTYFIVE A.M., FOLLOWED u

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AND ATTORNEY GENERAL. DATE 2-26-69

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WITH TOWN MEETING ONE THIRTY TO FIVE THIRTY P.M., MARCH FOUR  
AT A.M.E. CHURCH, FIFTEENTH AND M STREETS, N.W., WASHINGTON,  
D.C., WITH OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE TO BE DR. BENJAMIN SPOCK,  
RENE DAVIS, MARCUS RASKIN, WALTER FAUNTROY, CHRISTOPHER  
JENCKS, DICK BARNETT, ARTHUR WASKOW, CHUCK STONE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] JULIUS HOBSON, JESSE JACKSON, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND DR. JAMES DIXON. INAUGURATION BALL TO BE  
HELD EVENING MARCH FOUR, NEXT, WITH BALL SPONSORED BY THE  
NEW PARTY, ONE ZERO TWO NINE VERMONT AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON  
D.C., TELEPHONE NUMBER THREE FOUR SEVEN - NINE SIX ZERO *u*  
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TO: Director, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2722) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RACIAL MATTERS

ReBulet to BA, 9/19/68 *u*

Enclosed are 11 copies of a LHM pertaining to a speech made by captioned subject at the Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland on February 12, 1969. Copies of this LHM are being disseminated locally to 109th MI GP, (4), NISO, OSI, Secret Service and USA, Baltimore. *u*

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Baltimore, Maryland 21202

February 26, 1969

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

[REDACTED] Middletown High  
School, Middletown, Maryland, furnished the following  
information: u

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He attended a scheduled debate between RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Negro comedian and ANDREW HATCHER, a moderate Negro leader, sponsored by the Western Maryland College Student Government, held at Wilson Hall, Western Maryland College, Westminster, Maryland, on February 12, 1969 in the morning. However, because of inclement weather, HATCHER did not arrive on time and instead of a debate, each speaker gave individual presentations. u

GREGORY said that the young people of America, working together during the past spring and summer, convinced the most powerful man in the world today, the president of the U.S., that he could not be re-elected and showed in Chicago, during the Democratic Convention that they could also influence the outcome of a national election. He said that it was not merely the fact that "hippies and Yippies" demonstrated in Chicago, but the "reason" that they did it that influenced the outcome of the national election. He added that it did not matter, though, what "slimey, stinking politician" won the election, and it is necessary to replace the politicians with "statesmen". He exhorted the young people to work to end discrimination of any type and not to talk about "non-violence" until the American Indians are freed from the reservations. u

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GREGORY compared the reaction of the parents of a draft resistor who had talked to him, to the reaction they would have had if he had used dynamite to blow up a dormitory and kill many people. Their reaction to his draft resistance is to have nothing further to do with him whereas if he had committed some crime like dynamiting a dormitory, they would come to his aid with all of their resources. He stated that he wished that he was young enough to have been drafted. If he was, he would have gone to Washington, D.C. and handcuffed himself to DEAN RUSK's son and said "Whatever is wrong with RUSK's son is what's wrong with me". u

According to GREGORY, the white people landed at Plymouth Rock and shot and murdered their way across the country and a "white boy" by the name of PAUL REVERE rode through the white communities and told the people to get their guns because the police were coming. u

He commented on the fair housing bills which are necessary to allow blacks to live in any community they want to, stating that STALIN's daughter, an admitted communist, and Russian exchange students who don't want to be citizens of the U.S. have no trouble living wherever they want to while U.S. citizens who are black cannot do so. u

Approximately 1,200 people attended the presentation and two to three hundred were refused entrance because the hall was filled to capacity. Some news media appeared to be taping the proceedings and there were some few "hippie" types and about eight to ten black persons who were wearing their hair in the "Afro" style. The vast majority, however, were college students and faculty and there were no incidents or arrests. u

GREGORY made no inflammatory statements, in  opinion. u

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☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
 Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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## Summary of Complaint:

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 10 copies of an LHM relating information concerning GREGORY's appearance in St. Petersburg, Florida on 2/24/69. There

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- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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AGENCY: ACIS, HWC, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
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are enclosed 2 copies for Newark since, as indicated in the enclosed LHM, GREGORY departed Tampa, Fla. on 2/25/69 en route to Newark. Two copies are being disseminated for WFO since the subject distributed a brochure indicating activity on his part in Washington, D.C. on 3/4/69. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of FD-376. *u*

The enclosed LHM is being disseminated locally to USA, MI, and Secret Service, Tampa, Fla.; as well as NISO, Charleston, S.C. and OSI, Robins AFB, Ga. *u*

Since GREGORY has departed the Tampa Division there is no additional inquiry by this division necessary and so Tampa is conducting no further investigation in the matter. *u*

It should be pointed out that [redacted] Pinellas County SO, [redacted] has indicated to the Tampa Division the intentions of the SO to tape the contents of GREGORY's speech on 2/24/69. Should Chicago or the Bureau have any use for such a tape, Tampa will secure a copy of it from the SO. *u*

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

February 27, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

**Re: Richard Claxton Gregory**

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
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File No.

Tampa, Florida  
February 27, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference is made to Tampa memorandum dated February 10, 1969 and captioned as above. *u*

Referenced memorandum pointed out that the January 14, 1969 edition of the "St. Petersburg Times," a daily St. Petersburg, Florida newspaper, indicated that Richard Claxton Gregory was scheduled to speak on February 24, 1969 at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg and that the speech was to be delivered under the auspices of the Greater St. Petersburg Council on Human Relations. *u*

On February 24, 1969 [redacted] Military Intelligence, Tampa, Florida, informed that Richard Claxton Gregory, who was accompanied by his wife and [redacted] arrived at the Tampa International Airport, Tampa, Florida, via Eastern Airlines at 5:37 p.m. February 24, 1969. According to [redacted] Gregory was met at the airport by [redacted] at Florida Presbyterian College, St. Petersburg, Fla. There was another unidentified individual with [redacted] when the latter met Gregory. *u*

[redacted] continued by saying that Gregory and his wife, as well as [redacted] registered at the Tampa Airport Motel, shortly after their arrival at the airport. *u*

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[ ] furnished a brochure entitled, "You Are Cordially Invited To The Inauguration Of Dick Gregory As President-In-Exile Of The United States." He pointed out that Gregory distributed copies of this brochure upon his arrival at the airport. The brochure is as follows: u

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

TO THE INAUGURATION

OF

DICK GREGORY

AS PRESIDENT-IN-EXILE

OF THE UNITED STATES

WHEN- 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, March 4th

WHERE- The Morgan Community School Auditorium  
1733 California Street, N.W.  
(18th and Florida Ave.)

YOU ARE ALSO INVITED TO THE INAUGURAL BALL

At 8:p.m., March 4th. Site to be announced.

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In conjunction with Mr. Gregory's Inauguration and Ball The New Party will hold a Town Meeting patterned on the town meetings of early American history:

at THE A.M.E. CHURCH

15th & M Streets, N.W.

1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 4

The Town Meeting will consist of workshops and discussions on the problems of Washington, D.C., and the nation.

Among those invited to lead the discussions are the following:  
Marcus Raskin, Dick Gregory, Walter Fauntroy, Christopher Jencks,  
Rene Davis, Dick Barnett, Arthur Waskow, Chuck Stone, John Sessions,  
Julius Hobson, Jesse Jackson, Warren Morse, Walter Washington, Dr.  
Benjamin Spock and Dr. James Dixon. u

FOR INFORMATION ON THE GREGORY INAUGURATION & BALL  
& ON THE NEW PARTY TOWN MEETING CALL 347-9600 or  
WRITE TO:

THE NEW PARTY  
1929 Vermont Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Mr. Gregory campaigned for approximately a year as an independent write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States. He was also on the ballot in several states as a candidate of the Peace & Freedom Party and the New Party.

During his campaign he had a book published by Bantam Books titled Write Me In, which clearly spells out his personal and political philosophy and details his reasons for calling for a president-in-exile, a new political party, and the opening of the Black House, which will serve as a focal point for political dissent, and the advancement of creative political alternatives.

"The two-party system in America has made a mockery of democracy by denying people any real choice in determining the candidates who will represent them. Candidates are selected through the power plays of the party machine and such political activities produce candidates who will best represent the interests of the political party rather than the common good of all the people...The essence of true democracy is not only the right to vote, but also the right to select your own candidate. To be forced to select between party dominated choices is to have no REAL choice at all.

"The creation of a third party, a party based on the magnificent dream of peace and freedom, exposes the shallow aspirations of the two party system. Such a party offers a public forum for the expression of moral concern and provides a means of organizing those whose dream of democracy will not submit to or be stifled by current political realities.

"Whatever the outcome of the vote in November, the waging of the battle is victory in itself. If I should happen to fail to receive the majority of that vote, I will still be the commander-in-chief of an independent voting army and will declare myself their President-in-Exile. That army will continue to wage war for justice and dignity among men for years to come.

"Whenever the occupant of the White House fails to respond to the just demands of human need, the independent army will bring their concerns to the Black House to their President-in-Exile...Ours will be an active exile, a functioning government and a marching army."

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(Gregory, Write Me In, Bantam Books)

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also furnished a sheet of paper containing the photograph and letterhead of Dick Gregory (President of the United States in Exile) 1451 East 55th St., Chicago, Illinois, and the brochure is as follows: u

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dick gregory (PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN EXILE) 1451 east 55th st. - chicago, illinois



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[ ] also made available a copy of a brochure entitled, "Annual Brotherhood Week Observance," and it is as follows: *u*

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# ANNUAL BROTHERHOOD WEEK OBSERVANCE

SPONSORED BY

THE GREATER ST. PETERSBURG COUNCIL ON HUMAN RELATIONS

**Monday, February 24, 1969, 7:30 p. m.**

AT

THE COLISEUM — 535 - 4th AVE. NORTH

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As our featured Speaker, the Council is proud to present

**DICK GREGORY**

**COMEDIAN - AUTHOR - LECTURER - ACTOR**

Dick Gregory is a man with a message . . . a message of freedom and equality not only for the Negro but for the entire human race. He has spent more time in Southern jails, marched in more demonstrations prevented more racial violence and worked harder for the rights of the Negro than any other entertainer in America. His autobiography, "Nigger", has become a best seller and his new book, "Sermons", for Doubleday, looks to be an even bigger success.

Dick Gregory, in addition to being the great leader in the Negro's fight for equality, is a top star of television, stage and motion pictures. He has toured the continent, become an international leader, starred on Broadway, and on the major television shows, and made a spectacular motion picture debut in "Sweet Love, Bitter".

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*A fine Musical Program will be presented by a variety of talented  
Singers and Musicians*

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TICKETS \$2.00

For reservations call 360-6824  
BEN BARISH, Chairman 820-9832

TICKETS MAY BE HAD AT EACH OF THESE PLACES—

THE COLISEUM — 862-7313

UNITED LIBERAL CHURCH — 898-3294

SECOND BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH — 820-4314

LAKEVIEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH — 829-4161

RABBI DAVID SUSKIND — Care of Temple Beth-El 347-6136

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Further, [ ] made available a copy of a letter containing the letterhead, "New Party of Florida, Hillsborough Chapter, P. O. Box 16193, Tampa, Florida 33617." The letter was dated February 22, 1969 and contained the typewritten name David K. Guerra. The letter is as follows: u

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# NEW PARTY OF FLORIDA

## HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY CHAPTER

National Headquarters  
NEW PARTY  
1029 Vermont Ave. N.W.  
Room 605  
Washington, D.C. 20005

P.O. Box 304  
Shenandoah Stn.  
Miami, Fla. 33145

308 S. Dixie Hwy.  
W. Palm Beach, Fla. 33401

P.O. Box 537  
Pinellas Park, Fla. 33565

P.O. Box 16193  
Tampa, Fla. 33617

P. O. Box 16193  
Tampa, Florida 33617

February 22, 1969

City Desk:

National Co-chairman of New Party, Dick Gregory,  
is arriving at Tampa's International Airport Monday Feb. 24th  
at 2:30pm on Flight 17 Delta.

Mr. Gregory will hold a PRESS CONFERENCE at the airport  
upon arrival. It will be informal.

Mr. Gregory will then go to St. Petersburg where he is  
expected to speak at The Coliseum at 7:30. (see enclosed  
flyer) The News Media are invited.

Mr. Gregory will be the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ted Solomons.  
The Doctor is a Professor of Religion at Florida Presbyterian  
College.

David M. Guerra  
Chairman-New Party  
Hillsborough County Chapter

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 25, 1969 Detective [redacted] St. Petersburg, Florida Police Department, advised that on the evening of February 24, 1969 Richard Claxton Gregory, delivered a speech at the Coliseum in St. Petersburg. He said that there was an interracial audience consisting of 1,000 to 1,200 persons in attendance. [redacted] pointed out that the speech was delivered and that there were no unruly incidents occurring as a result. He said at the conclusion of Gregory's speech it became apparent to the St. Petersburg police that no problems were going to arise and so officers of the police discontinued their coverage of Gregory and the audience at the Coliseum. He did say that Gregory had indicated prior to the conclusion of his speech that later on in the evening he would meet with members of the audience on an informal basis for a period of questions and answers. U

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[redacted] commented that Gregory made derogatory remarks concerning many individuals in the United States including former President Lyndon B. Johnson. [redacted] remarked that Gregory cleverly interspersed humor with his derogatory remarks, and this technique made the audience responsive in their applause. U

[redacted] continued by stating that during Gregory's speech the latter indicated that a current judicial appeal had been rejected by a high court necessitating his. Gregory's, arranging a conference with his attorneys. [redacted] said that Gregory indicated that he planned to consult with his legal advisors imminently. According to [redacted] Gregory also indicated that due to the rejection of his appeal he would probably be imprisoned on February 25, 1969. U

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[redacted] said that he understood that Gregory was to have been the overnight guest of Florida Presbyterian College [redacted] but emphasized that the police did not observe Gregory after he departed from the Coliseum and so he could not be certain that Gregory did in fact remain with the [redacted] family. U

[redacted] said that there were a number of members of the Junta of Militant Organization (JOMO) present during Gregory's speech. U

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The JOMO is a St. Petersburg based militant black nationalist organization. U

[redacted] recalled having seen [redacted] during the Gregory speech. He pointed out that [redacted] is a writer for the "Burning Spear," a periodical published by JOMO. U

[redacted] also recalled having seen [redacted] at the speech delivered by Gregory. [redacted] pointed out that [redacted] is the [redacted] of JOMO and recalled that [redacted] has been arrested in St. Petersburg during racial disorders for assaulting a police officer, and prior to that was arrested by Gainesville, Florida authorities for inciting a riot. U

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On February 25, 1969 a representative of the FBI in Tampa, Florida determined from [redacted] National Airlines, Tampa International Airport, that Mr. and Mrs. Richard Claxton Gregory departed Tampa, Florida at 8:15 a.m. on February 25, 1969 via National Airlines Flight 418. [redacted] pointed out that Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were destined to fly to Newark, New Jersey arriving there at 10:30 a.m., February 25, 1969. U

A representative of the FBI in Tampa, Fla. on February 25, 1969 solicited from [redacted] Tampa Airport Motel, 2222 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa, that Gregory and the latter's wife spent the night of February 24-25, 1969 at the Tampa Airport Motel. U

On Page 1B of the February 25, 1969 edition of the "St. Petersburg Times," a daily St. Petersburg, Florida newspaper there was an article entitled, "Gregory Threatens a Fast." The article indicated that Gregory told an "inraptured" crowd of about 1,500 in St. Petersburg, Florida on February 24, 1969 that he would "go on nothing but distilled water" when he began serving a 6-month sentence imposed on him in 1966. The article pointed out that the U. S. Supreme Court on February 24, 1969 refused to review Gregory's conviction. Gregory was quoted as having said, "I'll drink only my water." U

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The article indicated that Gregory had referred to the Declaration of Independence and won a standing ovation as he related to riots the section proclaiming it the "duty" of free men to "alter or abolish" tyrannical government. The article pointed out that he "mixed humor with stinging rebuke" and held his audience spellbound. U

He indicated the one point according to the article that "We even got a black cowboy on television now - 'The Outcast' - You can tell by the name that it's us. Next year we gonna have another black cowboy... so that the first one will have someone to kill." The article also quoted Gregory as having said "President Nixon will listen to the young because he knows he's not as slick as LBJ and he knows if you kids can run LBJ back to the ranch it is a short distance to that law office in New York City." U

"Which is more degenerate, to go to the girls' dormitory and take all the drawers - or to take over the administration building?", Gregory was quoted as having said. U

Gregory commented about the Chicago Convention by asking, "Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago... the hippies and yippies, or the Shriners that were in town?" U

According to the article, Gregory made the following comment concerning open housing: "Suppose the Viet Cong kills me and my wife gets \$10,000 and can't buy a house where she wants to - I'd say I died shooting at the wrong guy." U

He indicated, according to the article, that America is the only nation "which lies about itself. Russia, China, and South Africa don't hide what they stand for and neither did Hitler," Gregory said. U

Representatives of local law enforcement agencies in Hillsborough and Pinellas County, as well as representatives of Military Intelligence and Secret Service in Tampa were notified of the information contained in this communication. U

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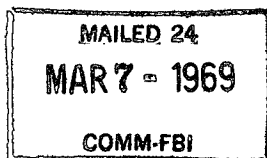
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You are requested to obtain a copy of the tape recording of captioned individual's speech on 2/24/69 and furnish same to the Bureau attention Racial Intelligence Section.

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NOTE:

By reairtel Tampa advised that captioned individual was to speak on 2/24/69 and that the Sheriff's Office of Pinellas County, Florida, planned to tape record the speech. Reairtel advised that a copy of the tape could be obtained if the Bureau would have use for same. In connection with continuing efforts to build up a library of recordings of speeches by individuals associated with the black nationalist or extremist movement, Tampa is being requested to obtain a copy of the tape of the speech.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (100-49005) (P)

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Re WFO letter and LHM dated 1/28/69 and ca  
as above. u

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve copies, two  
Chicago and Cincinnati, and one each for other auxilliary  
offices receiving copies of this airtel, of an LHM dated a  
captioned as above. u

The attached LHM has been classified "Confidential"  
to protect sources of continuing value whose identities  
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Copies of attached LHM are being furnished Chicago and Cincinnati in view of their interest in DICK GREGORY and JAMES DIXON, and the remaining offices in view of previous correspondence regarding captioned matter. *u*

The first confidential source referred to in attached LHM is [redacted] the second is [redacted]  
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Inquiry at the Hotel America and The New Party Headquarters, was conducted by SA [redacted] *u*

Copies of attached LHM are being disseminated locally to 116th MIG, OSI, NISO, USSS and USA. *u*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

February 28, 1969

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MOCK INAUGURATION DEMONSTRATION  
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BY THE NEW PARTY

An article in "The Washington Post," a Washington, D. C. (WDC), daily newspaper, on page A-8 of the January 25, 1969, issue, related that the Executive Committee of The New Party held a press conference at the Sheraton Carlton Hotel, WDC, on January 24, 1969, to announce that The New Party had elected Dick Gregory, Negro comedian, and James P. Dixon, President of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, as co-chairmen of the Party. *u*

The article continued that The New Party, which is building an "exile government" in WDC to further "the politics of participation," also announced plans for the March 4, 1969, "Inauguration" of Dick Gregory as "shadow" President of the United States. *u*

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In a statement by Marcus G. Raskin, dated August 1, 1968, titled "Why The New Party," Raskin, a former White House aide, who is co-Director of the Institute for Policy Studies and a member of the Executive Committee of The New Party, stated in part; "It is clear that the people are calling upon, and will fashion a political party that will recapture their own political system without revolution, without violence, without repression; but, rather, in that community of interest which can make real those fleeting dreams of freedom, equality, peace and justice which all of us want to believe are rooted in the land of America." U

The Institute for Policy Studies (IPS) is a non-profit organization formed to study foreign and domestic policy of the United States. U

It has been publicly described as a "think tank" for the New Left. U

During 1968, Dick Gregory campaigned as an independent write-in candidate for the Presidency of the United States and was also on the ballot in several states as a candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party and The New Party. In a book published during his campaign by Bantam Books titled "Write Me In," Gregory stated in part; "The creation of a new party, a party based on the magnificent dream of peace and freedom, exposes the shallow aspirations of the two party system. Such a party offers a public forum for the expression of moral concern and provides a means of organizing those whose dream of democracy will not submit to or be stifled by current political realities." U

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PLANNED FOR MARCH 4, 1969  
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On February 16, 1969, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on that date, Dick Gregory, Negro comedian and co-chairman of The New Party, spoke to approximately one thousand persons at Leonard Gymnasium, American University (AU), WDC, at the invitation of the Kennedy Political Union, a legitimate organization of the student association at AU. The speech commenced at two p.m., and ended at approximately three forty-five p.m. u

During his speech, Gregory announced his position as President-In-Exile of The New Party. Gregory spoke at length for support of the Party and why it would be good for the United States. He condemned the two party system and stated that he would be the "Commander-in-Chief" of The New Party. Source stated that during the speech, Gregory brought out his usual subtle remarks of hatred for white society and its ills, and remarked how the formation of a new Party would be so designed to cure those ills. u

The above source continued that while Gregory spoke, circulars were distributed indicating that Gregory would hold his inaugural as President-In-Exile of the United States, on March 4, 1969. u

A copy of the above mentioned circular is attached, and is in the form of an invitation to Gregory's inauguration, which is to be held at The Morgan Community School Auditorium, 1733 California Street, N. W., WDC. The circular further reflects that an inaugural ball will be held "site to be announced," and in conjunction with both, The New Party will hold a Town Meeting patterned after the town meetings of early American history, at The A.M.E. Church, 15th and M Streets, N. W., WDC. The town meeting is to consist of workshops and discussions on the problems of WDC and the nation. u

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On February 24, 1969, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the Black Student Group and the Student Association at AU, had requested use of facilities at AU for an Inaugural Ball on March 4, 1969, for Dick Gregory. According to the source, this request was denied. ~~(U)~~ (U)

On February 25, 1969, a third confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that a campus group, The Organization of Afro and Afro-American Students at AU (OASATAU), held a rally at noon on that date in front of the Mary Graydon Center (MGC), AU, protesting the rejection by the School Administration of the request to hold an Inaugural Ball on campus for Gregory. ~~(U)~~ (U)

On February 26, 1969, the third source advised that the leader of OASATAU had stated that the protest at AU was no longer a question of facilities for an Inaugural Ball for Gregory, but "who is going to make decisions on the campus." ~~(U)~~ (U)

On February 27, 1969, the third source advised that George H. Williams, President of AU, issued a statement on that date that he would permit students to use Leonard Hall and/or the Collier Room in the MGC, AU campus, in celebration of Gregory's Inaugural Ball. ~~(U)~~ (U)

On February 27, 1969, general inquiry at The New Party Headquarters, 1029 Vermont Avenue, N. W., WDC, by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), disclosed that the Gregory Inaugural Ball would be held at the Hotel America, Massachusetts Avenue and Thomas Circle, N. W., WDC, the evening of March 4, 1969. u

On the same date, general inquiry at the Hotel America by a representative of the FBI disclosed that space

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had been reserved at this Hotel for the Gregory Inaugural Ball to be held on March 4, 1969, from 8:00 p.m., that date to 1:00 a.m., March 5, 1969. *u*

On the same date, a forth confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory is scheduled to deliver a lecture at the State University of New York, Binghamton, New York, on March 3, 1969, and is scheduled to deliver a lecture in Kansas City, Missouri, on March 5, 1969. *C* (U)

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (157-347)  
FROM BUFFALO (157-396)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM. OO: CHICAGO.

NEW YORK STATE POLICE, ATHOL SPRINGS, N.Y. ADVISED THIS  
DATE SUBJECT SCHEDULED TO SPEAK GREGORY HALL, STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE AT FREDONIA, FREDONIA, N.Y. AT EIGHT PM, MARCH  
TEN NEXT. COVERAGE ARRANGED THROUGH ESTABLISHED CAMPUS  
SOURCES AND NYSP, WHO WILL ATTEMPT TO RECORD SPEECH. *u*

BUFFALO/WILL FOLLOW AND ADVISE. *u*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM-BLACK NATIONALIST  
(OO:CG)

Enclosed herewith is LHM devoted to captioned individual. NY T-1 is [redacted] State University of New York, at Farmingdale, New York, an established reliable source who furnished the information to SA JAMES F. O'CONNELL. His identity is protected because of his position.

Dissemination of LHM has been made to Secret Service, NYC, 108th MI Group, NYC, OSI, OMI, and USA, EDNY.

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New York, New York  
March 10, 1969

Richard Claxton Gregory  
Racial Matter-  
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On March 7, 1969, NY T-1, who is in a position to furnish reliable information, furnished the following information:

Under the auspices of the Speakers Bureau of the University of the State of New York, at Farmingdale, New York, captioned individual spoke to approximately 200 students of the University on March 6, 1969. Gregory attacked the establishment and whites and warned of the coming riot season. He called for the students to put pressure on their legislature for a voting age of 17, since youths of that age are old enough to go to war and get killed. He stated that college professors have not learned the difference between indoctrination and education. He said authority indoctrinates students to accept the racist institution, the establishment. When heckled by shouts to Gregory that he should leave the country if he is not satisfied, he said he would when the racist institution frees his brothers. There were no incidents.

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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RM - BLACK NATIONALIST

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Re Charlotte airtel to Bureau dated 2/12/69. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM regarding captioned matter, copies of which are being disseminated locally to military intelligence and Secret Service. *u*

Two copies of LHM are also enclosed for the Chicago Division for information. *u*

Also enclosed for the Bureau is a tape of the speech of subject at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, on 2/10/69. No copy of the taped speech at Duke University is being maintained by the Charlotte Office. *u*

The enclosed tape, from which the transcript was made, was obtained by SA CHARLES S. MILLER from Duke University *2 recs to [redacted] RM 810 D*

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Reference is made to memorandum at Charlotte,  
North Carolina, dated February 12, 1969, captioned as  
above. u

The following is the transcript of a speech  
made by subject at Duke University, Durham, North  
Carolina, on February 10, 1969: u

"I would like to say thank you very much.  
And how do you say with a straight face that  
it is a pleasure to be in Durham? But I made  
it, and you know if you youngsters really want  
to have some fun, you should go to Chicago to  
the airport and try to book yourself here.  
Yeah, All the normal airlines thought I was  
putting them on. But I made it. u

"Can you people way up in the cheap seats  
see okay? u

"I came a roundabout way. I flew from  
Chicago to New York and I got here in time  
to get hung up with all that white stuff  
yesterday. And I looked out the window and u

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saw all that snow and thought it was cotton. So I took a train and went to Washington, D. C. after riding all night. So I got on the plane in the evening and I don't have to tell you how tired I was. So I decided I would get me a little sleep. So when I sat down on the plane there was this white cat sitting next to me. So I checked him out, and he was a pretty groovy fellow. U

"So I dozed off and went to sleep. Wouldn't you know about fifteen minutes after I get to sleep he decides he wants to strike up a conversation with me. So he did it the usual way, 'Wake up boy.' So I woke up. Only to find out he didn't have nothing to talk about. He wanted to discuss Negro progress in America. So I explained to him that I did not want to discuss black progress in America because there are too few people in America that really know what areas we've made a tremendous amount of breakthroughs in. A lot of people think we've made so many progress in jobs and housing and education and the biggest breakthrough in the history of America for black folks happened two years ago in the state of Texas. We got our first colored hurricane, Beulah. U

"So when you stop and think about it, things are looking up. Yeah, have you been digging television lately? Yeah, they got a lot of us on television. They used to slip us on them commercials after midnight, but now we got the evening news now. Yeah, my little sister was one of them Bufferin hands the other day. I sure was glad they finally U

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cut us loose on television because I don't know about you white folks, but it sure was hard as hell for us black folks to keep looking at that white dove fly through that white lady's kitchen. 'Oh look, there's a white dove in your kitchen.' If I could see my sister come out and say 'Beulah, baby, there's a black crow on the biscuit.' So television is giving us the business. u

"Things really is looking up. We even got a black cowboy this year. You know that? What's the name of that, the Outcasts? Well, you could tell by the name it was us. Yeah, we got a black cowboy. I sure was happy, too. And next season we going to get another black cowboy so this one can have somebody to kill. u

"No, no, I don't mean that. They let him kill a white cowboy now and then. But you see whenever it comes his turn to kill a white cowboy the script writer has really got to go through some changes. Because you see, they got to dirty up this white cat so bad that when the black cat guns him down, everybody will accept it. He killed a white cat three weeks ago, did you see it? This white cat had just finished raping a blind paraplegic Salvation Army worker. And the black cat didn't know he had just finished doing that. No, he gunned him down because he stole \$2,000 worth of Christmas seals. u

"So I guess little by little we're doing pretty good in television. Next season they might replace the flying nun with the skipping black Muslim. u

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"So I dozed off to go back to sleep and sure enough, this white cat nudged me again. He said, 'Will you explain to me what black power is?' I said, 'I will not.' And I went on and tried to explain to him that for twelve months I went out of my way to explain to white folks what black power was. And even when I couldn't find white folks I would call them up on the telephone, 'Hello, are you white?' But after last year we just kind of felt that everybody in the world knew what black power was. u

"After the tremendous heart transplant in South Africa where the black cat gave up his heart to the white cat, the only heart that is working right. Now that's black power, baby. Yeah, that heart is pumping, too. And that white cat is probably somewhere in Johannesburg right now, singing the blues. I don't know if you white folks are aware of the fact that black folks found out the black cat was going to give up his heart to the white cat. That just made black people happy all over the world. You see, we've been knowing for years that basically there's nothing wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out. u

"But to be honest with you, we must admit we didn't want that heart to work that good. No, I mean that heart is working so good it has really scared the hell out of black folks. You see, that heart is working so good that nothing scares us no more than the thought that one day you white folks might start assuming that we going to be your spare parts. Ever since that u

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heart has been working so good, white folks have been looking at us a little bit different now. u

"I fell asleep in the airport about three weeks ago and woke up and here a white cat got his ear on my chest. And next thing you all will be claiming nappy hair will cure cancer. u

"You know there is a lot of pros and cons about heart transplants. Some people are for them and some people against them. Let me go on record as saying I am against all heart transplants, but I'm for transplants. Not only am I against heart transplants, I'm against all the type of transplants you can hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot. And next summer let him take that to the beach with him. Come on Joseph, let's pull off your other shoe. Let's get in the water. u

"Let me say to you youngsters this evening it is a pleasure to be with you. I guess I can truthfully say that I spend about 98 per cent of my time today on college campuses, and for a reason, and the reason is because you young folks in America today are probably the most morally dedicated, committed group of young people that's ever lived in the history of this country. u

You can't read these old right wing cracker newspapers to find out what you are, who you are, and what you're all about. Because your average establishment newspaper morally is not even morally sound enough to even discuss you young kids with you. What do the newspapers in America say today, you're hippies, yippies, bearded, smelly, irresponsible kids. u

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"The first question they got to come to my mind is that because you have a beard why does that mean you have to stink? They don't say nothing about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't only have a beard, he was ugly too. u

"Your newspapers has yet in this country to say to you youngsters that because of your moral dedication LBJ was not able to run for re-election. No, the newspapers did not tell you that you youngsters were the cause of LBJ not being able to run for re-election. That was very important. LBJ is probably the number one tyrant that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Caesar. And because of you youngsters he wasn't able to succeed himself. And you didn't use no hand grenades and no missiles and no army. Moral dedication. Do you really know how strong you are? u

"These newspapers in America have not told you youngsters that 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago for the Democratic Convention and made the difference in who was going to be the President. Because had those hippies and yippies not showed up in Chicago and that vicious street scene had not taken place, those two or three million people they got so upset rather than vote for crooked Dick they didn't vote at all. They would have gone out and voted for Hubert. And when 15,000 of you just by being present can decide the fate and destiny of the number one most mighty nation on the face of this earth, that's power. u

"Oh a lot of people get upset because they say if you youngsters had not showed up in Chicago Nixon wouldn't have been the President today. Most u

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youngsters that I run across are hip enough to know that when you're dealing with one of them stinking, slimy politicians it makes no difference which one of them wins. They all act the same way anyway. u

"And as far as crooked Dick, you don't have to worry about him. Nixon knows damn good and well he's not as slick as LBJ was. He knows he's not as powerful as LBJ was, and he got enough sense to know you youngsters ran LBJ back down to the farm and they going to run him back out to California. u

"And so I say I travel to about 300 colleges in a ten-month period each school year and the hardest thing that I find in talking to you youngsters, not only do I have to tell you that the problem confronting America today, you have to solve. The embarrassing thing that I have to tell you youngsters in America is that you have to solve problems today that you had nothing to do with creating. These problems were here when you got here but they will not be here when you leave, thanks to us old fools. And I say thanks to us old fools because we put you young kids in a situation today that young folks in America have never been in in the history of this country. You see, us old fools that passed ahead of you, not only did we not solve the problems confronting America today which nobody has solved, but we did something nobody has ever did in the history of the country. We didn't solve the problems, but we used up all the tricks. And we wonder why you youngsters act the way you act. You got to act the way you act because you have no tricks. u

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"Yeah, when I was a kid my mother, my daddy, and my whole community taught me before I got out of the crib that one day you're going to grow up boy, and a white man is going to call you a nigger. Now don't be mad when he calls you that because God don't like no ugly. Sure enough I grew up one day and a cracker called me a nigger and sure enough I didn't get made because God don't like no ugly. I got seven of those black kids at home, and me and my old lady ain't teaching them nothing. And if a cracker ever makes the mistake of calling one of them a nigger, I know it's going to surprise them and I know they are going to act accordingly. So there's no tricks, thanks to us old fools. You youngsters have to deal with solving the problems today. U

"Let me tell you I did not come here this evening to impress you but only to inform you. When I leave here tonight I couldn't care less about what you think about DICK GREGORY. Because you see I always have the consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up, this year, next year, twenty years from now, you will always be able to say at least Brother Greg didn't lie to us. I think that's a big problem today. Us old fools are so busy lying to you youngsters, and after we finish lying to you we run around and say the problem why we can't relate with you is because there is a generation gap. I stand here and tell you 2 and 2 is 5 and when you react to it, I say well it is just the generation gap. The generation gap is a moral gap. If I quit lying to you you would find out we could relate. U

"We want to make believe that age, hell Burgess Russell (phonetic) could leave England tonight. He U

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is 98 years old and come to America and walk from one end of the country to the other and be the youngest among us because he's going to reach them from a moral, dignified standpoint. That's what you young people are all about. Because we didn't just start lying to you. u

"We started lying to you way back down in the crib with that Santa Claus boy. The first letter I ever wrote in my life was to a cat that didn't even exist. That sounds funny, but when your mama lies to you anybody ought to be able to lie to you. Of course, that Santa Claus boy, he went over better in the white community than he goes over in the black community. Not that we don't dig him. We just know damn good and well that ain't no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight. u

"Twenty-four hours a day though, we lie to you youth. The number one lie we tell you in America today is we say the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of air pollution. And the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of moral pollution. u

"This is the most morally polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of this earth, bar none. And you young people today have the job of giving America her sanity back. You young folks have the job today of making America the morally dedicated nation the founding fathers meant for her to be. Now I hope you don't make the mistake of the right wing crackers who are so damn busy eulogizing the country. You know, save the eulogies for when she dies. Thanks to you youngsters, America is not dead u

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yet. So if you quit eulogizing her and examine this old broad and find out where the cancer is and run her on into the hospital and cut it out, you might save her. u

"And the day you youngsters work to make this country the beautiful country she should be, that's the day she wouldn't have to walk all around the world trying to convince ourselves that America is beautiful. u

"Let me tell you something, as long as you got that Indian locked up on that reservation, if you can believe this country is beautiful with him up there, you are sick, bad, and out of your mind. You know the interesting thing is that once you youngsters make her beautiful, she wouldn't have to go around bragging. Other people will do it for us. Any time a cat has to tell you about how pretty his wife is, you can damn sure bet he's married to Lena the hyena. Because that's one thing that don't have to be discussed, true beauty. u

"So you youngsters got a job. You see, the sad thing about America is that of all the countries on the face of this earth, America is the only country that lies about what she is all about. Irregardless of what you feel about Mao Tse-Tung in Red China, the Chinese do not pretend that Mao Tse-Tung is not a Communist and a revolutionist. Irregardless of what you feel about Cuba, they don't pretend to be nothing else but some Communists and some revolutionaries. As sick as Hitler was he didn't pretend that he thought Germans was superior u

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to everybody else. You know regardless of how no good countries are on the face of this earth, at least they own up to what they are. South Africa makes no bones about the fact they don't like them niggers. America is the only country on the face of this earth that run around preaching one thing and practice something else. u

"So, you youngsters got a big job ahead of you because you're getting a lot of help from us old fools. That's why I was tickled to death that the young folks showed up at the Democratic Convention in Chicago. Because after looking at that on television it sure woke up a lot of you young fools. And ain't nothing no worse than being a young fool because you got so long to be one. u

"Those 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago and changed the system. And three days after the Democratic Convention was over, the whole establishment tried to convince you that you did not see what you saw on television. Yeah, they said it didn't happen. They said the press created it. u

"You know something? If Kosygin and the rest of them old damn fool Russians in Moscow was dealing with the world as insane as America, you know they could beat that Czechoslovakian rap? All they would have to do is get on worldwide television and say it didn't happen. We admit we sent little miniature tanks to the Czech border, and the press with their cameras blew them up to make them look like real live tanks. But you know what, Kosygin is not dealing with the world as crazy as America. The Czechoslovakian situation got the whole Communist world up-tight. And u

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it didn't have a damn thing to do with these Communist-hating Americans, didn't have a damn thing to do with your army. The whole Communist world is up-tight because them damn fools in Russia made the same mistake them damn fools in Chicago made. They plotted their move just knowing how the old fools was going to react, and they forgot to take into consideration you young folks. I'm sure them Russians never realized they'd move into a country with their mighty army and the young folks would run up and draw swastikas on the tanks. u

"I'm sure them Russians thought when they moved into Czechoslovakia with their tanks them folks would act the same way your mama and daddy would act if they moved into your hometown with some tanks. They never realized they would run across some young kids that was so dedicated to what they believed in that they would lay down in the middle of the street and put gasoline on them and light the match. And all the world, the Communist world, is upset because of what they did in Czechoslovakia. u

"America was upset because of what happened in Chicago. 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up to change the system. And the whole country got up-tight because of what they was doing. They got up-tight because of the reason they was doing it. I mean anybody in their right mind in America knows it wasn't because those kids was in the streets, because for the last ten years you white kids ever spring break go to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and tear up the whole damn town and nobody has got upset u



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over it. Because when you go to Fort Lauderdale you're just going to get drunk. You ain't going to change no system. And there is a difference. u

"15,000 hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system and the whole establishment got upset. And I ask you point blank, who do you think was the most immoral in Chicago last year, the hippies and the yippies or the Shriners when they was there for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery and spent the most money on whores and prostitutes, the hippies and yippies or the shriners when they was in Chicago for their convention? And nobody got upset over the shriners because the shriners didn't come to change nothing, just to buy something. u

"And so all at once they're trying to make you youngsters think that oh, you're doing things youngsters. Oh, young people has always had their thing. It's just that young folks have never used their energy to change the system. I remember when I was in college, we had panty raids. Well we didn't, I went to one of them white schools. I wasn't about to go in that white dormitory and steal no drawers, but they had panty raids. u

"Well let me just ask you tonight, which do you think is the most sick and the most degenerate and the most scummy for a group of kids to go into a girls living quarters and steal all the drawers or to go and take over the administrative building and not let no phone calls through? Which is the u

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mark of degeneracy, stealing drawers or taking over the administration building? U

"But for ten years in America young people had panty raids and nobody got upset. The whole establishment said, 'Well, boys will be boys. It's all in growing up.' Ha, ha, ha, ha, ha. U

"And then young folks got tired of stealing bloomers. Young folks started deciding to see how many goldfish they could swallow. Nobody didn't give a damn. They let you swallow a whale if you want to. U

"Then young people got tired of swallowing goldfish. And then they decided to see how many they could stuff into a telephone booth. And you pick up the front page of the paper and on the front page is 'University of Arizona Sets New Record, 500 Kids Stuffed in one Telephone Booth.' And they have some little freakish little cat on the front page from AT and T bringing another telephone booth, saying, 'Ha, ha, boys will be boys, ha, ha. U

"If you think boys will be boys, don't take 500 kids and try to get into a phone booth. Take 5 to downtown Durham one day with some picket signs and march around an empty telephone booth asking AT and T about its anti-trust violations and about its high long distance phone call rates, and see how quick it would take the cops to get there and bust you, and see if anybody will say 'boys will be boys.' U

"I say you youngsters got a big job today, a mighty big job you have to do. I guess you understand

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you're aggravating us old fools. Now all at once you young kids is trying to tell us that morality will no longer be a Brooks Brothers suit and a clean shaven face and a haircut once a week, and you can commit all the adultery you want and you're still Mr. So and So. You youngsters are saying morality will no longer be buying the latest fashions from Paree and bathing in Chanel Number 5, and having as many abortions as you want and you're still Mrs. So and So. Yeah, you youngsters are really upsetting us old fools. u

"You're trying to tell us morality will no longer come from without. It will come from within. That means you can't buy it. And you wonder why we're upset. u

"Yeah, y'all got a mighty job, but you're getting a lot of help. You see, the beautiful thing about that old television, as bad as television is, if you just keep looking at it long enough, that thing will slip through. That same television set that brought you the Democratic Convention and them hippies and yuppies in the middle of the street, that same set nine weeks after the Democratic Convention was over, brought you another crowd. Only that crowd wasn't in Chicago. It was in New York. Only that crowd wasn't hippies and yuppies. u

"You remember that big crowd in the street in New York City that nobody got upset over, 20,000 sick degenerates from Wall Street came out one morning to look at a broad's titties. Nobody got u

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upset over the titty-watchers. J. Edgar Hoover has yet to get on television and say titty-watching is Communist inspired. What do you call a bunch of sick, degenerate titty-watchers? Extremists, left to right? u

"And folks, Sister Francine said she would like to be able to get off that subway without being watched by them degenerates. All she would have to do is understand the system. She could get off that subway tomorrow if she understood the system. All she would have to do is hold a press conference tonight in New York City and say, 'Tomorrow morning at 11:33 I'm going to get off that subway wearing one of the tightest sweaters ever worn in the history of the world.' u

"I don't have to tell you what would happen, do I? Tomorrow morning at 8:00 there would be 300,000 of them sick, slimy degenerates waiting on her, and at 11:33 when Francine rises up out of that subway wearing one of the tightest sweaters that's ever been worn in the history of the world, if she sincerely don't want them fools ever looking at her again, when she emerges out of the subway, just have two signs across her bosom, one reading 'Free Huey Newton, baby,' and the other one 'Bring the Boys Home From Vietnam.' And I guarantee you within two minutes time them 300,000 degenerates would be gone. Yeah, back into their Madison Avenue Offices to finish participating in the anti-trust violations. u

"So I tell you youngsters got a big job. You got the job of saving this country. Of course,

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you're getting a lot of help. You got some great young folks. Mohammed Ali, here's a man that gave up ten million dollars a year hustle to do what he believed in and what his conscience told him was right. And the sad thing the only way the old fools can relate with Ali ain't got a damn thing to do with what his convictions is. Now they're saying, 'Well he must have been sincere to have given up all that money.' The only thing that they can relate with was the money. U

"Well, we left you a mess. I hope you understand the situation this country is in and the job you got to do. Yeah, they assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King, 'Oh, they assassinated Dr. King.' They assassinated Bobby Kennedy, and 'Oh, they assassinated Bobby.' They gunned down JFK and we say, 'Oh, they assassinated the President.' But nobody in this country got upset when they assassinated Lincoln Rockwell and Malcolm X. You say America is not against assassination. She just gets up-tight when you kill somebody she likes. U

"98 per cent of everybody in America that got upset over Dr. Martin Luther King being assassinated if George Wallace was assassinated in the morning, they would not be upset. Sad commentary on America. Because you see you youngsters are going to have to create the atmosphere that either this country is going to get upset with all assassinations or she is not supposed to get upset over none. It's just that open and shut. U

"You got a job. The biggest job you have, I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system, but I say to you young folks you better work

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like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful position, and that is behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it. Because you see as long as the capitalists are in front of the United States Constitution, that means we'll put our emphasis on property rights instead of on human rights. There is a difference. u

"You see, this country is not governed by the United States Constitution. This country do not function under the democratic process. This country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. Oh, Americans came out last year under the constitution and peacefully picketed and peacefully protested for strong gun legislation, and the capitalists who manufacture the guns saw to it that you didn't get strong gun legislation. u

"In a nation so insane we demand you get a prescription to get your medicine, but you don't need one to get your gun. I cannot hit you in the head with my pills and kill you, nor can I injure you by throwing my cough syrup on you. I'm not against Americans having guns. The United States Constitution says all Americans got a right to bear arms. But damn it, I got a right to get well, and if you're going to make me go through them changes to get my medicine, then why don't you make me go through some changes to get my gun? u

"You youngsters got to deal with these capitalists. And the same country that will say to our young kids at 18 years old you're old enough to die, but at 18 years old you're not old enough to vote. And what

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scares me, I meet so many young folks running around saying, 'If I've got to go to war and die at 18, I want the right to vote at 18.' Don't be no damn fool. If you got to die at 18, you better get the right to vote at 17. Because you see, if you can vote at 17 there might not be no war when you get 18. U

"You youngsters got a job, but your job can be so easy if you aim your grievances to the capitalists. Don't get out here and demonstrate under the constitution. Don't nobody give a damn about that. When you get to the point where you upset the capitalists where he's going to lose some money, all these people running around here talking about we're sure doing a lot for the colored. Ain't nobody doing nothing for us. We was out here marching under the Constitution, and we didn't get nothing but kicked in our butt, and shot in our head. When them niggers started burning property down, the capitalists are going to give them what they want. U

"And so I say to you young kids today, don't waste your time out there demonstrating. You want the right to vote at 17 years old? You can get that. Don't be coming down here with no flags, singing no songs. No. If you want the right to vote at 17 years old, you organize all across this country and after you get young folks organized, you go into the record industry, talk to the top men in the record companies. Just tell them point blank, if you do not go to Washington, D. C. and lobby within two months time and get a bill pushed through saying 17-year-olds can vote, we're going to call for a nationwide boycott of buying phonograph records for two years. U

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"What do you think would happen? Would the record companies sit by and let you wipe out a multi-billion dollar a year industry? They would let 16-year-olds vote. You see all them old right wingers, they don't buy no records, and you control the records. And if they buy one, it's one of them old Dirksen albums. U

"Somewhere you youngsters got to get the capitalists behind the United States. Well, don't nobody know that no better than you folks in this state here. All that hell they're raising in Washington, D. C. now because they want to make these fools in the cigarette industry quit advertising cigarettes, do you see anything wrong with telling a man don't show the young kids, don't show the babies these glamorous commercials and by the time they are old enough to find out it causes cancer they're hooked. Is there anything wrong with asking these capitalists to protect the young folks in America? They insist that they are going to have a hell of a fight. U

"And all you cigarette smokers, the one thing you can do is tell these capitalistic cats that don't give a damn about nobody but making a dollar, that if they get that bill stopped it would bar them from advertising cigarettes on television and radio where them little kids can see it, tell them you're going to boycott smoking cigarettes. Now, that will affect them. And so I say when you beat the capitalists in their rightful position which is behind the Constitution, that's when this country will respect human rights in the place of property rights. U

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"I think it is very evident how the capitalists feel about property rights from the statement Mayor Richard J. Daley made in Chicago when he said, 'Shoot all looters to kill.' You never heard him say shoot all murderers to kill. That deals with a human right. He never said shoot dope pushers to kill. That deals with a human right. He said shoot all looters to kill. And to be honest with you, that's the first time I ever agreed with that fool on anything. Yeah, I hurried up and sent him a telegram. I said, 'Dear Fool, your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill, I agree with 100 per cent, if you make one stipulation. Let's first make it retroactive and let's first put the gun in the Indians' hands.' u

"So I say to you tonight, you youngsters got a big job. Keep your eyes on us old fools. Watch us 24 hours a day. And please watch your mama and daddy and ask them a lot of questions because you got to sleep with them. u

"Now, can you imagine somebody knocking on your door at home today and your mother and father saying, 'Who is it?' He says, 'Government inspector.' They say, 'What do you want?' He says, 'We want your dog or your cat.' Say, 'What?' He says, 'Yeah, we just got a bill pushed through. We're sending pets to Vietnam.' I don't have to tell you how much hell your mama and daddy would raise if somebody tried to send your dog to Vietnam, do I? It would be a shoot-out on the front lawn. u

"As funny as that sounds, it is mighty sad when you youngsters got to admit you're living in a

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day and age when your mama and daddy would raise more hell over the dog going to Vietnam than they would raise over you going to Vietnam. U

"Now maybe if your mama and daddy wasn't so busy trying to make some money, maybe if they stopped for a few minutes and listened to you youngsters, maybe they would understand what you're talking about. Maybe if your mama and daddy would realize there's 152 Senators and Congressmen's sons that have been old enough to get drafted that haven't been drafted yet, maybe they would act a little bit different. U

"You say what you talking about? Maybe if your mama and daddy was aware of the fact that Dean Rusk's son five years ago became old enough to get drafted and should have been to Vietnam 12 times, he ain't never left Washington, D. C. You know how many young kids Dean Rusk has got killed? But not his son. Boy, I wish I was young enough to get an induction notice. Yeah, the day my notice hit the house, I'd fly to Washington, D. C. and handcuff myself to Dean Rusk's boy. And I would get on television and tell all the fools, whatever is wrong with Dean's boy is wrong with me. U

"And all us old fools get upset when you young kids burn them draft cards. I guess you know why. You ever ask yourself which is the most important card in America today, the draft card or the Social Security card? Sure it is, the Social Security card. The Social Security card stays with you all of your life, women and men have Social Security cards. The draft card stays with you a part of your life, only men have draft cards. So beyond the shadow of a doubt

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the Social Security card is the most important card in America today. Why is it we can all take that Social Security card, which is the most important card in America today, all of us could burn our Social Security cards tonight and wouldn't nobody give a damn. But take a draft card, which is not as important, and burn that tonight, and they would run the army in here on you. You know why. When you young kids burn them draft cards you're saying to us old fools, one day old fool, you're going to get this country in a war we're not going to fight for you, and you're going to have to fight it yourself. And that scares us. But we got news for you youngsters, before we ever have to go fight one of our wars, we'll quit having them. U

"About six months ago I was at the University of Wisconsin, and as I was leaving a young kid rushed to me and said, 'Mr. Gregory, can I talk to you?' I said, 'Yeah, what's the problem?' He said, 'I think I'm having anervous breakdown.' I said, 'Why?' He said, 'Well, I'm a draft resistor,' and I said, 'Did you do what your conscience told you to do?' He said, 'Yessir.' He couldn't have. Any time you make a moral, honest, ethical decision, there is a lot of things that might happen to you like getting killed or going to jail, but you can be damn sure you're not going crazy. He said, 'No it didn't have nothing to do with me being a draft resistor. My mother and father, they don't talk to me no more. They send my mail back. I can't go home.' I said, 'Oh, that's your problem. Well, maybe a nervous breakdown is what you need. Because if you're going to have a reaction to some parents who think with the wisdom of fools, then that's your problem.' He said, 'But it's my

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mother and father.' I said, 'Son, let me tell you something because you're really wasting my time now.' I said, 'Then you are aware of the fact that say for instance you didn't have nothing to do with being a draft resistor. Say right here at the University of Wisconsin at 3 o'clock in the morning you took 40 sticks of dynamite and threw it into the girls' dormitory and leveled it to the ground and killed every girl in it, the minute your mama and daddy found out you did it, they would be flying down here, seeing you in jail, hugging you, saying we don't know what got into our boy. And they'd get you the best lawyer money could buy and they'd raise the bond money.' u

"You know, it is sad when you're living in a day and age that when your mama and daddy could rally behind you faster if you committed murder than if you decided you wasn't going to be a murderer. Hmmm. u

"Yeah, you youngsters got a job. You got a lot of questions to ask. You got to ask these questions loud and ask them clear. And one of the big questions you youngsters got to ask today is simple, that if democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throat with a gun? And the day you young folks work to make this democracy work right, for the first time that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because, you see, anything good you don't have to force on people, they will steal it. u

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"Let me say to you right now, which will probably be the most important thing I say to you all evening, and I hope you young folks at this or any other institution do not make the same mistake that us old fools made when it was our turn to go through these institutions. You see, we were so busy trying to learn how to make a living when we was in college, we forgot to learn how to live. And I hope you don't make that mistake, because if you do, you're in trouble. If you waste your four years at this or any other institution, just learning how to make a living, you haven't got a guarantee you can get a job and keep one when you get out. But if you spend these four beautiful years at this or any other institution learning how to live, I guarantee you making a living will be the easiest thing for you to do on the face of this earth, bar none. u

"Yes, I meet so many people who say well, I'd like to go away to school to learn how to be somebody. Hell, you was born somebody. And if you go to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else, that makes you two people. Check out what Sigmund Freud says happens to you when you become two folks. And why you got to go away to college for four years and spend top dollars for somebody to teach you how to be crazy? u

"Oh, I meet people that say oh, you got to go to school so you can get a job. You got to eat. Eating ain't no big thing if you know how to live. The gorilla proved that. The gorilla eats more in one meal than you eat in six weeks. Have you ever known one of them to go to college? Have you ever bumped into a gorilla in a supermarket with you? And when u

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was the last time you ever read where a gorilla starved to death? You would be surprised how strong nature is. You would be surprised how strong you'll be if you learn how to live. U

"Let me give you an example. Raise your hand in here. How many of you in this room tonight understand Chinese? One, two, three, four. Four. All right. That's what I wanted to prove. Four people in this huge gathering understand Chinese. What I'm trying to get at, you are aware of the fact that right at this moment dogs in China do understand Chinese, don't you? Never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian. Dogs in Germany understand German. Do you? I say that's the way true nature, you are born with all the wisdom you need to get to your guts and find your way out of one of these tricks and find human dignity. Don't nobody have to teach you that. U

"So I say to you youngsters, as you work to change the system, please let your number one point of order be these colleges and universities across this country. Please change them immediately. You see that they will go out 100 per cent to educate instead of indoctrinate because there is a difference. U

"98 per cent of all the colleges in America do not know how to educate but they do know how to indoctrinate. Oh, we're so busy programming you youngsters when you come to class. We give you the book. Here is the class assignment. Now, that's not where we programmed you. No, we are hipper than that. After you read the book, we give you the test, U

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and if you didn't read the book the way we want you to read the book, you cannot pass the test. That's programming. And the system do not want you to be educated. They want you to be indoctrinated. That's why we got to keep records, to know how the indoctrination is coming along. u

"Oh, you can go through your whole semester and five hours before you go in and take a test, you can cram and make an A, but if there was no test you would have to cram for four years. u

"That's why young folks in America will stoop to some of the lowest depths in their life to steal the test because you know if you get the test you don't need the book. We don't grade the book, we grade the test. With that old funny looking thing we call the transcript. When are you going to get hip to the transcript, baby. The transcript ain't nothing but a pistol we hold over your head. Transcript ain't nothing but a threat to see to it you take your indoctrination well. That transcript don't mean a thing to nobody else but to the system and to you. u

"And if you think this transcript is important, you leave this or any other institution and ten years from now meet somebody you want to marry and see if they ever want to see your transcript. You think this transcript is important. u

"Anything you ever get ready to do in life that counts, see if you need it. Get ready to raise a family and see if you have to take that transcript to u

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bed with you. If you really want to have some fun, what do you think would happen if you finished with this institution and five years from now the administration building burned down with all the transcripts in it. Do you think you would have to go back to school? That transcript ain't no good to nobody but these fools. U

"So you got a big, big job ahead of you, and that's what black folks is talking about on these college campuses and universities today. Ain't none of them got nothing to do with you white folks. Yeah, we're past worrying about white folks in this country five years ago. We learned about this institutionalized racism that ain't got a damn thing to do with you because if all the white folks in America tonight disappeared and left nobody down here but Indians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and us, and if we still have to take these same old rides that you take today, we still couldn't get in these universities. U

"So, it's got nothing to do with you. It is this racist system. A system that tells us they cannot find qualified black kids, but they can go out and find all the niggers, all the Americans they want. Something is wrong with a system like that. U

"So we say we're tired of this racist structure. That's what we're interested in today. Oh, two years ago if I had went around the country speaking saying to solve our problem we need black capitalism, all the liberal minded thinking people would have said I was a racist. That old white boy, Tricky Dick, talked about black capitalism, and nobody associates racism with that. They think it is a good thing because he is

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a white boy. If the black folks got together and said we want to organize all the pullman porters in America and we want you to know that black folks don't want to drive your trains, black folks don't want to collect your tickets. We just want to wait on you. White folks would say that's racism. So we can't drive your trains today, and we can't pick up your tickets today, but that's okay because the institution said that. But the minute we say it you want to get up-tight. U

"I want to run around talking about reverse racism. You ever look at that television show, 'The Dating Game'? Every time they got a black cat on it, they got three black women and nobody says that's racism because that's your establishment doing it. But if I went on the show and said the only way I'll work the show is you don't have, you can't have no white women and just three black women, you would want to say I'm a racist. U

"We're saying we're tired of this institutionalized racism. Oh, everybody in America is upset over the crime in Washington, D. C. because that's niggers. You say we need more law. You don't need nothing in Washington, D. C. but some home rule. That's all you need in Washington, D. C. But everybody is upset about those niggers in Washington, D. C., but in the 'New York Times' last week it said the estimate follows a report Monday that thefts of the garment industry alone runs as high as \$50,300,000.00 a day, but you ain't upset over that because that's them white boys taking that. U

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"And then you want to run around and make yourself believe that black folks at birth have a criminal tendency, we're born with that. Now let me tell you something, all the money niggers steal in America in one year wouldn't supply the recreation money for that syndicate-controlled Italian Mafia. U

"So we say we're tired of this institutionalized racism. And this is why black folks today are saying teach black history at these white institutions because if you knew my history instead of what your mama and daddy told you about me, you would realize that I'm far from being your nigger and your mama comes closer to being your nigger than me. We're saying we want black studies because we all at once want to find out who we are. Since we decided we ain't no nigger, we want to know who we are. U

"And so I say to you youngsters you got a big job. Keep your eyes open, watch. You would be surprised how much you can learn just from watching. I know I learned a lot. That's why any time you see me I always got my Bible with me. I don't never go nowhere without my Bible. I don't read it. Well, there was a time when I didn't even take it with me. U

"Tell you I got hip. I realized one day the missionaries went to Africa, and when the missionaries arrived in Africa, the Africans had all the land and the missionaries had all the Bibles. And when the missionaries left, the Africans had all the Bibles and the missionaries had all the land. So any time you see me I got my Bible with me. Yeah, one day I'm going in

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the Hilton Hotel. That's right, when I leave old Hilton's going to have the Bible and I'm going to have the big ring with the keys on it. u

"Oh, I can't tell you how much I've learned from white Christians. I never will forget when I met my first white Christian. I was a little bitty kid, eight years old, walking down the street, minding my own business, and I heard a voice say, 'Come here boy.' That's how come I knew he was a white Christian. I said, 'Yessir, Mr. White Christian.' He said, 'Boy what is it you wants to do when you grow up?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, when I grow up I want to go to Africa and visit my ancestors.' He said, 'Boy, why do you want to go to Africa and visit them savages?' I said, 'Mr. White Christian, why do you call my ancestors savages?' He said, 'Because they are. They're cannibals.' I said, 'What's a cannibal?' He said, 'They eat people.' I said, 'Ooh, ooh, real live human beings? They cook them?' u

"That's not funny. It's a horrible thing to find out your folks eat folks. And I had to take the white Christian's word for it because white Christians ain't going to lie to us. Ha, ha, ha. u

"We got through and I took his word for it because two weeks later I got it confirmed. I went to see my first Tarzan movie and I walked in the middle of the movie, and they was cooking them, baby. I didn't know them wasn't real live Africans and were some old California niggers. How did I know? u

"Well, it upset me. I never will forget that Sunday. I rushed out of the movie and ran to the first

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church I came to, which happened to be a white Christian church, and I fell on my knees and prayed to that white Christian God, 'Oh, God, please forgive my ancestors, those savage cannibals. Please oh white Christian God, forgive them.' And the white Christian minister heard my prayer. He walked up from the back row and he was deeply touched because he had just lost three missionaries. The white Christian, I knew he was touched because he walked to where I was kneeling at the altar, and he reached down and he took his hand, and he put it on my head and he rubbed it. u

"He spoke those great words of wisdom, I'll never forget. He said, 'Boy, I didn't know a black boy had that much sense to pray for them savage cannibals.' I said, 'Yessir, Mr. White Christian Minister. I pray for them every chance I gets.' And I got ready to leave, and the minister was so touched he grabbed me and he said, 'Any black boy got this much sense to pray for them cannibals, I want you to stay here and share Communion with us.' I said, 'Oh, no, I just wanted to pray for them cannibals, them ancestors of mine.' I said, 'What's Communion?' He said, 'Get on your knees boy, open your mouth. This is his body and this is his blood.' u

"Yeah, I can't tell you how much I've learned from the white Christians. Now I pray for all the cannibals, even those who become cannibals by proxy. u

"Let me ask you youngsters to do me a favor, one day this week if you don't mind. One day this week stop by the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence. Now don't read it, just copy it. u

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You know how to copy without reading, right? Right. Sure you do. Now here's the favor I want you to do for me. I want you to carry your Declaration of Independence with you 24 hours a day. Never be caught without it. Now the favor I want you to do for me, when the riot season opens up again. This is the only country that even programmed us. We got a riot season. We supposed to riot July through August. And last year we didn't show and the whole country got up-tight. Yeah, everybody was up here wondering where were they, where were they. They asked George Wallace how come you think they didn't riot. He said, 'Ah, you know them niggers is lazy and shiftless. They was just tired.' U

"Well, I tell you where we were last riot season, we got tired of stealing all them bad no-good products. So last July through August we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports. So when the riot season opens up this year, we ain't stealing no more Motorolas baby. U

"Let me tell you the favor I'd like for you to do for me with your Declaration of Independence when the riot season opens up. I want you to go home and get with your parents. And you black kids too, because you know you got some black folks in them homes that think more corrupt and more degenerate than the Ku Klux Klan could ever think. You know what I'm talking about, don't you? U

"I want all y'all to go home and get your television and put it in the middle of the room. And turn on the evening news because they going to show them riots. Oh, they show them niggers burning

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and looting and socking it to the towns. But turn on Huntley and Brinkley because they get close-ups. Yeah, no ABC and CBS, they film the riots, but they do it from a helicopter, see. But NBC gets such close-ups you can recognize your kinfolks. 'Looky there, there's Uncle Dudlow. I didn't know he was in Detroit.' And after you get NBC on, here's the favor I want you to do for me. I want you to go upstairs and get your parents and bring them down and put them in front of the television set and let them look at them niggers burn the town. U

"And just listen to them. I don't have to tell you, you've heard them before. All the niggers need is . . . I don't know what's wrong with them folks. Just listen to them. And after you have heard enough of it, then do me my favor. I want you to go and turn the sound off the television so they can't hear nothing. Just look at them black folks burning. And at that point I want you to take out your Declaration of Independence and I want you to get way back behind them fools while they're watching them niggers burn the towns, and I want you to read your Declaration of Independence as loud as you can read it, and maybe for the first time they'll understand what they're looking at. 'We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with certain unalienable rights. That when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government.' Hmmm. U

"Now I know them old fools is going to assume that was some message Malcolm X left for Rap Brown, but I'm sure with a minimum amount of persuasion you will be able to teach them that that was the beloved Declaration

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of Independence, that one with the mistake on it.  
That one where they forgot to write 'for white only.' U

"Let me say something to you. There is something about this Declaration of Independence that if you white folks don't put 'for white only' on it, when we read it in the black ghetto it kind of reads like PAINE and JEFFERSON and WASHINGTON and them cats meant this to be for all Americans. We didn't know that it's just for you. For when it says after long periods of injustice it is your duty, we think that just one cat should be ahead of us after long periods. That's the Indian first and us second. And we can't understand how you would write the Declaration of Independence and then send it to my black ghetto and then when I start doing what you told me, I'm supposed to do, you wants to call me a looter and a hoodlum. So we suggest to you to please change this and put 'for white only' on it. U

"And then the second thing you should do immediately is go and get this old white boy American history book out of my black ghetto. Because if you're sick enough to believe you're going to send me this old filthy book down there telling me you white folks landed at the Plymouth Rock and shot and murdered your way all the way across to California, and then think I'm going to behave myself, are you serious? U

"Are you really sick enough to believe you can still draft niggers into the army and send them to Fort Benning, Georgia and teach them how to be guerillas and then they go over the world killing folks to liberate foreigners, then they're going to come back home and kill you to liberate their mammy. You're out of your minds. U

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"You see you ain't got niggers like you used to have. You could turn them on and turn off. No, I say maybe you all should read this dangerous book you put in my ghetto. Now, that white boy GEORGE WASHINGTON, he didn't make this history book because he was a good preacher. He led a good army and he whooped some British. Yeah, have you ever read this thing or are we the only ones that read it? 'Give me liberty or give me death.' You all believe Rap Brown said that, don't you? What did Stokely say? Here it is, 'Don't shoot until you see the whites . . . of their eyes.' U

"Do you really believe you could put this book in my ghetto and then tell me to respect the police? I see in the book here you didn't respect them. It says right here in the early days when the British was the police, a white boy by the name of Paul Revere rode through the white community and said, 'Get a gun white folks, the police is coming.' No, you should really get this out of my ghetto immediately because you know you just ain't dealing with this type of man no more. I'm going to turn to this history book with pride and read about where you white folks got on a foreigner's ship and took all their tea that didn't belong to you and threw it in the bay. Yeah, and then go to get upset with a nigger when a nigger steals a television. Well, if you're going to steal some tea and call that a Boston Tea Party, then when I get the television set, just call that a Saturday night fish fry and we're even. U

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"But I say to you youngsters you got a big job. Briefly, before I leave you tonight, let me discuss with you black attitudes in America today. Lord knows we got some attitudes. Thank God, it's about time. U

"Now, I'm going to be honest with you. We don't know what it is we're doing and been doing for the last two years that's alienating white folks like it is. But we got news for you, whatever it is we're doing that is alienating white America like we've alienated, we're going to keep on doing it. Because we know the more upset white folks get and the more aggravated they get, they ain't mentioning niggers no more. So whatever it is we're doing, baby, it sure is making it safe. There was the \_\_\_\_\_ and singing them old songs and cruelty where they was shooting niggers, and beating up niggers, and all at once it is just so safe to fly through America all at once. We don't know what it is. Maybe we finally learned the nature of the beast. You see a cat take a double-barreled shotgun and go hunting for a rabbit, he calls that sport. But you couldn't pay him to go gorilla hunting. Anything that might hurt him ain't sport no more. U

"And so we say that black folks have got an attitude today because we're tired of these insults. Now we're not saying white America got to stop insulting us. We can't ever stop you from doing that. We just saying that from here on in when white America insults us, expect us to react to the insults. That's all, without getting all upset. U

"Do you know what an insult it is for white Americans to tell a black American to be non-violent? The only

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country in the history of the world that's dropped an atom bomb on another living human being is asking us to be non-violent? The only country that every morning goes out and drops napalm on women and kids is asking us to be non-violent? u

"Nobody knows any better than me because I'm so committed to non-violence that I had to become a vegetarian because I believed 'Thou Shalt Not Kill' covers animals too. That's my hang-up. I do not go around preaching non-violence. I live it. I would never knock a steak off your plate. I'd never let you put a pork chop on mine. I'd never take no dynamite out of your hand. I'd never let you take my picket sign out of mine. But as non-violent as I am, it sure kind of insults me to have white America ask black folks to be non-violent. She owns the mightiest Army, the mightiest Navy, the mightiest Air Force, owns all the police, state police, federal police, local police, sheriff's police, CIA, FBI, and she comes up with all the guns and she ain't got a damn thing and she says, 'Be non-violent boys.' And we say go to Hell. u

"And we say to white America if you freak out for non-violence and say you believe you freak out for non-violence, prove it to us. And by that we don't mean don't do nothing for us because we proved we would burn towns down to the ground. But since you love non-violence, the way you think you love non-violence, prove it. Go up there on that reservation and get my Indian brother off because you can't be no more non-violent than he has been for the last 75 years. u

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"You see we're in Vietnam tonight with a half a million violent American boys to guarantee that foreigner a better way of life than you want to guarantee your own Indian brother who you stole this country from. You got to be out of your minds. We're hip to you, baby. And we're saying that there's not another man on the face of this earth that's been as non-violent as your Indian brother and before you ever utter the word non-violent again go get him off that reservation. Before you ever act like you're scared of separatism. We're always talking about separatism. As long as you got that Indian on that reservation and you act like you don't want separatism. U

"Do you know what that Indian would have to do to get his thing going tomorrow? He can get it. He's got to realize he is dealing with such an insane nation that until you make her peep up through the muzzle of that gun, she's going to keep you a nigger. If that Indian gets on the \_\_\_\_\_ of Arizona tomorrow morning and chase white folks driving down the expressway and start shooting at them and yelling Red Power, Whitey go home. And when that Indian says go home, he's talking about the big trip, baby. U

"Ah, just as soon as that Indian gets to raising hell tomorrow, the whole country would be upset. I can hear it now, 'them stinking reds.' And Sunday you turn on television, 'Meet The Press,' and they'll be interviewing some old Uncle Tom-Tom Indian that'll be saying everything all the fools want to hear. I can just hear him now. Yeah, 'Me like a-heap-a U

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reservation. Problem come from them young bucks. Them Stokely Running Horses and Rap Whiteclouds.' And all the fools will go to bed happy, believing the Indian don't want nothing but all he's got to do is just keep coming off that reservation and socking it to you, baby. And get him some of these blonde scalps and start raping some of these white women. Oh, you'd get upset then. u

"Yeah, that Indian get to raising hell and this summer you turn on television, you'll see as many Indians on television this year as you saw black folks last summer. Yes, tune in every Thursday night, one-hour special, seven-part series, 'Meet Your Indian Brother,' sponsored by Xerox. No commercials. Oh, that Indian raise enough hell this year, next year you'll have an Indian here talking to you.' u

"You youngsters as you move to straighten up the system, you got to create an atmosphere that a man do not have to get violent to get a redress of grievances, that a man do not have to get sassy and nasty. u

"It is sad I have to sit here and admit to you young folks that if the Indian raised hell you would know all about him. You would know that the highest form of suicide rate among young people on the face of this earth does not happen in Moscow, Russia like you would like to believe, but it happens in you Indian Reservation. You would find out that the highest form of tuberculosis among any minority group on the face of this earth does not happen in Red China, but upon your Indian Reservation. Why are you trying to stop

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Communism from spreading in Southeast Asia? Why don't you keep yourself from spreading on that Indian Reservation? Or do Communists have to be misusing Indians before you get concerned? u

"Yeah, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, they take care of Indian business. Is that a joke? That's like paying the Ku Klux Klan to implement the civil rights bill. The Bureau of Indian Affairs, you know the money it takes to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs? If we wiped the Bureau of Indian Affairs out overnight, the money it takes to run the Bureau, each Indian in America could get \$4,300 a year apiece. But you don't know that now because the Indian has been so peaceful. u

"I hope you youngsters will create an atmosphere in this country that somewhere down the line America will become as ashamed of injustices at home as she is afraid of Communism abroad. This would be a mighty groovy country then. u

"Your Mexican brothers asked you don't eat no California table grapes. Did you listen to them? Have you stopped? Because if you don't eat them California table grapes, he's going to get that human dignity. If you keep eating them, he's still going to get them, only next year he is going to have to blow up the grape vineyards. Then everybody will be saying, 'Why are those Mexicans so violent?' Because you didn't help them be non-violent when they asked you to. u

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"So, in leaving you tonight I say that black folks are tired of these insults. Our people ask you now, how come y'all don't want to be called colored? How come you don't want to be called Negro? Yeah, we're saying just call us black. We hope that don't put you in an imposition. But we notice you don't play games with nobody else. We're saying you can't play games with us any more. That's what we're saying. u

"Yeah, a Jew leaves Israel tonight to come to my country. He was a Jew in Israel and he's still a Jew when he gets here. An Italian leaves Italy to come to my country. He was an Italian over there and after he comes all the way across the Atlantic he still stays an Italian. He is an Italian over here. The Irish left Ireland to come to America. Yeah, they was Irishmen over there and they stayed Irishmen over here. I mean you notice you don't play no games with yourself. Why is it we left Africa Africans and when we got here we had to be niggers, and coons, and colored. Don't play no more games with us. That's what we're saying. Just call us plain old black. If you want to play some games, start changing your thing. u

"We're tired of these insults. Twenty and thirty years ago, oh, you had a good thing going then. Because twenty and thirty years ago black folks in America had an empty stomach. Today black folks in America have a full stomach but a hungry mind, and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sound. And all at once this country don't sound right to us any more. u

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"Four years ago three white boys burned up their draft cards and within two weeks the Senate and Congress had passed an anti-draft card burning bill. We haven't been able to get the Senate and Congress to pass an anti-lynching bill in 100 years. My country just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy. I'll bring her to her knees for that. u

"If I was in Vietnam tonight and got killed by Viet Cong, this country would give my black wife \$10,000 and she couldn't take that money and buy a house in any neighborhood she wanted to buy one in. Well, I got killed shooting at the wrong folks. u

"And we're saying we are tired of these insults. Who in the hell are you to tell me I got to get a fair housing bill to live anywhere in my own country? That old red cracker Russian broad, Stalin's daughter, a known Communist and a known Russian, you didn't make her get no fair housing bill to live anywhere she wanted to live in my country. Why do I have to get one? u

"All these Russian exchange students that come over here, they don't want to be your citizens. Four years from now they'll go back to Moscow, Russia. And in the next eight years, they might be dropping a bomb on your mama's house. You don't make them Russians get no fair housing bill to live anywhere they want to live in these old racist college towns. Why do I need one? u

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"So we're saying we're tired of these insults. We cannot stop America from insulting us. But we just want her to know we're reacting to them. There's a whole lot of white folks in America that believe a nigger is the stinkiest, smelliest thing that ever walked the face of this earth. And that's your hang-up. I'm not here to convince you niggers don't stink, but I say to you, you do your own research. Yes, check the records at the cosmetics industry and see how many multi-millions of dollars a year you white folks spend for deoderant. And check them deoderant commercials on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. And then figure it out for yourself. If niggers is doing all the stinking and white folks is buying all the deoderant, who really stinks in my country? u

"Oh, it's a whole lot of white folks that believes that a black man is inferior to them, and there is a lot of people that would tell you because I'm black, I'm inferior to him because he's white. You know the interesting thing about that is the same cat that believes because I'm black I'm inferior to him, he would be the first one to tell you that if I went to bed with a Japanese woman tonight and gave her a baby, the baby is going to be colored. If I go to bed with a Chinese woman, a Jewish woman, an Italian woman, I can take any woman on the face of this earth to bed and get her a baby, and the baby is going to be me. My sister can go to bed with any man on the face of this earth and get a baby, and the baby is going to be her. Is that inferior stock to you? u



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"So we're saying we're tired of these insults. And now people tell us education is our problem. That ain't nothing but a cheap whitey cop-out. Why you got a half a million American soldiers in Vietnam tonight? Have you ever heard one white or black American ever question that Vietnamese educational standard? But you want to free him. And when you do question my education standard, question it right. That's why we beg you to teach my history so you'll know what bag I came out of. Education is my problem. U

"Are you aware how many millions of people would be dead today on the face of this earth if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that a black man in America invented blood plasma by the name of Charlie Drew? Don't take my word for it. Check it out in your library. Are you also aware of the fact that Charlie Drew bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia hospital waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers. Education is my problem. The man with the wisdom and the knowledge and the educational genius to give blood plasma to the world died from the lack of his own invention because his face was black. U

"So we're saying we're tired of these insults. Now people tell us why don't you quit that marching and go back to your ghetto and bring your brother up by his boot straps. Why don't you give them some boots with some zippers on them? U

"And I'll be the first to admit to you that black women in America have 20 per cent illegitimate babies. We ain't going to deny that because we've

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had fun in the ghetto, baby. And white women in America have 2 per cent illegitimacy. And we're just so damn sick and tired of your attitude because your white sister has 2 per cent illegitimacy and my black sister has 20 per cent illegitimacy. You want to kind of make people think that makes you better than me. And it don't baby, because if we ever get our hands on you white folks abortion credit card, we would show you how to bring a rate down, too. U

"We're tired of people asking us why are you colored folks having all them black babies in the ghetto. You can't take care of them. You're going to end up on relief. We know it. The only thing we say is wrong with your relief, there ain't enough of it. And when words like relief and welfare, when those kind of words upset you, change it and call it foreign aid. Or call it what you call that money you give them farmers in North Carolina. You don't call it free money. You call it subsidy. Now you think you're going to pay a farmer billions of dollars a year not to plant and then don't want to pay my sister after she plants? U

"And as far as all them babies we're having in the black ghetto, we can't take care of, we'll make a deal with you. The day this system learns how to hire black boys and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys so we can afford all the whores and prostitutes that you can afford, we'll quit having all them babies at home too, but not until then. And I don't have to ask you about that whore because it is my sister, and she do talk to me when she comes home, so we know what you're doing. U

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"So we say we're tired of these insults. And when I stop and think that a German killed my daddy during World War II. A German killed my daddy in 1942. I was ten years old. I'm 37 years old now, and that means I would have gone 27 years without a daddy. That's not no insult because when daddys go to war, they go to kill or be killed. The insult is the same German that could have killed my daddy in 1942 and made me go 27 years without a daddy, that same German tonight can come to my daddy's country and live in a neighborhood my daddy's boy can't live in. Do you really understand what we're talking about? u

"And we're saying before we ever sit by again and let you treat your enemy better than you treat your citizens, we'll burn this country down to the ground. u

"And so we say tonight, we're tired of these insults. We're tired of civil rights legislation. We don't want no rights, no civil rights. We want our rights the same way you get yours, the United States Constitution. We would like for you to give us one more bill before we quit playing with us though, an honest white folks bill. Now don't none of you get up-tight because that ain't got nothing to do with white folks. As a matter of fact, we'll give it a good name. We'll call it the 'Concerned Honky Law.' u

"I'll bet that would go over big in the ghetto. And it is going to be a simple bill that will just read all five-year-olds, black male baby boys, that don't have nothing to do with white folks, don't even cover my sisters. All five-year-old black, male, baby boys will have to go to a government camp for one year from the age of five to six. And we will let this law stipulate

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that they will be able to sleep for eight hours a day and for the other sixteen hours a day, the government will teach them. And that's where the honest white folks come in. After those little black boys sleep for eight hours every day for a year, you will teach them for sixteen hours a day from the age of five to six, nigger, when you grow up, don't ever fool with a white lady. Don't ever date one. u

"You know, let me say something to you before I split. We can't believe that nothing upsets you no more than to see a nigger with a white woman and you don't want to talk about your number one hang-up. Who in the hell do you think you are? One day if you ever get up enough manhood and courage to talk about your number one hang-up, you might find out there's something you're doing to make me want her. u

"Hell, niggers wasn't born wanting your white woman. Hell, your new automobiles come out and you can't advertise them without using that white woman, and you know I'm going to get one of them new cars, don't you? So I feel I need her to make my gears shift right. u

"I'd be minding my own business, reading my magazine, and there's that white woman with that bottle of Pepsi-cola, saying, 'Thirsty, have a Pepsi.' Yeah, I'll have a pepsi and you too, you old white broad. u

"I go home into my black ghetto and walk into my black house and go into my black living room and get with my black wife and my black kids and turn on

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my black television, and there's your white sister running across there half naked in that old Playtex living bra, screaming, 'Buy a Playtex.' Yes, I'll take the Playtex living bra for my old lady and I'll take you for me. Are you out of your mind? u

"I went to my first movie when I was four years old. My mind was pure, honest, you hadn't programmed it. I hadn't ever seen nobody make love in my life. Four years old. Who did I see making love? Ava Gardner and Alan Ladd. I didn't know what they was doing, but at four years old I knew I was going to do it one day. u

"And I went to the movie every night, not to see the white lady. I went to the movie because in my hometown you could get in the movie free until you was twelve years old. I never will forget, I was eight years old and had been going to a movie every night for four years, looking at nothing make love but that white lady. I never will forget that night I was eight years old and Ava Gardner and Alan Ladd was doing their thing, baby. I nudged my friend and said, 'Ooh, ooh, looky there. I'm sure going to get me one of them when I grow up.' He said, 'Which one, him or her?' I said, 'I don't know, I think I'll try them both.' u

"Well, I got news for you tonight. I'm grown and I'm going to get me a white lady. The madder it makes you, the more of them broads I'm going to get me. And I hope it makes you so damn mad that you'll quit programming my black kids and show them some black ladies making love in the movie. u

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Show them some black ladies advertising on television. Show them some black ladies holding that bottle of pepsi-cola. But do you really think any time you get ready to sell me your old no-good piece of product you're going to put it in your sister's hand and all I'm going to do is take that and send it back to you? No, I'm grabbing her at the wrists. u

"So quit programming my black kids and you might not never worry about problems with your old lady. But the mistake you made with me, the only black woman you ever showed me in the movie was Aunt Jemima and Beulah. And you should have known damn good and well I ain't never ever, ever, ever wanted to make love to Beulah. u

"So as we leave you tonight, I say to you youngsters you got a big job. Keep your eyes open wide. Read a lot, think a lot, and just remember that Kerner Report that says the problem in the black ghettos can be solved with 80 billion dollars. And as I leave you tonight, I hope you don't bring no 80 billion dollars down to my ghetto. That ain't going to do it. If you want to solve the problems in the black ghetto, you're going to have to do something first that ain't going to cost you one nickel as far as black folks are concerned. And that is you're going to have to create an atmosphere in America where for the first time in America black folks will trust white folks. u

"And how will you do that? Simple. You get up on that Indian Reservation and cut my red brother loose. You free my Mexican brother. You give my Puerto Rican brother his constitutional rights,

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and last but not least, because my Jewish brother plays a lot of games with himself, but he should paint his face as black as mine and see what you Gentiles say about him every day in the week, and he'll realize he is in the same bag with the rest of us. So what we're saying short, simple, and sweet, you're going to free my Jewish brother, my Mexican brother, my Puerto Rican brother, my Indian brother. And when we see this we will look around and say to my white brother for the first time, I trust you. Come into my ghetto and together we'll solve our problems. u

"If you think you're going to solve our problems without freeing those other folks, we say to you take your 80 billion dollars and buy yourself some of the biggest guns money can buy, because you're damn sure going to need them. u

"And so let me say thanks to those of you that worked on my presidential campaign and those of you that voted for me. I stayed up late election night waiting on Durham and Raleigh to come through and put me over, but y'all blew it. But I don't know how many of you looked at the election returns that night. About 3 o'clock in the morning the Nixon people said he's gone to bed. You know that was a lie. The Humphrey people said he had been asleep for two hours. That was a lie. But then I was the only one that was left up. So, at 3:30 that morning I held a press conference and declared myself the independent write-in President of the United States in exile and wasn't nobody up to tell me I couldn't do it. u

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"So March 4 in Washington, D. C. is going to be the inauguration and everybody is invited. We're opening up an office, going to paint it black and call at the 'Black House.' u

"And for the next four years we're going to work with the worldwide food program and see if we can wipe out hunger in America and then around the world. You see the groovy thing about declaring yourself the President, be it legal or illegal, that gives you the right to muster an army. And so on your way out you will find my brothers over there with some plain post cards with already stamped on it. If you want to join the food army to help wipe hunger out in America, I urge you to fill out one of these cards and drop it in the mailbox. You'll see some envelopes if you want to get with the people who sending money to feed people. Now, we ain't feeding them nothing but navy beans. Navy beans is 100 per cent protein. Navy beans sell for \$8 for 100 pounds. And we take a 100-pound sack of navy beans to somebody's house they will have enough protein for six months. So if you will look in that bag, there will be some envelopes outside the door. I urge you if you want to get involved or your friends, take enough for your friends and everybody. u

"Again let me say to you youngsters thank you so very much this evening and may God bless you and may nature have a lot of fun with you. Thank you." u



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On February 14, 1969, CE T-1 advised that on the evening of February 13, 1969 subject spoke at Moore Gymnasium, A and T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. According to T-1, GREGORY's comments were as follows: ~~(S)~~ (U)

There was a musical prelude and then an invocation by Reverend CLEO M. MC COY, Director of the Chapel. The speaker was introduced by Mr. RAY JOHNSON, who is the Chairman of the Cultural Affairs Committee. The address was given by Mr. DICK GREGORY, who is an author, commentator, and comedian. U

Mr. GREGORY started his lecture off by telling a few jokes. Then he was discussing the 18 billion dollars that was needed to get the Americans out of the ghettos and what the blacks should do was take that money and buy all of the guns they could. He said, "Niggers, get your guns." Also, he said that one goes to school to get an education but he wants to know what good is an education when one can't get the same jobs as his white peers can with that same education. An education is not a necessity these days. He says that nature takes care of itself. An example he used was that a gorilla does not have an education. However, he eats. He said that a gorilla consumes in one meal about as much as the average person eats in six months. However, the gorilla does not have an education. U

Then he asked the audience how many there understood Chinese. One person raised his hand. He said the dogs in China could understand Chinese, dogs in Germany could understand German, so nature takes care of itself. He also instructed all students to go to the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence. He said, "Don't read it, just copy it." Then he said that when rioting starts again this summer and the damn fools are sitting around looking at T.V. and talking about those damn niggers and stuff, what they are doing now, he said

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they were damn fools, old parents who don't understand what's going on. When they are sitting around the television watching the niggers riot and loot, he said turn the volume down, leave the picture on the television, and then get in the back of the room and read as loud and clear as you can the Declaration of Independence. Maybe then they will understand why they are rioting. He also said that his parents taught him when he came of a certain age that he would be called a nigger. They told him to accept it and go on. He and his wife have seven black babies and he said, "Do you think we're teaching them that? No!" He just hoped when their kids came of age, that the people started calling them niggers, they would do their own thing. u

He said that the crackers on T.V., the movies, made him sick. He said that when he was four years old, he went to a movie for the first time with his parents and he saw Humphrey Bogart and somebody making love. He said that he did not understand, but however, from the day he was four years old until he got around twelve, he would go to the movies because in the winter time it was warmer than his own home. He would go to the movies in the summer time because it was cooler than his own home. He said he would go to the movies and see all these white people making love. So when he was about eight years old, he and a friend went to a movie and he told his friend, "Man, when I get big, I'm going to get me one of these things." And the friend said, "What the lady or the man?" And he said, "Man, I think I'll try both of them." All through his speech, he was cracking jokes like that. u

Another thing he was talking about was how white people on television are advertising different things and that they thought because a blue-eyed blonde lady was advertising that a black man would instantly buy it simply because she was advertising it. He thought this was wrong and you should buy

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only the products you believed in not just because some blue-eyed lady was advertising a car. He said that people think that the black man thinks just because a blue-eyed, blonde lady was advertising it, it will maybe make the gears change better or something of that nature. He said also that because of all the people in the world starving, he and his wife have decided to eat three days of the week and the other four days just drink water. So perhaps when he and his wife put themselves in that position, that they could come up with some kind of solution to the problem of people starving. u

He also discussed about how white people hate to address a black person as "Mr." or "Mrs." and he said to eliminate this problem, he had seven black babies and the last baby of his, which happened to be five months old, he named MISS GREGORY, that is her name. He said there would never be any doubt about anybody calling her Miss Gregory because that was her name and he would not have to worry about that. u

He also said that in schools, the blacks are being denied being taught their black heritage and that this was wrong, and that CHARLIE DREW was a black man and no one had taught him about CHARLIE DREW in school, and that he died for lack of his own invention or discovery. He said that if anyone had something to kick about it was the Indians because they had been put on reservations and have been separated from everybody else, and if anybody has a right, they had one to kick about not having the liberties and rights. u



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Charlotte, North Carolina

March 11, 1969

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Title            **RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ALSO KNOWN  
AS DICK GREGORY**

Character       **RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST**

Reference       **Memorandum at Charlotte, North Carolina,  
dated and captioned as above.** *u*

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
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Date: 3/11/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) - P -

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT QUINCY COLLEGE, QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, 4/21/69  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-16-80 BY 2842

Enclosed herewith are the original and ten copies of a self-explanatory LHM re captioned subject. Also enclosed are two copies of an FD-376. *u*

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Enclosed for Chicago is one copy of LHM captioned as above. *u*

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to the USA, Springfield, Illinois; US Secret Service, Springfield; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois. *u*

Springfield will follow and report pertinent developments. *u*

Springfield will through discreet contact with established sources attempt to obtain recording of the speech of GREGORY. *u*

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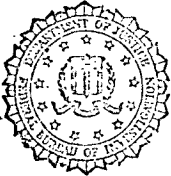
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

March 11, 1969

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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AT QUINCY COLLEGE, QUINCY,  
ILLINOIS, APRIL 21, 1969

[redacted] Quincy College,  
Quincy, Illinois, advised on March 10, 1969, that the  
Cultural Affairs Committee at Quincy College has scheduled  
Dick Gregory for a speech on April 21, 1969, at the auditorium  
of Quincy College. u

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Dick Gregory is a well-known militant Negro,  
Anti-Establishment comic. u

The Cultural Affairs Committee at Quincy College is  
made up of faculty members and students, and the Committee  
sponsors speakers and programs for the college. The Chairman  
of the Committee is Father Michael Crosby, O. F. M. [redacted]  
advised that at present no other speakers or activities are  
scheduled in conjunction with the appearance of Gregory. u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : *NW*  
*gk* SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO Chicago)

DATE: 3/17/69

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Re Buffalo teletype to Bureau, dated 3/7/69. *U*

Investigator   NYSP, BCI, Fredonia, N.Y., advised SA   on 3/14/69, that GREGORY spoke to several hundred students in Gregory Hall, on the State University College at Fredonia Campus, Fredonia, N.Y., during the evening of 3/10/69. Investigator   advised that the speech was repetitious of prior GREGORY speeches, and was not inciting in any way. He advised that the audience was mixed, both racially and age-wise, and was well behaved and orderly. He advised that following his formal lecture, he had an informal discussion with a smaller group of individuals in a dormitory on the State University College Campus, which was also orderly, and not inciting. *U*

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An article appearing in the "Leader" the campus newspaper at the State University College at Fredonia, summed up the feeling of the student body by stating that many of the students both agree and disagree with the comments of GREGORY, but admitted that he puts on a "great show" and was clearly one of the high spots of the academic year. The article concludes by stating that GREGORY not only entertains his audience, but stimulates deep thoughts about one's self and one's country. The above mentioned article will be retained in the Buffalo files. *U*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY  
MURRAY, KENTUCKY  
3/31/69  
RM

Re Louisville letter to Chicago dated 3/12/69 *u*

Louisville is instructed to follow and report pertinent developments via LHM suitable for dissemination regarding subject's appearance as set forth above. If possible, obtain recording of the speech, if any, of GREGORY and set forth in LHM. *u*

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Date: 3/26/69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, DENVER (100-9440) (RUC)  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: Chicago

ReBuairtel 1/31/69. *u*

Being submitted under separate cover by registered mail are four magnetic tape reels regarding the speech made by the subject at Colorado Springs on 1/15/69. An established source at Radio Station KSSS, Colorado Springs, caused these reels to be reproduced from tapes originally made by The Colorado College at the time the speech was made. The tapes submitted are reported to be complete tapes of the unabridged tape made at The Colorado College. The tapes need not be returned. *u*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, WFO (100-49005) (C)

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FOR 3/4/69, BY THE NEW PARTY.  
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Re WFO airtel and LHM, dated 2/28/69 and captioned  
as above. u

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies, two for  
and one each for other auxiliary offices receiving copies  
this letter, of a LHM dated and captioned as above. u

Copies of attached LHM are being furnished CG and  
CT in view of their interest in DICK GREGORY and JAMES DIXON  
and the remaining offices in view of previous correspondence  
re captioned matter. u

The attached LHM has been classified "Confidential"  
to protect sources of continuing value whose identities might  
otherwise be compromised and because it indicates FBI interest  
in an alleged political party, i.e., The New Party. u

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The first two sources referred to in attached LHM are [redacted] PRI, and [redacted] the third is [redacted] and the fourth is PSI [redacted] (U)

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Special Agents present during the inauguration, and town meeting were SAs [redacted] and JOHN J. DOYLE, JR. SAs present at the Inaugural Ball were SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] u

Copies of attached LHM are being disseminated locally to the 116th MIG, OSI, NISO, USSS and AUSA. u

Captioned case is being placed in a closed status. WFO will continue to follow The New Party activities under caption, "The New Party, IS - MISC." u

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, Buffalo (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

DATE: 3/21/69

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Re Bureau routing slip, 3/17/69. *u*

In the above communication, the Bureau advised that the 108th Military Intelligence Group had reported that subject spoke on 3/8/69 before the Rochester Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, N.Y. *u*

The Buffalo Office, by letter to Chicago dated 3/15/69, captioned, "DICK GREGORY, RM," advised that office of the appearance of subject before the City Club at the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, N.Y., on 3/8/69, and furnished Chicago with an article which appeared in the Rochester newspaper, "Democrat & Chronicle" of 3/9/69. Subject's topic was "Civil Rights and Wrongs." The newspaper article was a comprehensive summary of subject's comments, and a copy of *u* the newspaper article was not retained in the Buffalo Office files.

The Bureau and Chicago were separately notified by letter of 3/17/69 in captioned case of the appearance of subject before students of the State University College at Fredonia, Fredonia, N.Y., on the evening of 3/10/69. The Bureau and Chicago were advised of the general nature of the speech of subject and the fact that a State Police investigator, who had heard subject on prior occasions, thought that his speech was repetitious and did not present anything new. *u*

The speech of subject was reported in the State University College at Fredonia campus newspaper, "The Leader," under date of 3/13/69. It is noted in Buffalo letter dated 3/17/69 that a copy of this newspaper article was not furnished to the Bureau or to Chicago. *u*

It is believed that the Bureau and Chicago would be interested in having a copy of this newspaper article since this office was unable to arrange to have a tape recording of either the

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3/8/69 or 3/10/69 speech. A Xerox copy of this newspaper article is attached hereto for the Bureau and Chicago. u

UACB, the news article from Rochester, N.Y., concerning the 3/8/69 speech was furnished to Chicago and is not being furnished to the Bureau. u

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# IS THE U.S. DEGENERATE?

## DICK GREGORY SPEAKS

"But more than a commentator, more than an author, more than a comedian, he is a soldier in a war against hate and bigotry. His weapons include a complete personal dedication of his talent and a razor-sharp sense of humor". Most program introductions try to build up their attraction to all proportions but the above comment in the program introducing Dick Gregory lived up to its name. For those of you who missed a hilarious and enlightening evening, Dick Gregory was on our campus last Monday speaking at Old Main and then at a smaller talk in Kirkland A.

Gregory gave a strong indictment of the United States, calling it the most morally degenerate country on earth. While right-wingers eulogize America, he says all others must examine it closely. Blacks, he continued, do not hate whites but hate their "stinking white racist institutions", a phrase he used often throughout the

night. Blacks hold whites responsible for these institutions. The solution to the racial crisis in the United States, according to Gregory, is not pouring money into the ghettos. The solution is to first gain the trust of the blacks before the government does anything else. This trust can be gained by the white man giving to all minorities, red, brown or black, all the rights they should have had in the first place. Only then will there be progress in this country.

Another basic theme, and probably his most controversial, was the guilt of the CIA in the murders of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell, and others. The CIA, he claims, is trying to take over the country by dividing it. President Kennedy didn't trust the CIA, the argument goes, and it killed him. Robert Kennedy knew this and would have revealed it if he had been elected

President. The CIA saw that when Robert Kennedy won the California primary, he was getting too close to his goal and had to be eliminated.

In the session after the lecture, Gregory was closely questioned about this and, after adding that Oswald, Sirhan and Ray were innocent, said he had secret evidence to prove it and James Garrison tried to prove it at the Clay Shaw case. It was impossible to challenge his argument because of the "secret evidence" idea. On this point, one would have to accept Dick Gregory on sheer faith.

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Fredonia, N.Y.

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Title: Richard Clark Gregory  
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# PROPERTY RIGHTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN

## HUMAN RIGHTS

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He thanked the young people for getting rid of Lyndon Johnson, whom he described as the number one tyrant since Julius Caesar. The fact that Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey did not bother him much because he said that the "stinking, slimy, nasty politicians are all the same." At this point he got to the Democratic Convention and the demonstrations

of which he played a part in. He declared that three days after the conventions the establishment tried to tell us it didn't happen. Russia might have tried this after the Czechoslovak invasion by saying it sent in miniature tanks and the cameras enlarged them out of proportions.

Many of the hippies and other young people are described today as moral degenerates. Gregory believes that the Shriners in Chicago, because they are involved in more prostitution and adultery, are more

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degenerate. Furthermore the 20,000 Wall Streeters who watched a grandly endowed girl (Gregory used other, naughtier words, as I'm sure the audience remembers) walk out of a subway station, are even worse degenerates. He was surprised that J. Edgar Hoover didn't declare this girl-watching to be Communist-inspired.

Gregory does not want to destroy the capitalist system, but rather put the capitalists behind rather than in front of the U.S. Constitution. In this country, property rights are more important than human rights. Gregory amply described this by relating that Mayor Daley told the police to shoot all looters, not to shoot all murders or dope-fiends. Looting of course, has more to do with property.

Another important theme Gregory used was boycotting of various goods. If people don't get school reforms, he suggested that they stop eating meat and watch the right-wind Texas cowboys break down the Dean's door. On the draft, he said that the sons of 150 Congressmen were eligible for the draft and not drafted and that Dean Rusk's son was eligible for the draft five years ago and still is not inducted. Moving to Vietnam, he claimed that democracy is so good we should not be trying to ram it down other people's throat. If it was that good, they would steal it.

In my opinion, the best part of the speech was the portion of the Declaration of Independence. He advised the younger set to get their parents to sit down in front of a TV during "riot season" and watch the battle. Then turn the sound down and, as they watch the riot, read the portion of the Declaration that states that when people lose their rights over a long period of time that it is their duty to destroy or abolish that govern-

ment that is oppressing them.

Gregory's final plea came to the youth of America to clean up the mess that the old fools made. Here the generation gap in the audience became clear. I sat behind four older types and while, the younger set was laughing and clapping and otherwise enjoying itself, they sat stone-faced through the entire lecture. From my glances around the audience, this was not atypical for the older set.

The above report is of course of Gregory's opinions, not mine. I agree with some, disagree with others. But whether one is for or against Gregory, one must admit he puts on a great show. He was clearly one of the high spots of this academic year.

A final thanks must be made to the Convocations and SGA for bringing this top-notch speaker to the Fredonia campus. In Gregory, they found a man who not only entertains, but stimulates deep thoughts about oneself and one's country.

--Alan Faye



SAC, Buffalo (157-396)

3/28/69

Director, FBI (100-440423) -455

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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ReBulet 3/21/69, concerning the appearance of captioned individual before the City Club at the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, New York, on 3/8/69 and the State University College at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, on 3/10/69.

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For your information and future guidance, there is wide Government interest in the public appearances of all black extremist. Many Government leaders and agencies rely on the FBI for this type intelligence data. Therefore, whenever you learn of any such appearances in your territory, you should promptly submit that information in a form suitable for dissemination.

Concerning captioned individual, he has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam. He has spoken at numerous colleges and universities throughout the U.S. and his main theme usually centers on the youth and what they can do to correct the white racist establishment in the U.S. In view of the subject's past activities, you should in the future, make plans to afford discreet coverage of his appearance. In this connection, bear in mind that the subject could make statements which are in violation of the Antiriot Laws and coverage, therefore, should include sources who could be in a position to testify. Such statements should be set forth verbatim in communications prepared for dissemination. You should insure that interested local authorities are aware of Gregory's appearance.

At the conclusion of an appearance, you should submit the results of your coverage in a form suitable for dissemination concerning the appearance, so as to permit timely dissemination of the material at the Seat of Government.

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Letter to SAC, Buffalo  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
100-440423

NOTE:

Subject is included on the Agitator Index.  
Buffalo being advised to submit appropriate information  
developed concerning an appearance of subject in Field  
Division territory in a form suitable for dissemination.

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Date: 3/25/69

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (176-63)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (176-15) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau, 3/11/69 *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago 2 copies of LHM regarding GREGORY's speech as a guest speaker at the Ellsworth Junior College located in Iowa Falls, Iowa, on 3/17/69. *u*

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, a taped recording of GREGORY's speech at the Ellsworth Junior College, Iowa Falls, Iowa, on 3/17/69 was obtained by the Iowa Falls Police Department. A review of this recording on 3/18/69 found that this speech contained no statement advocating violence or encouraging participation in riots which might constitute a violation of antiriot laws. A summary of the speech is contained in a newspaper clipping set forth in above mentioned Omaha LHM. *u*

Since the Omaha Division has no other outstanding investigation concerning GREGORY, Omaha considers this matter RUC, UACB. *u*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 17, 1969, Dick Gregory appeared at the Ellsworth Junior College located in Iowa Falls, Iowa, to speak to approximately 500 students. Gregory's speech was sponsored as part of a "Justice for All" speaker series funded through student activity fees. Gregory spoke for approximately two hours, with his text primarily concerning the injustices of all people. u

The "Waterloo Courier" newspaper of Waterloo, Iowa, on March 19, 1969, carried the following article concerning Gregory's speech. u

"Speaks in Iowa Falls" u

"GREGORY URGES, 'LEARN HOW TO LIVE'" u

"If your education teaches you how to live, then earning a living will be the easiest thing for you to do," Dick Gregory told Ellsworth College students here Monday night. u

"Learning how to live, according to Gregory, means becoming concerned with injustices to all people. He pointed to hunger as the number one problem in America and to the Indians as the second problem. u

"Problems in colleges and high schools are arising, he said, because education is not relevant to living. 'Education should be to bring out what nature put in you,' he said, noting that much of the present system is designed to 'program' students. u

"I hope you youngsters in these institutions don't make the same mistakes as us old folks. We were too busy trying to learn how to make a living instead of how to live," Gregory said. u

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Deplore Assassinations U

"Emphasizing the need for 'passionate desires for human rights,' Gregory told the student audience that they must be concerned about all assassinations, pointing to George Lincoln Rockwell as an example. He also hit the great concern for urban America, saying 'rural America is America's new nigger.' He said that when large cities became concerned over missile bases, the bases were moved to rural areas. U

"Hunger, too, is a great problem in rural areas. He cited hunger in Appalachia which goes on while programs are launched in urban areas. In an interview prior to the speech, he said implementation of present food programs must involve research on cheap protein foods, such as soybeans, and studies of the available means of distribution. U

"He suggested that it would be valuable for police to be in a position to help with temporary hunger problems because the police are on duty at all hours, unlike many social work offices. This would also build an image of police as being more than punishers. U

"Raps White Society U

Gregory hit hard at what he terms the 'white racist society,' saying, 'We do not hate whites, we hate your white, racist society, and we hold all whites responsible. U

"If you come to my house and my dog bites your daughter, who would you sue? My dog?' Thus the blacks hold whites responsible, he said. U

"Treatment of the Indians was repeated as a main example of inhumanity, Gregory said. U

"While declaring non-violent principles as his own 'hangup,' Gregory asked what non-violence had done for the Indians. He declared that more has been accomplished for human rights in the past two years than in the previous 100 years now that whites are 'up tight. U

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Awareness' Stressed U

"Not only is awareness important in correcting a system that does not grant human rights, but it may soon become an economic necessity as large corporations, educational institutions and government agencies more and more seek people who have been associated with minorities and thus have an awareness of the problems facing the country, Gregory noted. U

"Showing a finely blended combination of his career as a comedian and his present human rights advocacy, Gregory joked bitingly about racial insults. He cited the naming of a Texas tornado 'Beulah' as the biggest breakthrough. U

"Gregory spoke as part of a 'Justice for All' speaker series funded through student activity fees. Following his talk, he answered various student questions about black studies, George Wallace and Muhammad Ali U

"The Ellsworth program was one of 310 Gregory has scheduled for the present college year. U

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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Re Chicago airtel to Bureau, 12/9/68; and Jacksonville airtel to Bureau, 1/7/69. *u*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a letterhead memorandum in captioned matter *u*

Two (2) copies of this LHM are enclosed for Chicago and one (1) copy of the LHM is being disseminated locally to military intelligence agencies, Secret Service, and USA, Birmingham. *u*

Birmingham confidential source T-1 is [redacted] University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, per request. Information furnished by source was furnished to SA [redacted] *u*

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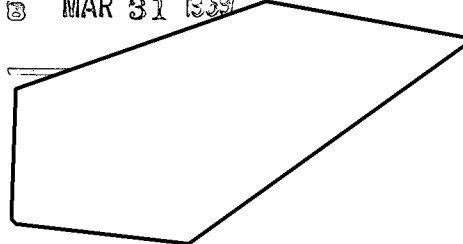
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1400 - 2121 Building  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

According to an article appearing in the "Crimson-White" Volume 78 Number 36, dated Monday, March 24, 1969, a student newspaper which is published twice weekly at the University of Alabama, it is noted that DICK GREGORY will speak at Emphasis 1969 at the University of Alabama. u

This article states that black comedian and civil rights leader DICK GREGORY, along with Los Angeles SAM YORTY and journalist DOUGLAS S. CATER, will headline Emphasis 1969 at the University of Alabama, beginning April 8. The article went on to state that the theme of this year's symposium is "The American City: Paradox of Progress." Other speakers are listed as PETER JENNINGS of the American Broadcasting Company, MALCOLM BOYD, ROBERT C. WEAVER, former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, ALLARD K. LOWENSTEIN, a New York Congressman who played a major role in persuading U. S. Senator EUGENE MC CARTHY to run in the 1968 Presidential primaries. u

The article goes on to state that the Emphasis program is a Student Government Association activity designed to provide the University community an additional opportunity to increase familiarity with subjects of current interest and importance. u

On March 26, 1969, Birmingham confidential source T-1 advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY is scheduled to speak at Emphasis 1969 on April 10, 1969, at 7:30 in the evening. The speech will be held at the University of Alabama Memorial Coliseum and will be open to the public. Source advised that no topic has been received concerning the speech to be given by GREGORY. u

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CG)

DATE: 4/2/69

Re Bureau letter dated 3/7/69.

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A tape recording of the subject's speech on 2/24/69, at St. Petersburg, Florida, has been obtained from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, and Tampa is in the process of reproducing the contents of the borrowed tape and upon completion of the above, Tampa will submit the reproduced transcript and tape to the Bureau.

It should be noted that the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office did not tape the speech, but local Television Station WSUN was responsible, with a Pinellas County Sheriff's Officer present.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/2/69

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077)(RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.,  
Dick Gregory  
RM - BN  
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Re CI airtel and LHM to Bureau, 2/18/69 *u*

[redacted] has been discontinued as an informant  
by the Cincinnati Division. [redacted]

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[redacted] in Cincinnati prior to  
his being discontinued. Cincinnati has no other leads  
to identify these men and therefore, no further action is  
being taken in this matter at this time. ~~Q~~ (U)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

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DATE 1-16-80 BY 2842 PVD/EAH

On 4/1/69

[redacted] Florida Junior College, Jacksonville, Florida (established source) advised that the Florida Junior College is sponsoring a program referred to as "Perspective '69: A Symposium of the 70's." He said that as part of this program, the Student Government Association invited DICK GREGORY to appear on Monday, April 7, 1969. GREGORY's appearance is scheduled for 8:00 PM on the above date at the Jacksonville Divic Auditorium and his topic is "civil rights."

[redacted] noted that he was somewhat concerned over the invitation and appearance of GREGORY in connection with this symposium and in this regard, corresponded with three Southern universities at which GREGORY appeared in the recent past. Answers from all three of these universities indicated that GREGORY's appearance was completely void of any demonstrations or violence of any type and was humorous in nature and obviously designed to entertain. In this light, [redacted] authorized payment from the Student Activity Fund to GREGORY for his appearance on the above date.

[redacted] pointed out that the Florida Junior College is a racially mixed college, however, the majority of the student body is white. They have had no problems in

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the past with any of the Negro students or any of the organizations on campus. He anticipates no problems in connection with GREGORY's appearance and pointed out that GREGORY would actually appear at the Jacksonville Civic Auditorium and not on the Florida Junior College Campus. u

[redacted] Office of the Sheriff, Jacksonville, Florida, and [redacted] Military Intelligence, Jacksonville, were advised of the above. Jacksonville will arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearance. u

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305PM URGENT 4-3-69 PEP

TO DIRECTOR, (100-440423), COLUMBIA

FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM, 00: CHICAGO

GREGORY ORIGINALLY SENTENCED TO FIVE MONTHS IN JAIL  
AND FOURTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS FINE IN MAY SIXTYSIX AFTER  
SIT-IN ARREST IN CHICAGO IN JUNE SIXTYFIVE. GREGORY  
LOST HIS APPEAL TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT REGARDING THIS  
RECONVICTION ON FEBRUARY TWENTYFOUR LAST. u

ON APRIL ONE LAST, GREGORY APPEARED BEFORE MAGISTRATE  
MAURICE W. LEE, MUNICIPAL COURT, CHICAGO, AND REQUEST  
BY HIS ATTORNEYS FOR STAY OF SENTENCE UNTIL MAY TWENTY-  
FIVE NEXT WAS HEARD SO THAT GREGORY COULD FULFILL CON-  
TRACTUAL SPEAKING OBLIGATIONS. MAGISTRATE LEE DENIED  
STAY OF SENTENCE AND GREGORY INCARCERATED COOK  
COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO, WITH SENTENCE TO RUN UNTIL  
THIRD NEXT. u

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
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Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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ATTORNEYS FOR GREGORY FILED MOTIONS IN USDC, CHICAGO, ON APRIL TWO LAST ASKING FOR GREGORY'S RELEASE FROM COOK COUNTY JAIL ON BOND UNTIL GREGORY'S APPEAL ON FIVE MONTHS CONVICTION IN COOK COUNTY COULD BE HEARD BY COUNTY COURT. ON APRIL THIRD INSTANT, USDJ JULIUS J. HOFFMANN, DENIED THESE MOTIONS AND GREGORY REMAINS CONFINED COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO. u

MILITARY ADVISED. u

ADMINISTRATIVE. RE CHICAGO AIRTEL TO BUREAU APRIL TWO LAST, COLUMBIA TELEPHONE CALL TO CHICAGO THIS DATE. LHM TO FOLLOW WITH COPIES O USA, U.S. SECRET SERVICE, AND MILITARY. u

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CC- MR. SULLIVAN

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
RACIAL MATTERS  
(OO: CHICAGO)

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Re Birmingham airtel to Bureau 3/27/69. *u*

As the Bureau is aware, GREGORY was sentenced to five months in jail and a fine of \$1,400 in May, 1966, after his arrest during a sit-in at Balboa and Columbus Streets, Chicago, on 6/11/65. GREGORY lost his appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court regarding his conviction on 2/24/69. *u*

On 4/1/69, GREGORY appeared before Magistrate MAURICE W. LEE, Municipal Court, Civic Center, Room 1304, Chicago, who originally imposed the above sentence. Magistrate LEE denied a request by GREGORY's attorney, [redacted] for a stay of sentence until 5/25/69, so that GREGORY could fulfill some contractual obligations. *u*

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GREGORY currently incarcerated in Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. Sentence to run until 8/3/69. Stop discreetly placed for Chicago FBI to be notified if and when GREGORY is released. Administrative tickler set to reopen 8/1/69. *u*

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Date: 4/3/69

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) (P)

SUBJECT: CHANGED  
APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT QUINCY COLLEGE,  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS  
4/19/69  
RM

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The title of this communication is marked "Changed" to show the date of GREGORY's appearance at Quincy College as 4/19/69. It was previously carried as 4/21/69. *u*

Enclosed herewith are the original and ten copies of a self explanatory LHM re captioned subject. Also enclosed are two copies of an FD-376. *u*

Enclosed for Chicago is one copy of LHM captioned as above. *u*

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally to the USA, Springfield; U.S. Secret Service, Springfield; OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois; and NISO, Chicago, Illinois. *u*

Springfield will follow and report pertinent developments. *u*

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- 1 - Chicago (DICK GREGORY) (Enc. 1) (RM)
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

April 3, 1969

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois 62701

April 3, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT QUINCY COLLEGE,  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 19, 1969

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[REDACTED] Quincy College,  
Quincy, Illinois, advised on April 1, 1969, that the speech  
of Dick Gregory, previously scheduled for April 21, 1969,  
at the auditorium at Quincy College, has been changed to  
April 19, 1969, due to a conflict in the commitments of  
Gregory. *u*

The speech of Gregory is sponsored by the  
Cultural Affairs Committee of Quincy College, which is  
made up of faculty members and students of the college. *u*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Department of the Treasury  
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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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FBI CHICAGO

1020PM DEFERRED 4-4-69 BCK

TO DIRECTOR (100-440432)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. 00: CHICAGO

COOK COUNTY JAIL, CHICAGO,

ILLINOIS, ADVISED INSTANT GREGORY CURRENTLY INCARCERATED COOK  
COUNTY JAIL HAS REFUSED TO EAT ANY FOOD SINCE ARRIVING THAT JAIL  
APRIL ONE LAST. GREGORY INDICATES WILL MAINTAIN FAST INDEFINITELY.  
GREGORY EXAMINED DAILY BY PRISON DOCTOR. WHILE HEALTH CURRENTLY  
REPORTED AS EXCELLENT, IF FAST PROVES INJURIOUS TO HEALTH, GREGORY  
WILL BE FORCE FED. *u*

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REMYTEL APRIL TWO LAST. CHICAGO FOLLOWING. BUREAU WILL BE  
ADVISED OF ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION *u*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(WFOfile 157-1121) (RUC)

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(Bufile 92-6054)  
(CGfile 92-1173)  
(NYofile 92-2300)  
(WFOfile 92-733) (RUC)

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and New York Office two copies each, of an LHM dated as above  
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BY: CAFE/ra -1-cc RWD

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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Enclosed LHM is classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by the [redacted]

[redacted] who requested that said information be handled in a confidential manner to add further protection to their source. u

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Information reported was obtained by SA GERALD T. GRIMALDI. Enclosed LHM is furnished the Bureau, Chicago, and the New York Office for their information. The [redacted] has stated they have no objection to the discreet dissemination of enclosed information to the police departments of Chicago and New York City as it relates to the alleged threat against GREGORY, if deemed desirable by the Chicago and New York Divisions. u



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D. C. 20535

April 1, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As  
Dick Gregory

DECLASSIFIED ON  
BY

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2842 PVD/ELJ

LA COSA NOSTRA

On April 1, 1969. Detective [redacted]

[redacted] Washington, D. C., advised that a confidential source of the [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory was in possession of information to the effect that the "Blakey Report" is filed in a Government Services Administration building in Suitland, Maryland, as Exhibit A, dated May 27, 1968, in Case Number 16615, United States Court of Appeals, 7th Circuit, Chicago, Illinois. u

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According to Detective [redacted] is [redacted] the Notre Dame University Law School. He was a member of a crime commission studying the influence of the "Mafia" in politics. u

The "Blakey Report" reportedly contains the names of eighteen Federal Judges tied in with the "La Cosa Nostra." It allegedly was suppressed by the Johnson Administration as some of the judges mentioned were appointed by or friends of former President Johnson. u

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According to the [redacted] source Gregory was planning to make this information public but altered his plans when he heard that a "contract" was out for him. Gregory reportedly is afraid he will be assassinated and is avoiding public appearances. u

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, JACKSONVILLE (157-1472) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Jacksonville airtel dated 4/2/69. *u*

On 4/7/69, [redacted]

[redacted] Florida Junior College, Jacksonville, Florida (established source) advised that the scheduled appearance of DICK GREGORY for Monday, 4/7/69, has been cancelled. *u*

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[redacted] advised GREGORY's agent contacted him on 4/6/69 and advised him GREGORY had been delayed and would be unable to appear in Jacksonville. In conversation with the agent, [redacted] learned GREGORY was presently incarcerated in Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. *u*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/10/69

FROM : SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM - BN  
(OO:CG)

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and for Chicago two (2) copies of an LHM dated and captioned  
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The confidential source referred to in enclosed  
LHM is  (PROB). *u*

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contains information furnished by a confidential source of  
continuing reliability, the unauthorized disclosure of which  
could affect his future effectiveness. *u*

Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to  
USA, Secret Service, and interested military intelligence  
agencies. *u*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Washington, D.C. 20535

April 10, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY

The March 28, 1969, edition of the "Washington Daily News," a Washington, D.C. (WDC) daily newspaper, contained the following article:

"Dick Gregory told a packed audience at Catholic University's Caldwell Hall Auditorium last night that the nine persons who broke into Dow Chemical Company's offices here Saturday and spread blood over records are 'beautiful people.'

"It's about time the clergy got involved,' he said. 'I can't tell you how beautiful I think the Catholic Church is.'

"During his two and a half hour address which was sponsored by the CU's Graduate Student Council, Mr. Gregory urged students to speak out in support of the jailed group.

"The D.C. Nine' as they are now known, were charged with entering the building, illegally, and destroying property. They have elected to stay in D.C. jail and are reportedly fasting.

"If you don't like the idea of napalm,' Mr. Gregory said, 'organize and find out what home products Dow Chemical Company makes. Don't buy them, don't let your friends buy them. Pretty soon they will stop making napalm.'

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LTA/SE 2/8/77  
To: James Earl Ray

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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"Mr. Gregory, a comedian who turned serious but remains funny, ran for president on a protest ticket last year. He said he now spends 98 per cent of his time on college campuses talking to youth he calls 'the most dedicated morally of any group in the United States.'

"He said the youth of this country wield a tremendous amount of power. 'Your rotten newspapers never have told you this,' he said, 'but if it had not been for you, LBJ would still be in the White House. He was the worst tyrant to walk the earth since Caesar, and you ran him all the way back to Texas. Well, if this new cat isn't cool, baby, New York is a lot shorter trip.'

"If you kids don't think you have power,' Mr. Gregory said, 'think about the fact that 15,000 hippies and Yippies came to Chicago to change the system and the whole establishment shook.'

"The old fools are scared,' he said, 'because you're trying to tell them morality comes from within. That's really got them uptight.'

"Gregory said that campus protests are mostly useless. Don't sit in at administration buildings, he said, organize and address yourselves to the capitalists. Boycott their products, he advised.

"Organize and tell the record companies you aren't buying any records for two years unless they got some lobbyists going to get you the vote.' 'And, as long as you've got to go to war and die for your country at 18, you'd better get the vote when you're 17.'

"Referring to President Nixon's recent statement that student demonstrators should lose any federal aid they are receiving, Mr. Gregory said, 'If you're on a scholarship you can still think the same. You just won't be able to demonstrate. You can still dynamite buildings at midnight and wake up the next day and act surprised that it happened.'"

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on March 28, 1969, that he attended the Gregory speech at Caldwell Hall Auditorium, Catholic University, on the preceding evening. The source furnished substantially the same information as set out above, but stated that in addition, Gregory made the following comments:

"The CIA and FBI use the American people's money to do their 'sly business' like toppling governments and assassinating people." Gregory continued that James Garrison, the New Orleans, Louisiana, District Attorney, is a great man because he is trying to check the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Gregory also mentioned James Earl Ray and stated that he did not kill Reverend Martin Luther King. *ll*

The source advised that Gregory began his speech at approximately 8:15 p.m. and concluded at approximately 10:00 p.m. The source added that Gregory was not extremely well received by the 1,500 to 2,000 persons present.

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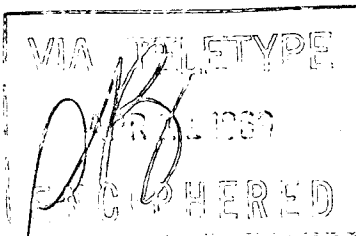
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM OO CHICAGO.

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[REDACTED] COOK COUNTY JAIL,  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ADVISED INSTANT THAT GREGORY REMAINS  
INCARCERATED AND STILL REFUSES TO TAKE SOLID FOODS.  
GREGORY HAS NOT EATEN SINCE APRIL ONE LAST, BUT  
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FOR INFORMATION OF SPRINGFIELD AND RICHMOND  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

DATE: 4/11/69

Re Bureau letter to Buffalo, 3/28/69. *U*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Chicago two copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) concerning captioned matter reflecting the appearance of subject before the City Club at the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, New York, on 3/8/69, and the State University College at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, on 3/10/69. *U*

Enclosed LHM is not classified, since there is no apparent reason for so doing. *U*

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Chicago, as Chicago is Office of Origin. *U*

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Buffalo, New York

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

The March 9, 1969 edition of the "Democrat and Chronicle," a daily newspaper published in Rochester, New York, contained an article entitled "Be Honest with 'Young Kids'-Gregory," by BILL O'BRIEN, regarding a speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY before the City Club at the Chamber of Commerce, Rochester, New York, on March 8, 1969. Approximately 250 adults attended GREGORY's speech, which lasted about two hours. u

According to the article, GREGORY advised his audience to "be honest with these young kids." GREGORY stated that he gets "tired of all these crackers running around, eulogizing America." He continued that America would never be beautiful "as long as there is still one Indian on a reservation." u

One phrase that GREGORY used eleven times in his talk was "We hate your stinking white racist institution." u

During his speech, GREGORY advocated lowering the voting age to 17 and stated that America does not care about assassinations unless they involve someone liked by adults. He advised that seizing college administration buildings was not the way to insure changes, but rather a nation-wide boycott in the colleges would be the most effective method to bring about university policy changes. u

According to the article, GREGORY suggested to his audience that the "next time there's a riot on television, turn down the sound and read aloud the Declaration of Independence and see how the words fit." u

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

GREGORY also spoke in favor of non-violence saying that he would "feel more satisfied being killed than killing somebody." u

The March 13, 1969 edition of "The Leader," a campus publication at the State University College at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, contained an article entitled "Is The U. S. Degenerate? Dick Gregory Speaks," by ALAN FAYE, regarding a speech given by RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the State University College at Fredonia, Fredonia, New York, during the evening of March 10, 1969. u

According to this article, GREGORY described the United States as "the most morally degenerate country on earth." He continued that "blacks do not hate whites but hate their 'stinking white racist institutions,'" a phrase he used often during his speech. He stated that "blacks hold whites responsible for these institutions." u

The article continues that GREGORY claimed in his speech that the CIA was responsible for "the murders of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Malcolm X and George Lincoln Rockwell, and others." He claimed the CIA "is trying to take over the country by dividing it." When questioned concerning this claim, GREGORY said he had "secret evidence" to prove it. u

GREGORY described LYNDON JOHNSON as "the number one tyrant since Julius Caesar." The article states that "the fact that Richard Nixon defeated Hubert Humphrey did not bother him much because he said that the 'stinking, slimy, nasty politicians are all the same.'" u

GREGORY stated that many hippies and other young people are considered to be "moral degenerates." He continued that "the Shriners in Chicago, because they are involved in more prostitution and adultery, are more degenerate." GREGORY claimed that property rights are more important than human rights in this country, as illustrated by the fact that "Mayor Daley told the police to shoot all looters, not to shoot all murders or dope-fiends." u

RICHARD GRANTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

During the evening, GREGORY commented that "the sons of 150 Congressmen were eligible for the draft and not drafted and that Dean Rusk's son was eligible for the draft five years ago and still is not inducted." u

As in previous speeches, GREGORY advised the young people to persuade their parents to "sit down in front of a TV during 'riot season' and watch the battle." He suggested that they then turn down the sound and read the portion of the Declaration of Independence that states that "when people lose their rights over a long period of time that it is their duty to destroy or abolish that government that is oppressing them." u

The article stated "Gregory's final plea came to the youth of America to clean up the mess that the old fools made." u

According to the article, at no time did GREGORY make any inflammatory statements urging Negroes to fight or to take up arms. Investigator [redacted] New York State Police, FBI, Fredonia, New York, advised on March 14, 1969, that GREGORY's speech to several hundred students in Gregory Hall on the State University College at Fredonia campus, Fredonia, New York, during the evening of March 10, 1969, was repetitious of prior GREGORY speeches and was not inciting in any way. He advised that the audience was mixed, both racially and age-wise and also well-behaved and orderly. He advised that following his formal lecture he had an informal discussion with a smaller group of individuals in a dormitory on the State University College at Fredonia campus which was also orderly and not inciting. u

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TC : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re Chicago airtel to Director, dated 4/2/69; and  
Chicago teletype to Director, dated 4/3/69. *u*

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies  
of an LHM reflecting present court status regarding  
captioned individual. *u*

Copies of the LHM are being furnished to USA,  
U. S. Secret Service, NISO, OSI, all Chicago, and Region 1,  
113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. *u*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Richard Claxton Gregory was originally sentenced to five-months imprisonment in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois, and fined \$1,400.00 in May, 1966, following a June, 1965, sit-in arrest in Chicago, Illinois. Gregory appealed to the United States Supreme Court, but his conviction was upheld in a decision dated February 24, 1969. *u*

On April 1, 1969, Gregory voluntarily appeared before Magistrate Maurice W. Lee, Municipal Court, Chicago, Illinois, who originally sentenced Gregory, and through his attorneys requested a stay of sentence until May 25, 1969, so that Gregory could fulfill contractual speaking obligations throughout the United States. Magistrate Lee denied the stay of sentence and Gregory was incarcerated in the Cook County Jail as of that date with his sentence to be served until August 3, 1969. *u*

On April 3, 1969 Deputy United States Marshal [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that attorneys for Richard Gregory had filed motions in United States District Court, Chicago, Illinois, on April 2, 1969, seeking Gregory's release from Cook County Jail on bond until Gregory's appeal of his five-month conviction in Cook County could be held by County Court. [redacted] stated that on April 3, 1969, *u*

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

United States District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffmann denied the motions and Gregory remained confined in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Illinois. *u*

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following agencies: *u*

United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois; *u*

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Office of Special Investigations, Chicago, Illinois; *u*

Naval Investigative Service Office, Chicago, Illinois; *u*

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois. *u*

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SUBJECT: SPOT REPORT

1. REGION VII, 111TH MI GP, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

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3. SPEECH GIVEN BY COMEDIAN, DICK GREGORY AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

4. VII-9006-03

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7. AT 1930 HRS (EST), 22 JANUARY 1969, WESTCOTT AUDITORIUM, FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY FSU, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, DICK GREGORY MADE A SPEECH ON THE SUBJECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL RIGHTS TO A CROWD ESTIMATED AT 1000-1200 PEOPLE, MOST OF WHOM WERE FSU STUDENTS AND FACULTY APPROXIMATELY 100 NEGROS. THE SPEECH WAS PRESENTED IN A VULGER BUT ENTERTAINING MANNER. THE SPEECH ENDED AT 2130 HRS (EST) AND WAS FOLLOWED BY A QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD THAT LASTED FROM 2130 HRS (EST) TO 2205 HRS (EST). THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AND NO ARRESTS.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (157-649) RUC

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Kansas City airtel to the Bureau 2/12/69,  
furnishing resume of subject's talk at Springfield,  
Missouri, on 2/5/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original  
and seven copies of letterhead memo dated 4/15/69.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of above  
letterhead memo.

Enclosed letterhead memo contains transcription  
of talk by subject to 700 students at Southwest Missouri  
State College, Springfield, Missouri, on 2/5/69. The  
original tape is being retained in the Kansas City  
Division.

Delay in transcription was due to technical  
difficulties in transcribing two hour tape.

No report will be submitted UAC Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Kansas City, Missouri

April 15, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 5, 1969, Richard Claxton Gregory addressed about 700 students at Southwest Missouri State College (SMS), Springfield, Missouri. The talk, sponsored by the Student Union Board, lasted about two hours and a 45 minute question and answer period followed. The talk was one in a series entitled, "Kaleidoscope-Patterns In A Changing World." Other speakers to be heard in the series include Senator Strom Thurmond, March 31; William Rusher, April 16 and Julian Bond, May 7.

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past furnished the following resume of the talk:

One of the biggest jobs ahead of you young people is not to destroy the capitalistic system - you've got to work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful place behind the Consitution, not in front of it. As long as capitalists stand in front of the Constitution, it is property rights that are being emphasized-not human rights. If democracy is as good as we tell you it is, why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down other people's throats. If anything is good, you don't have to force it on people-they'll steal it from you.

He said he spends 90 percent of his time on college campuses and will be speaking at some 300 educational institutions within the next ten months. He believes the young people of today are the most moral, dedicated, committed people in the history of

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our country. He called "LBJ" the No. 1 tyrant since Julius Ceasar. He hoped the young people would bring on the scene some statesmen, not politicians, and then we will see a tremendous change in this country. It is a sad situation because you young people must solve the problems that you had nothing to do with creating.

He called moral pollution America's No. 1 problem. He called the students to change the so-called educational systems and make them live up to their name. He said they were too damn busy to educate, they're so busy indoctrinating. The problem many times lies with the board of directors of the school, not the administration. The board doesn't know anything about education and nothing about the kids.

He urged the students to carry a copy of the Declaration of Independence with them and the next time there is a riot and it is shown on television, invite your parents in and watch it. Turn the sound off and read the Declaration of Independence, the part saying that when their rights have been denied for long periods of time, it is their duty to destroy and abolish that government. He called himself a slave to non-violence. He doesn't preach it, he lives it.

He and his wife have pledged to eat only three days a week during 1969, and to spend the next four years trying to solve the hunger problems in America. He invited the students to do likewise.

The talk was fairly well received and his remarks were often interspersed with applause.

The source made available a tape recording of Gregory's speech, which was transcribed as follows:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

(Inaudible) (woman's voice) We could only put this facility which is the next largest. We'd like to tell you a little bit about what our series is, it's called Kaleidoscope, Views in a changing world. We wish, the objective is to let you see other people's opinions of things that are happening around our world. We hope that through this as college students and faculty of SMS that we will be better educated and can learn more by listening to more points of view than just our own. Our next lecturer will be O.K.

ARMSTRONG on February 26, also Wednesday night at 8:00 O'clock in the ball room and he will be talking in response to DICK GREGORY's lecture. (APPLAUSE) Now I'd like to tell you a little about Mr. GREGORY, he is a well-noted author, lecturer, and has acted in several movies. He's written 5 previous novels, 2 humorous, an autobiography called "Nigger" of him, obviously, (APPLAUSE), no, no, excuse me, it was the autobiography, is what I was inferring. Also his latest book is called "Write Me In", he's now working on 3 novels to be due in June and we'd now like to present Mr. GREGORY. (APPLAUSE)

Hey, we'd like to say thank you very much, how do you sincerely, honest to goodness, with a straight face, say it's a pleasure to be in Springfield. (APPLAUSE) I must admit to you I was having a hell of a lot of fun getting here

really know what areas we made the progress in. A lot of people think we made progress in jobs, housing, and education, you know the biggest break through for black folks in the history of this country happened two years ago in the state of Texas. We got our first colored hurricane, BEULAH. (APPLAUSE)

I guess when you really stop and think about it we're doing pretty good. Especially television, you watch television lately? Oh, we're taking care of business on television. They almost got too many of us on television, I mean there was a time when they first broke through, they let us do them ads after midnight. We're getting on to some prime time. I didn't know colored folks had headaches till the other day. (APPLAUSE) Did you dig ole sis on the front page show, yeh, 'anytime I get a headache, I take me some Excedrin. Oh really. But its about time, I'm so damn sick and tired of seeing that white dove fly through that white woman's kitchen. "Oh MARGE, there's a white dove in your kitchen". I'd take just one time to see my sister run through there and say, "BEULAH, baby, there's a black crow on the biscuits. (APPLAUSE) Some of them about little, you know, things that's getting groovy, we got some pretty swinging television shows and we got more to come. They are planning on replacing the Flying Nun with the Skipping Black Muslems,

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and I guess I don't have to tell you cause you probably get to see television more than I do. We got us a black cowboy this season, what's the name of that show? The Outcasts, you could tell by the name it was us, couldn't you? A black cowboy and next season we're going to get another black cowboy so he can have somebody to kill. (APPLAUSE) I don't mean to sit here and try to tell you that they don't allow him to kill no white cowboy, no, he gets to kill a white cowboy but when it comes his turn to kill a white cowboy the scriptwriters just got to go through so many changes. You see, because they let him kill a white cowboy, but they got to dirty up this white cat so bad so then it will be accepted. You see, he can't just gun down no ordinary cat no, three weeks ago he killed a white cowboy, he gunned this white cat down, this white cat had just finished raping a blind, paraplegic, Salvation Worker, (APPLAUSE) but dig that's not what he, the black cat didn't know he just finished doing that, no, he gunned him down cause he'd stole \$1,000. worth of Christmas Seals. So I guess everything, you know, is looking up. So I dozed off back to sleep and the white cat nudged me again and said, would you explain to me Black Power? I said, no, I will not explain to you what Black Power is, and he really got up tight. His attitude was like (inaudible) you know the whole bit. So I said well look, let me tell you

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something fellow, for 12 months I went out of my way to explain to white folks what Black Power was, even when I couldn't find white folks, I'd call them up on the telephone, Hello, are you white?

You know last year after that tremendous heart transplant operation in South Africa, you know, where the black cat gave his heart to the white cat, the only heart that's working right? We just kinda felt like the whole world knew what Black Power was. Oh, you have to admit one thing, that black heart is still pumping. That white cat is somewhere in Johannesburg right now singing the blues. (LAUGHTER) You know, black folks all over the world was extremely happy over the fact that the black cat gave up his heart to the white cat because you see, we been knowing for years that there's really nothing wrong with white folks that a change of heart wouldn't straighten out. (APPLAUSE) But in all honesty we must admit to you we didn't want that heart to work that good, that heart is working so good it has really scared black folks, because there is nothing that frightens us no more than the fact that that heart is working so good and the thought that one day you white folks might start assuming that we are going to be your spare parts. (LAUGHTER) Ever since that heart worked that good white folks kinda look at us

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a little bit different now. My God, if they ever find out that nappy hair cures cancer. (APPLAUSE) We'd be dirty then, wouldn't we? Running down the street with locks on our caps. I don't know there is a lot of controversy about heart transplants, some people is for them and some people is against them. Let me go on record as saying as I am against all heart transplants, but I'm for transplants you can't hide. I would love to see a white cat get a colored foot. (LAUGHTER) Next summer let him take that to the beach with him. I can just see it now, JOSEPH take off your other shoe, let's get in the water. (LAUGHTER) So let me say that it is a pleasure to be with you young folks this evening and I guess I can truthfully say that I spend about 98% of my time on college campuses and I got about 300 colleges I have to make in a 10 month period. I spend this much time with you young folks for a reason. The simple reason is because you young folks in America today is the morally dedicated committed, young people that's ever lived in the history of this country. Now, you cannot read these old right wing packer newspapers to decide who you, or what you are. Cause everytime you look in there they are talking about irresponsible bearded smelly kids. The question is that because you have a beard why does that mean you have a stink. They don't say nothing about ABRAHAM LINCOLN. He didn't only have a beard he was ugly too.

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To be honest with you about 95% of all the establishment newspapers haven't got the moral fiber decent enough to even discuss you young folks. I don't know what day the reporters will have the revolution to knock out them old foggy-thinking editors who have created more problems than they have solved, so I hope you youngsters, you know, will be hip enough. You should read the establishment newspapers only for a form of entertainment. That's about all they're fit for. So they never been honest with you, the establishment newspapers did not tell you youngsters while they're busy putting you down that because of you young morally dedicated kids that LBJ, who is probably the No. 1 tyrant who has ever walked the face of this earth since JULIUS CAESAR, was unable to run for re-election because of you young kids. You didn't use a brick, a bomb or hand grenades or missiles, you came out here with a moral dedication and he couldn't run for re-election. The newspapers haven't told you how strong you are. They have not told you that had 15,000 hippies and yippies not showed up in Chicago for the Democratic Convention HUMPHREY would have been the president today. Because it was enough people turned their stomach watching at the Democratic Convention that before they would vote for HUMPHREY they just wouldn't vote. There is a lot of people that are upset because you youngsters showed up and knowing had you not showed up



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NIXON wouldn't have been the President but the beautiful thing about young folks that's hip, it really don't make any difference which one of them got in because when you're dealing with one of them stinking slimy politicians all of them act the same. (APPLAUSE) The man said he was going to drop the Surtax. and the minute he got in now he's hedging, it really didn't make no difference if you drop it or keep it, but at least you know he should have had enough sense to say we'll consider it. So, I hope you youngsters as you move in and change the system, you will bring into the realm of the political arena, statesmen instead of politicians. You will see a tremendous change in this country. Let me say to you that I'm very sad as I go around the country and talk with you young folks, I'm sad over the fact that not only do I have to stand before you and tell you that the fate and destiny of America depends on you. Not only do I have to stand here and tell you that you have to solve the problems confronting America today, the sad thing is that I have to stand here and tell you you have to solve the problems that you had nothing to do with creating. These problems was here when you got here but thanks to us old fools they will not be here when you leave, and by that I mean you see us old fools have left you young kids in a bag that no youngsters has ever been in before, in the history of this country. Young folks have

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always had problems because we never solved the problems but the group of us that just came through ahead of you, not only did we not solve the problems, but for the first time in the history of America we used up all the tricks. So, everybody wonders why you react the way you react, you ain't got no tricks. Oh, I remember when I was a kid, my mother, my daddy, my whole community taught me when I was a little bitty boy, Boy, one day you going to grow up and some white man going to call you nigger, and now don't get mad cause God don't like ugly. Sure enough I grew up and one day a cracker called me a nigger and sure enough I didn't get mad cause God don't like no ugly. I got 7 of them little old black kids at home with me and my old lady ain't teaching them nothing. If somebody ever calls them a nigger, I'm sure it's going to surprise them. (LAUGHTER) I'm mighty sure they are going to act accordingly. So there are no tricks left for you youngsters so you all got to deal with the issues now whether you like it or not. That's why I can't understand why us old fools don't understand your reactions. What do we say, it's the generation gap? Is that the cute word? Generation gap, that's not really the issue at all, we come to you from such an unethical position that hasn't got anything to do with the generation gap, it's got to do that we're feeding you a bunch of insang lies.

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You know, if I tell you 2 and 2 is 5 and you react to it, and I say there's nothing wrong just the generation gap. There ain't no generation gap, cause if I say 2 and 2 is 4, regardless of how much older I am than you, you would still understand what I am talking about. And to prove to you that it's not the generation gap, BERTRAND RUSSELL who is 98 years old could leave London tonight and come to America and be one of the youngest among us. Because he would meet you and greet you from a moral statesman's standpoint. He would not lie to you, so if SOCRATES were alive today as old as he would be today he would still be young. So it hadn't got nothing to do with the generation gap, it got something to do with, you know, what point will we decide to be honest with you young folks. Let me say to you tonight I did not come here to impress you but only to inform you that when I leave here this evening I couldn't care less about what you think about DICK GREGORY but I'll always have the one consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up this year, next year, 20 years from now, you'll always be able to say at least Brother GREG didn't lie to us. And I think one of the, you know, tremendous problems confronting young folks is that the establishment we keep lying to you, and it's not new, we started lying to you in that crib with that Santa Claus boy. First letter I ever wrote in my life was to a cat that

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didn't even exist. I mean, when your mama lies to you, damn near anybody qualifies. And cause that old Santa Claus boy he went over better in the white community than he ever goes over in the black community, not that we don't dig him, but we just know damn good and well ain't no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight. (APPLAUSE AND LAUGHTER)

Now the No. 1 lie we tell you youngsters today is the No. 1 problem confronting America today and that is the problem of air pollution. The No. 1 problem confronting America today is the problem of moral pollution, this is the most morally polluted degenerate insane nation on the face of this earth, bar none. You young kids got the job of giving America her sanity back, making America the morally decent nation that the United States Constitution and the Declaration of Independence provided for her to be. To be honest with you, I'm damn sick and tired of all these old right wingers running around eulogizing my country. Save eulogies for after she dies. She's not dead. Thanks to you youngsters. If you youngsters will not have an attitude of eulogizing America but will examine America and find out where the cancer is and cut it out, America will live. For many, many, many, thousands of years, we always running around talking about America the beautiful, how in the hell can this country ever be beautiful

with that Indian pinned upon that reservation, are you out of your mind? You run all over the world scared of Communism when you got an Indian pinned upon that reservation that if the Communists had something to do with it maybe he could get free. (APPLAUSE) So anybody you ever run across as long as that Indian is locked on that reservation that believes America is beautiful that individual is insane and sick. I hope that you youngsters will work to make this a truly beautiful country. You can tell when America becomes beautiful because once she becomes beautiful we don't have to discuss her beauty. Anytime you run across a cat who is always talking about how pretty his wife is you can believe he married the mean of the hyenia. (APPLAUSE) Because true beauty do not have to be discussed. So you youngsters got a big job to do, you see, the sad thing is, you know, America is the only country on the face of this earth that lies about what she is. MAO TSE TUNG do not pretend that he's not a communist and a revolutionist. CASTRO do not deny that he is not a communist and a revolutionist. The cats in Russia don't deny that they are not communists, them white cats over in South Africa don't deny that they don't never want to see them niggers make it. Every country on the face of this earth regardless of how scroungy they are can live up to what they believe in. HITLER didn't pull no punches.

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about he believed the German people was superior to everybody else. America is the only country that talks one thing and do something else. (APPLAUSE) We run around telling about home of the brave and the land of the free and everybody (inaudible) know that's a damn lie. And the bad part about it you see what's worse than being wrong is programming yourself that you're right because then you are really insane. Like I'm standing up here buck naked and I really believe I've got clothes on. That's when I really got problems. You know what they call that? Crazy. Yeh, different, you know, you run up here and pull your clothes off and they bust you and put you in jail if you know you've got them off, but if you stand up here and don't know you got them off, they got a big hospital they send people all over the world right here to this city here, that's where they going to put you. So one day I hope if we don't change America to get back to what the founding fathers wanted her to be then I hope we can be honest about what she really is. So you youngsters got a big job cause again let me say you getting a lot of help from us old fools not that we mean to but we just keep on doing these things like the Democratic Convention. I wouldn't have gave nothing in the world for what you all got to look at cause lot of you got to wake up, -- woke up a lot of you young folks, yeh, and you need to be wake up cause they ain't nothing no worse than a young fool, cause you got

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so long to be a fool. The establishment, oh, they really, I mean, well I don't have to tell you three days after the Democratic Convention was over the whole establishment tried to convince you that you did not see what you saw on television. (APPLAUSE) They said it didn't happen. The press created it. You know, If KOSYGIN and the rest of them Russians was dealing with the world as insane as America you know they could beat the Czechoslovakian rap. Just get on world wide television and say you didn't see it, it didn't happen. We admit we sent some little miniature tanks to the Czech border for the kids to play with and the damn press blew it up to make it look like real live tanks. (LAUGHTER) You know what KOSYGIN is not dealing with the world that is insane today, because of you young folks around the world and you know something? Them Russians is in trouble and the Communist world is in trouble for the first time and it didn't have nothing to do with America's missile and it didn't have nothing to do with these old right wing communist feeders, KOSYGIN underestimated the young folks in Czechoslovakia and around the world. (APPLAUSE) KOSYGIN made the same mistake them fools made in Chicago, they realized in Chicago that they could tell these fools that the kids was going to burn Chicago down and assassinate everybody and wouldn't have to produce one bomb or one bullet and these damn fools would believe it.

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They came up with one gun. KOSYGIN knew he could run them tanks in there and them fools would run just like your mama and daddy would run if they brought some tanks in America, and they never thought they'd see the day that them young kids would run to the tanks and put swastikas on them. The whole Communist world was upside down now, because of that move they made because one beautiful young kid dare lay down in (inaudible) and put some gasoline on himself and say, before I'd put up with you monsters, I'd do this and you can believe that some Russian shot at some astronaut in Moscow if you want to, but you got enough sense to know nobody hates an astronaut. They shot at them leaders, baby, now we don't know because they ain't no news coming out but if you read that news that was coming out first they say they caught the cat, he was insane, now they tell us he committed suicide on the start. Now they tell us he was a young cat that had enough sense to go get a uniform and put on and stand there like he was a cop. I say that to say that as long as us old fools keep underestimating you young kids, we are going to keep on making these drastic mistakes. Again, I say thank God for Chicago. 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago to change this system and the whole country got upset. It didn't have a damn thing to do with what they were coming to disrupt, it had something to do with the purpose of being there. I ask you point blank, who do you think was the most



immoral in Chicago last year, the hippies and yippies or the Shriners when they came for their convention? (LAUGHTER) Who do you think committed the most adultery or spent the most money on whores and prostitutes in Chicago last year, the Shriners or the hippies and the yippies? Nobody got upset over the Shriners, cause the Shriners didn't come to change nothing just to buy something. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Everybody is trying to make you youngsters come off like you are a new thing. Well, you are new, cause you talking about changing, but young people have always done those things. They just wasn't trying to change the system and as long as you not trying to change the system it's okay. Hell, when I was in college we didn't go in and take over the administration building and take over the switch board, we had panty raids. (LAUGHTER) Now I ask you which is the most immoral, to go take over over a damn switchboard or go in the girls' dormitory and steal every pair of drawers in there? (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Which is the most degenerate, to steal bloomers or take over a switchboard? Yeh, we kicked the girls' dormitory open and run, I didn't, I went to a white school, I wasn't about to go in that white girls' room. (APPLAUSE AND LAUGHTER) Yeh, them white boys went in there, and I (inaudible) get a pair of drawers for me, baby. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Nobody

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got up tight over panty raids and all the old fools said, "well, boys will be boys, ha, ha," (LAUGHTER) that's because we were not trying to change the system. Damn white kids for the last ten years been going to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, every Spring, break, tearing up the whole town and they have yet to bring the soldiers out cause you not trying to change it, just letting off a little steam. We got tired of panty raids, we decided we going to see how many gold fish we could swallow. Remember that? Nobody got upset, they'd let you swallow a whale if you want to. When we got tired of swallowing gold fish the young kids decided to see how many they could stuff in a telephone booth. You pick up the paper and on the front page, "The University of Arizona sets new record, 500 kids stuff in phone booth," and the front page got a picture of some little old weird freaky-looking cat from the telephone company bringing another booth, saying, "ha, boys will be boys." (LAUGHTER) You want to find out how boys will be boys don't put 500 boys in a phone booth, you go to downtown Springfield one day with five kids and take a picket sign and picket and walk around one of them empty telephone booths and on your signs ask AT&T about them anti-trust violations and about them high absorbing long distance phone

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call rates and see how many cops will be there and see how quick you'll get busted and see if they'll be saying, "boys will be boys." (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

So you young folks got a mighty big job ahead of you. You know the interesting thing about television as bad as it is, if you just keep looking at it that thing will slip through ever now and then. That same television set that brought you the Democratic Convention it showed you them hippies and yippies, that same set nine weeks after the Democratic Convention was over, brought you another crowd that also got world wide coverage. Only that crowd wasn't a bunch of hippies and yippies, bearded and irresponsible kids, and it didn't happen in Chicago, it was nine weeks after the Democratic Convention. It was 20,000 grown men from New York City; 20,000 sick degenerates from Madison Avenue came out one morning to look at a broad's titties. (LAUGHTER) Nobody in America got upset. J. EDGAR HOOVER has yet to get on television and say titty watching is communist inspired. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) It sounds funny to you but America is in sad shape when 20,000 sick grown men come out one morning to look at a woman's breasts, and nobody gets upset. Do you understand the job you got to do? What do you call 20,000 sick degenerate titty watchers, extremists left to right, huh? (LAUGHTER) If sister FRANCINE really wants to

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get out that subway one morning without being looked at ever again, all she have to do is understand the way these fools think. Oh, if she held a press conference tonight in New York City and said tomorrow morning at 11:33 I will emerge out of that subway wearing one of the tightest sweaters ever been worn in the history of the world, I guarantee you tomorrow morning at 8:00 O'clock there would be 300,000 of them sick degenerates waiting on her. If she is sincere about never ever again wanting to be watched when she emerged out of that subway at 11:33, have two signs across her bosom on top of that tight sweater, one reading "Free HUEY NEWTON, baby," and "Bring the Boys home from Viet Nam." I guarantee you within three minutes time them 300,000 degenerates would be gone, back into their office to finish participating in the anti-trust violations. (LAUGHTER) So you youngsters got a big job, but like I say, thanks to us old fools, you morally dedicated young folks, that your job is going to be very easy. Fact, you got young morally committed men like MOHAMMAD ALI that before he would do something against his principles he'd give up a \$10,000,000. a year hustle. The only reason the old fools is finding a

little bit of respect for him now, it didn't have a damn thing to do about his principles. Did you hear them say, "Well, the fact that he gave up all that money he must be sincere," that's the only thing they can relate with, is the money. The people that never liked him, dig him now cause he gave up the money. So you youngsters that coming through a beautiful period. You need all the young morally dedicated, leaders you can find, cause you got a job on your hands. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated we, oh, we got up tight, "Oh they assassinated Dr. KING"; they assassinated BOBBY KENNEDY, and "oh, they assassinated BOBBY"; they gunned down JFK and we went crazy, "oh, they got the president". But nobody got too upset when they assassinated LINCOLN ROCKWELL and MALCOLM X. You see, America not a nation that gives a damn about assassinations until you kill somebody she likes. Then we get up tight. 98% of everybody in this country that got upset over MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, if GEORGE WALLACE got assassinated in the morning we would not be up tight. Yeh, you got to change this system so either America will be upset over all the assassinations regardless to who it is or she will not. That's the job you have to do, it's just that open and shut. So you got a big job ahead of you and one of the biggest jobs you have ahead of you is not the job that some people

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believe and then maybe it is, but I don't believe that we have to destroy the capitalistic system . I say to you you got to work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful position and that is behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it. That's the job you have to do. (APPLAUSE) You see as long as the capitalists are in front of the United States Constitution, that means we put emphasis on property rights instead of on human rights. (APPLAUSE) You see, this country is not governed by the United States Constitution, it's not controlled by the Democratic process, this country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. That's why you can get out and peacefully picket and nobody give a damn about that. Them capitalists don't care about that, you got to address your grievances to the capitalists. Oh, America went out under the Constitution and peacefully protested in unison and got signatures and signatures for strong gun legislation. A country so damn insane we demand you to get a prescription to get your medicine but you don't need one to get your gun. There's something wrong. I can't hit you in the head with my pills and kill you (LAUGHTER) nor can I injure you by throwing my cough syrup on you. (LAUGHTER) I'm not saying that America shouldn't have guns, United States Constitution say all Americans have a right to bear arms, I got a right to get well too,

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and if America is going to make me go through some changes to get my medicine, then damn it, she should make me go through some changes to get my gun. So you youngsters got to understand that you got to deal with the capitalists, you got to put them in their rightful positions.

The cigarette industry, they don't give a damn about your kids that's going to be born they still going to fight to get them to advertise cigarettes on television where your young kids can see it before you can get to them and tell them what's wrong. I think everybody got a right to do what they want to do but you still have a right to protect them youngsters when their minds are being molded and the cigarette industry don't give a damn about a young kid. I think you youngsters that smoke got to start writing them and telling them if they don't get them commercials off television that you are going to boycott smoking cigarettes and then they will wake up and start giving protection to these young kids who is going to be watching television and all they going to see is that cowboy sitting that damn fence in front of that cemetery talking about, "this is Marlboro Country". Sure is. So you got a job to do and I say if you want to do that job effectively, address your grievances to the capitalists and you can really do it. We living in a country now, we are so out of it we say that at 18 years old you are old enough to go to war and die

but you not old enough to vote. (APPLAUSE) So, you got to change that and it scares me that I meet so many of you young kids that talking about, "I got to go to war and die and 18, I want the right to vote at 18," Don't be no damn fool, if you got to die at 18, you better get the right to vote at 17. (LAUGHTER) You believe one thing, if you can vote at 17, probably won't be no wars when you get 18. You got a job. I hope you understand how powerful you are. I hope you understand that if you address your grievances to the capitalists, you take care of (inaudible). You want to vote at 17 years old, that's simple, all you got to do is organize cross the country. Get your bag up tight. After you get organized, go to the record industry and tell them if they don't get together and to to Washington, D.C. and lobby and get a bill pushed through the Senate and Congress within two months time saying 17 year olders can vote that you all going call for a nation wide boycott of buying phonograph records for two years. Huh. What do you think would happen? (LAUGHTER) Before they stand by and let you wipe out a multi-million dollar industry they'll let 13 year olders vote. (LAUGHTER) You see these old right wingers, they don't buy no records and if it is it's one of them old DIRKSEN albums. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) So you have a big job. A job to change the order of the capitalists and put them behind the Constitution so



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for the first time you can put emphasis on human rights. You know, the evidence of how we put emphasis on property rights was Mayor RICHARD J. DALEY of Chicago and that statement he made, "shoot all looters to kill". A lot of people didn't see nothing wrong with it, but you know, he never said shoot murderers to kill. He never said shoot dope pushers to kill because murderers and dope pushers is dealing with human rights. Looters is dealing with property rights and to be honest with you when DALEY said shoot all looters to kill that's the first time I ever agreed with that fool. Yeh, I hurried up and sent him a telegram, I said, "Dear Fool, Your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill, I agree with whole heartedly if you make one stipulation, let's first make it retroactive and let's first put the gun in the Indian's hand. (APPLAUSE) So I say you youngsters got a big job, keep your eyes open and watch everything especially us old fools. And by all means watch your mama and daddy and ask them a lot of questions cause you got to sleep around them. (LAUGHTER) You know, someone could knock on your mama's door at daddy's house (knocking sound) and they say, "who is it?" say, "Government agency," say, "what do you want?" say, "uh, here's my identification, we want your dog or your cat," say, "yeh, we just got a bill pushed through, we send pets to Viet Nam." I don't have to tell you how much hell your mama and daddy would raise if somebody

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tried to send that dog to Viet Nam, do we? It'd be a shoot-out on the front lawn. (LAUGHTER) AS funny as that sounds, it's very sad that you live in a climate today where your mama and daddy would raise more hell over the dog going to Viet Nam than they'd raise over you, going to Viet Nam. (APPLAUSE) Maybe your mama and daddy wouldn't be so up tight over you resisting if they got their mind off making money for a little while and start investigating and start listening to what you youngsters are talking about. But us old fools we so busy trying to make that buck we don't understand. I'm sure your mama and daddy would have a reaction if they knew there was 152 senators and congressmens' sons that been old enough to get drafted and haven't been drafted yet. I'm sure if your mother and daddy realized that DEAN RUSK's son five years ago became old enough to get drafted and he ain't never left Washington, D.C., as many boys as DEAN RUSK done got killed. I wish I got an induction notice, I'd hurry up and fly to Washington, D.C. and handcuff myself to DEAN RUSK's boy. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Then I'd get on television and say to all the fools whatever's wrong with DEAN's boy is wrong with me. (APPLAUSE) Yeh, you all please watch them folks. Notice how us fools get up tight over you youngsters burning draft cards? I guess you know why we get upset. You ever ask yourself which is the most important card in America, the draft card or the Social Security Card?

Sure it is, Social Security Card. Social Security stays with you all of your life, women and men have Social Security cards; draft card stays with you part of your life, just men have draft cards, so without a shadow of a doubt the Social Security is the most important card in America. Why is it all of us in this room tonight could stand up and burn our Social Security Card and nobody cares? Although, it's the most important card. But if you burn your draft card, oh! they'd run the Army in here. Because, see, when you young kids burn them draft cards you saying to us old fools, "one day old fool you going to get this country in a war that we not going to fight for you and you have to fight it yourself." (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) That kinda scares us but I got news for you, for we have to go fight one of our own wars, we'll quit having them.

I was at the University of Wisconsin about six months ago and I was leaving and a young kid walked up to me and said, "Mr. GREGORY, can I talk to you?" I say, yeh, what's happening? He say, "I got a problem," I say, "what is it," he say, "I think I'm having a nervous breakdown," I say, "why?", he say, "I'm a draft resister", I say, "did you do what your convictions told you to do," he says, "yes", I say, "something wrong because if you have a moral dedicated conviction they might throw you in jail and kill you but nobody has ever had a nervous breakdown from believing and doing what was morally right." He say, "it didn't have

nothing to do with me, it's my mother and father, they don't have nothing to do with me anymore cause of my draft resistance they don't want me to come home, they don't write me, I don't hear from them," I says, "I really haven't got time to waste discussing your problem cause the only problem you got is you got weak enough to react to parents who think that the wisdom of fools", he says, "but it my mother and father", I say, "well look, let me put it this way, I know that had you not been a draft resister, had you taken 40 sticks of dynamite one night at 3:00 O'clock in the morning and tossed it into the girls' dormitory and leveled that building to the ground and killed every girl in it, I know damn good and well your mama and daddy would have flew in town on the first plane and came by the jail and hugged and kissed you and said, 'we wonder what's wrong with our boy', but they'd got you the best lawyer money could buy, and they'd go out and raise the bond money." So it's very sad that we live in a society today where your mama and daddy and the community that they deal with can rally behind them better if your have been a murderer than they could if you were a draft resister. You youngsters have got a problem. You got a problem. You going to have to ask a lot of questions and one of the main questions you youngsters going to have to ask is you going to have to ask it loud and mighty clear

and that's the simple question that if democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throat with a gun? (APPLAUSE) The day you young kids make this democracy work right that's the day we can bring the guns home. Because you see, anything good you don't have to force on people. They steal it. (LAUGHTER) So you have got a job, to make democracy beautiful that everybody will be trying to steal the idea, steal this form of Government. Let me say what I'm going to say to you now is probably the most important thing I say to you all night, that is, simply I hope you youngsters don't make the mistake at this or any other institution that us old fools made when it was our turn to occupy your position at these colleges and universities. You see, when we went to school, we was so busy learning how to make a living we forgot to learn how to live. I say to you youngsters today that if you waste your time at this institution or any other institution just learning how to make a living, you have failed, baby. But if you spend your four beautiful years at this or any other institution learning how to live, I guarantee you making a living will be the easiest thing for you to do on the face

of this earth bar nothing. Oh, I meet a lot of people who say, "well, I'm going to school to learn how to be somebody", hell, you was born somebody and if you going to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else that makes you two people. Read what SIGMUND FREUD says what happens to you when you become two folks. (LAUGHTER) Why you go to college for four years and pay top dollar for somebody to teach you how to be crazy? (LAUGHTER) Then you meet people who say, "well you got to go to school so you can get a job cause we got to eat." Well, if you learn how to live, eating is an easy thing for you to do. A gorilla eats more food in one meal than you eat in six weeks, you ever known one to go to college? (LAUGHTER) You ever bumped into a gorilla in the supermarket? When is the last time you ever read where a gorilla starved to death? (LAUGHTER) So see, once you learn how to live like the animals, eating ain't no problem. Matter of fact, if you ever learn how to live you find half this old stuff you eating now is what's causing most of the problem. (LAUGHTER) Ain't no way in the world you can ever learn how to live and smoke. So what are they teaching at these colleges? Ain't no way in hell you could ever learn to live and use dope, so what are they teaching

of them. (APPLAUSE) The only reason they qualify to be on the board of directors is because they made some money. (APPLAUSE) They don't know a damn thing about education and Lord knows they don't know nothing about you kids. (APPLAUSE) They ought to pass a bill that if them monsters was caught within a 500 mile radius of a college they should go to jail for life. (APPLAUSE) Can you imagine ROCKEFELLER how many boards of directors of college institutions the ROCKEFELLER families are on? If it wasn't for that damn Chase Manhattan Bank of theirs them brothers in South Africa could breathe a little better. If it wasn't for that damn Standard Oil, all of South America could get free and that monster is on college boards of directors all across this country deciding what you young kids is going to be your trend of thought. He don't qualify to even deal with you youngsters. See, you got a big job ahead of you, mighty big job, ahead of you. You got to see to it that these institutions stop indoctrinating and programming, oh, they great at programming. You come to class and we give you a book, "this is your assignment, read the book." Oh, we don't program you with the book, no, after you read the book we give you the test and if you didn't read the book the way we want you to read the book you can't pass the test (APPLAUSE) that's where we get you. See I've got to give you a test every so often to find out if you been

programmed right and that's what you get kicked out of college for cause you can't take the program, man. Hell, you can be the dumbest kid in America long as you steal the test they won't put you out of school long as, that's why kids will stoop to the lowest depths to steal the tests because once you get the tests you don't need the book. (LAUGHTER) We don't grade the book, we grade the test. And so you can stay out of school and cheat and cram the last day before the test and pass, if it wasn't no test you'd have to cram for four years. (LAUGHTER) There's a difference. We might not be graduating as many but you can believe everybody that we did would be thoroughly educated individuals. We just running these indoctrination through left and right. Every time you look around, huh, yeh, you got a big job.

That transcript, is that a fraud. That transcript ain't nothing but a threat us old fools hang over you kids, that transcript ain't worth the paper it's written on. If you think that transcript is important, then you leave here after you graduate and meet somebody four years from now you want to marry and see if they want to see your transcript. (LAUGHTER) Anything in life that you ever do that's important, see if they want to see your transcript. Get married and decide you want to have some kids and see if you have to take your transcript to bed with you. (LAUGHTER)



You think that transcript's any good? You let a college burn down to the ground and destroy all the records and see if you have to come back and go to school over again. That transcript ain't nothing but a threat we hold over your heads so we can show industry and all the fools, say, "yes, SUSAN made straight A's, yes, we need that child, she's well programmed". (LAUGHTER) That's why a lot of black students not (inaudible) cause there's rumbling on the college campuses today and the interesting thing the young kids across the country is not aggravating society asking for less responsibility, they're asking for more. The unions are asking for less. They was talking about a four day work week, four hour day and we say, yeh, baby. So we can cheer money. And if that statement sounds anti-union, I meant for it to be. I'm so damn sick and tired of the unions that came through and hustled and scuffled and tried to change system and they the first ones should be reaching out getting you young kids a hand forcing this change but they've joined the ranks of the syndicate hoodlums and the filthy politicians. So as you youngsters change this if the syndicate don't get back, I mean if the hoodlums, oh well, forget it. (LAUGHTER) Change the unions if you can and if you can't destroy them. (APPLAUSE)

So you got a job to do, a big job ahead of you, huh, mighty big job. So I say to you keep your eyes open,

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It's very interesting what's going on on the college campuses today, us old fools don't understand what it is. You black kids and white kids, we not talking about white folks anymore, we've past that stage, that was a groovy stage. We past it, we're not worrying about nothing but the racism in the institution which ain't got a damn thing to do with you white folks. All white folks in America would leave this country tonight and leave nobody here but Indians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and us, and if we had to use that same set of laws you was using we still couldn't get in Harvard and Yale and the rest of these institutions. This is what we going after now is to change the structure once and for all. We talk about teaching black classes to black kids and that sounds kinda strange, it sounds like race, but it's not but all at once we want to know who we are. I want to know is I the E-bu or the um-bu. (phonetic) (LAUGHTER) I know I ain't no nigger and I want to find out what I am. I been a good nigger but now I decided I'm not going to be that and I want to search and find out what I am. (APPLAUSE) It's just America kept me from knowing (inaudible) teach it to me. That's what we talking about. But it this races structure.

Oh, two years ago had I galavanted across the country and say the problem with black folks is we need black cap-

italism, everybody would have said I was a racist. But that white boy, Tricky DICK, can talk about it and because he's white nobody think that's racism. (LAUGHTER) Yeh, oh, NIXON run all over the world talking about black capitalism but nobody in America ever accused him of being a racist because he white boy.

You ever look at that television show the Dating Game? Everytime they got a black man on it, they got three black women, and nobody ever says (inaudible) that was racism, but if I went on the show and say I'm not going to work the show if you have a white woman, I want three black sisters, everybody accuse me of being a racist. Yes, we tired of this racist institution. This what we talking about, this what we trying to change. So I say you youngsters got a big job ahead of you. You girls, man, let me tell you it's hard to believe that anything that got life is as dumb as you broads. (LAUGHTER) I mean you don't have to take my word for it, your action speak for itself. The day you was born you was born a female and how you fools let us men sell you billions of dollars of trinkets and you waste millions of hours trying to improve on your womanhood. You can't improve on your womanhood no more than it was the day you was born. We got you around here up on your toes with high heel shoes,

if being up on your toes was good for you, don't you think we would be up there? (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Everytime you look around a bunch of old fool men sitting around discussing population explosion. You don't ever see no women worrying about population, all the men worry about it, and how you women can be so dumb to let us worry about it but make you take the pills. (LAUGHTER) Yeh, you got to run (inaudible) you take the pill, but you stop it at your end and what happens? (LAUGHTER) Since we the ones that's worried about her. If you don't want to be that dirty, go 50-50 with us. You women take the pills on the odd months and let us men take it on the even months. (LAUGHTER) Them damn fools in Washington, D.C. and the Surgeon General's Office ever released that report they got on birth control pills, they know damn good and well anybody using those pills cautiously for 15 years from now, may 98% of everybody going to have fatal causes with them. They got it, just like they had the cigarette report. I cannot believe that this country is so monstrous that they let us, England took them off the market, not because of their research but because of that report that they got hold to that we squashing. So, I don't know how in the world you women, you see, if you ever change your thought you sure would tighten up the world and half the problems confronting us fools would be over. Have you ever read where a woman has caused a war? All the

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wars are caused by us men but after we cause them then we run back and get your babies to fight them. Something's wrong somewhere. How do you carry a baby in your belly for nine months, then spit it out and watch it go through the changed, hug it when it's sick and play with it when it's happy and just when it gets to the fruits of life the fool says send him to me and you let him go. Are you out of your mind? Somewhere when you women start teaching in that crib that you not raising no killers then us old fool men is going to have to either stop having wars or find another way of fighting them. They ain't got no respect for you women. How the hell you going to let us kill off your kids and then when Christmas rolls around we have a truce in Viet Nam? Are you insane? We can stop fighting a war to celebrate some old dumb stupid holiday that ain't got no mother, no father, no kids, no loved ones, but we can't stop the war to celebrate your mother. Something's wrong. (APPLAUSE) Well you ladies got a big job to do, so I say to you young folks keep your eyes open 24 hours a day. You'll be surprised how hip you get. That's one good thing I can say, I do keep my eyes open. I learn a lot, too. That's why everytime you see me I got my Bible with me. I never go nowhere without my Bible. I don't read it but, (LAUGHTER) one time I didn't even have one. But just watching and picking up things, I found out. You know, the missionaries went to Africa and

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when the missionaries arrived in Africa the missionaries had all the Bibles and the Africans had all the land. (LAUGHTER) When all the missionaries left Africa the Africans had all the Bibles and the missionaries had all the land. (APPLAUSE) So anytime you see me I'm going to have my Bible. One day I'm going to walk into Hilton's Hotel and when I leave, you going to see HILTON with the Bible. (LAUGHTER) I'll have that big ring of keys. (LAUGHTER) Oh, I can't tell you, I ain't got enough time to tell you how much I've learned from the white Christians. (LAUGHTER) I never will forget when I met my first white Christian. (LAUGHTER) I was a little bitty boy, eight years old, walking down the street, heard a voice say, "come here boy" that's how come I knew he was a white Christian. (LAUGHTER) I walked up to him and say, "yes sir, Mr. white Christian," (LAUGHTER) he say, "boy, what is it you want to do when you grow up," I say, "oh, Mr. white Christian, when I grow up I wants to go to Africa and visit my ancestors. He said, "boy, why do you want to go to Africa and visit them savages?" I say, "Mr. white Christian, why do you call my ancestors savages?" He said, "cause they are, they're a bunch a damn cannibals." I said, "what a cannibal?" He said, "they eat people." I said, "oooh, (LAUGHTER) real live human beings, they cook them?" And I had to take the white Christian's word for it cause white Christians ain't going to lie to us, right? Right. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE)

And it was a good thing because two weeks later I got it confirmed. I went to see my first TARZAN movie. I walked in on the middle of the picture in that scene where they was cooking them folks. (LAUGHTER) It's not funny, that's a hell of a thing to find out your folks eat folks. (LAUGHTER) I didn't know them wasn't real live Africans, them was some old California niggers but how'd I know. (Inaudible) I was upset, I never will forget that Sunday I rushed out of that movie and ran into the first church I came to which happened to be a white Christian Church and I fell on my knees and prayed, "please white Christian God, forgive my black cannibal ancestors, savages," just about that time the white Christian minister overheard my prayer. He was deeply touched because he just lost three missionaries. (LAUGHTER) He was touched, and he walked up to me kneeling on the altar and he was so touched he took his hand and put it on my head and rubbed it for luck. (LAUGHTER) Then he spoke such brilliant words of wisdom. "Boy, I didn't know a black boy had that much sense to pray for them cannibals". I say, "yes sir, Mr. white Christian minister, I been so embarrassed ever since I found out my ancestors was cannibals, I pray every time I get a chance that the white Christian God will forgive them." So I got up and got ready to leave, he says, "no son, any black boy that got that much sense to pray for them cannibals savages, I want you to stay here and share communion with us."

So I said, "no sir, Mr. white Christian man, I just wanted to pray for the cannibals. Communion, what's that?" He say, "get on your knees and open you mouth, this is his body and this is his blood". (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Yes, I can't tell you how much I learned from the white Christians. Now, I pray for all the cannibals. (LAUGHTER) Even those who become cannibals by proxy. (LAUGHTER) Say, let me ask you youngsters to do me a favor. One day this week you stop by the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence. Don't read it just copy it. You know how to copy without reading, right? Sure you do. (LAUGHTER) I want you to carry the Declaration of Independence with you 24 hours a day never be caught without it. The favor I'd like for you to do for me when the riot season open up again. (LAUGHTER) Yeh, this system even program black folks that we got a season to riot, July through August. (LAUGHTER) Last year we didn't show and upset the whole country. Everybody still running around, "where were they, what happened?" (LAUGHTER) They asked GEORGE WALLACE, "how come you think they didn't riot?" He say, "oh, you know them niggers is lazy and shiftless, they was tired." (LAUGHTER) I tell you where we were last July through August, no we got tired of stealing all them old no good products, so last July through August, we decided to go underground and study the consumer reports. (LAUGHTER) So when



the riot season open up this year we ain't stealing no more Motorolas. (LAUGHTER) Yeh, now here's the favor I'd like for you to do for me. When the riot season open up, I'd like for you youngsters to go home and get around your parents and you black kids get around your parents, cause you got some black folks in them houses that think more degenerate, corrupt than the Klu-Klux-Klan could ever think and you do know what I'm talking about. Get your television set and put it in the middle of the room and turn on the evening news cause they sure enough going to show them riots but turn on HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY cause they get close ups. (LAUGHTER) ABC and CBS they cover the riots but they get it from a helicopter, you know, no, no, NBC gets such close ups that you can recognize your kin folks. (LAUGHTER) "Say look, there's Uncle DUDLOW, I didn't know he was in Detroit. (LAUGHTER) He got him five televisions, too." (LAUGHTER) After you turn the riot on then go upstairs and get them parents and bring them down and put them in front of the television set. Listen to them, listen to them react, you've heard them before. "I don't know what's wrong with our folk. What's wrong with them niggers," just listen to them fools talk. Then the favor I want you to do for me is after you've heard enough of it go up and turn the sound off, so they don't see nothing but them niggers burning and looting and socking it to that town. Then take

out your Declaration of Independence while they just looking at the picture and get way behind them and read the Declaration of Independence to them as loud as you can and maybe for the first time they will understand what they looking at. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with such inalienable rights that when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time, it is your duty to destroy, abolish that Government.

(APPLAUSE) I know at first them old fools is going to assume that that was some message that MALCOLM X left for RA'P BROWN.

(LAUGHTER) But I'm sure with a minimum amount of persuasion you can teach them that that was their beloved Declaration of Independence, that one with the mistake on it. That one that they forgot to put, for white only. (LAUGHTER) Let me tell you something, as dumb as white folks think niggers are, if you don't put for white only on the Declaration of Independence, I swear it really read like this, for everybody.

(LAUGHTER) That's right. And so I guess we making an honest mistake cause when we read it we thought PATRICK HENRY and THOMAS JEFFERSON and the founding fathers, we thought they really meant that after long periods of injustice it was your duty to destroy, abolish. Now, what you should do is run get this out the black community, since you going clown after I (inaudible). They made me take a test on it when I was in school. I didn't want to read it in the first place. (LAUGHTER)

You ain't going to graduate unless you learn the Declaration of Independence. Now I read it and find out America can't survive with me knowing what it says. So we would appreciate it if you would get this out of our neighborhood and put white only on it, then send it back to us. And while you getting that out get this old trampy American History Book out that tells me about all these white heroes. It tell me white folks landed on the Plymouth Rock and shot and murdered they damn way all the way to California and then askiagnigger to behave? (LAUGHTER) You got to be putting us on. Have you ever read this history book or are black folks the only ones reading it? GEORGE WASHINGTON didn't make this history book cause he was a good preacher, he was a good soldier and he whooped the British good. "Give me liberty or give me death," who said that, RAT BROWN? (LAUGHTER) Oh, I know STOKLEY CARMICHAEL there, he's in there. "Don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes." (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Are you serious? You think you going to make me learn this book and nothing's in it but murdering from one end to the other in the name of freedom? No, so please get that out. Tell me to have respect for law and order? And in this damn book here you tell me when the British was the police and a white boy by the name of PAUL REVERE rode through the white communities and say, "get a gun white folks, the police is coming." (LAUGHTER)

Are you really telling us that as long as you white you can do all the filthy things you want to do to get free? You really believe you can send niggers to Viet Nam, niggers down in your Army camps and you teaching them how to be gorillas. (LAUGHTER) Send them all the way across that pond they been murdering people for five years trying to free some foreigner, you really think that nigger not going to come back here and do the same? Do you really think you can turn niggers on and off like that? Huh, something wrong, somewhere, yep. You know, briefly in leaving you tonight, let me discuss with you, black attitudes in America. Make no mistake about it we got some attitudes, thank God, at last. We don't know what it is we been doing that's alienating white folks in America, the way they been alienated for the last two years but we got news for you. Whatever we been doing, we going to keep on doing. (APPLAUSE) Cause you see, we found out the more alienated the white folks get, the safer we are. You don't lynch niggers no more. Man, we was running around behaving and praying and singing them old songs, it was just open season on us. (LAUGHTER) Cat would yell, "come here nigger", now you might use it in America, but you damn sure make sure I don't hear it. So I want to know what it is about the nature or the beast that he'll go get him a double-barrel shotgun and go hunting for a little bitty rabbit. But you couldn't pay him to go bear hunting. (LAUGHTER)

You go out in the damn forestt and kill up all the animals out there and two years ago when them bears ate them two white ladies, they sent the Army out looking for the bears. (LAUGHTER) Well, we got an attitude today cause we tired of these insults.

You know how much it alienates black folks when white America tells us to be non-violent? You know whose telling us to be non-violent? The only nation in the history of the world that's dropped an atom bomb on another human being asks us, huh, to behave. Nobody knows the alienation better than I because I'm a slave to non-violence. I don't preach it, I live non-violently. I believe Thou Shalt Not Kill even covers animals so consequently I'm a vegetarian. That's my hang-up. I don't go around preaching non-violence and vegetarianism in a country where it says you have a right to carry a gun, beautiful, I just don't like that right. I got a right as an individual if a man is going to kill my wife and seven kids and the only way I can stop him, I got to kill him or injure him, I got a right to say that I will never committ a violent act if it means death to my whole family. I don't have a right to tell you you got to stand by and let some chump wipe out your family. So I don't preach non-violence. I'd be silly to, in a country where MATT DILLON comes into your home to teach you it's a virtue to shoot straight. But he a white boy. (LAUGHTER) So my non-violence

is strictly my hang-up. My vegetarianism is strictly my hang-up. I would never knock a steak off your plate. (LAUGHTER) I'd never let you put a pork chop on mine. (LAUGHTER) I'd never take a stick of dynamite out your hand and I'd never let you take my picket sign out of mine. But as non-violent as I am, it alienates me to the enth (phonetic) degree when white America tell black folks to be non-violent. She owns the mightiest Army, mightiest Navy, the mightiest Air Force, she owns all the police, state police, sheriff's police, local police, CIA, FBI. She owns all those guns and we don't own a damn thing and she looks at us and says be non-violent, boys. We say, you go to hell. (APPLAUSE) We say to America if you really believe in non-violence as you think you do, if you really believe in non-violence, which you don't, we say prove it. Don't do nothing for us cause we prove we burn a town down. But if you really believe you believe in non-violence then we say get upon that Indian reservation and cut my red brother loose cause you can't be no more non-violent than your Indian borther's been for the last 75 years, what happened? What happened? So as long as that Indian's on that reservation, you should never even utter the word non-violence cause looking at him you prove you have a hell of a contempt for non-violent people. We in Viet Nam tonight

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with half a million violent American boys with their life to free and give a foreigner a better way of life than you want to guarantee your own red brother who you stole (APPLAUSE) this country from. (APPLAUSE) So we say get that Indian off that reservation and we might believe you respect non-violence but as of now there's no way that we'd ever believe you'd give a damn about non-violence. If that Indian wants a better way of life in the morning he's going to have to understand that he's dealing with a system so insane and so degenerate that until you make a peep up through a muzzle of a gun she will keep you a nigger. Oh, if that Indian got on a viaduct in the morning in Arizona and caught white folks driving down the expressway and started shooting at them, pow, pow, yelling "red power, woo, woo, whitey go home", and when that Indian say whitey go home, he talking about the big trip, baby. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Oh, yes, that Indian raise hell in the morning the whole country would be crazy tomorrow, I can just hear it now, "them filthy reds". (LAUGHTER) Sunday you turn on television and look at Meet the Press, they'll be interviewing some old Uncle Tom Tom Indian, (LAUGHTER) that would be saying everything the fools want to hear. I can just hear him now, "yes sir, me like a heap of reservation, (LAUGHTER) problem come from them young bucks, (LAUGHTER) them stalky red horses (inaudible) (LAUGHTER) (APPLAUSE) All the fools would go to bed believing the Indians don't want nothing.

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That Indian keep coming off that reservation and burning and looting and socking it to the town and getting him some of them blond scalps. (LAUGHTER) Raping a few of them white ladies (LAUGHTER) you might not dig him but you start listening to him. Some way you youngsters got to create an atmosphere in this system that a man can get a redress of grievances without throwing a brick and without bad mouthing, right now it's not an atmosphere. Oh, if that Indian raise enough hell, baby, this summer you turn on television you be seeing Indians this summer like you saw us last summer. Yes, tune in every Tuesday night, one hour special, seven part series, Meet Your Indian Brother, sponsored by Xerox with no commercials. (LAUGHTER) Oh, that Indian raise enough hell next year this time, you have an Indian here talking to you. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) It's sad that I have to stand here and admit to you that as long as that Indian is non-violent and peaceful you know nothing about him. But the minute he starts getting violent and raising hell you would know about him. You'd find out some things that would make you ashamed not only being an American but being a human being. The highest form of tuberculosis amongst any minority group on the face of this earth don't happen behind the Iron Curtain, it happens upon your Indian reservation. Huh, why you all over



the world trying to stop Communism, huh, you don't give a damn about your injustices. The highest form of suicide rate among any young group of people on the face of this earth don't happen in Moscow, Russia, it happens on your Indian reservation. An Indian mother marched down the street today to protest a Government action and if she have any kids she lives in the state of Washington, her kids will be sent to Oklahoma to school. That's how they break up the demonstrations because the Federal Government still has the right to send an Indian kid to the school they see fit and not the school the parent sees fit and you wonder who invented bussing, huh? (LAUGHTER) Not only do you keep them pinned on that reservation, you still sending this old filthy book up there to read. When the calvary won, it was a great victory but when the Indians won, it was a great massacre. They wasn't doing nothing but beating off an invader. You don't even spare them the insults. You still send them all that literature up there because you not only pin them up there you control their education, too. You got them same books up there about KID CARSON was a great hero to us. KID CARSON got his name KID cause he killed more Indian babies than any white man in the history of America, and you still send that filth up to the Indian reservation. Yeh, you don't know that man's name because he's been too quiet and that's sad.

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Somewhere behavior and non-violence have to pay off and you got a job to do. Of course, we leave the Indian business to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. (LAUGHTER) That makes about as much sense as hiring the Klu-Klux-Klan to implement the Civil Rights Law. (LAUGHTER) The Bureau of Indian Affairs, ain't that a joke? You know the money it takes to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs if they was wiped out in the morning the money it costs to run the Bureau, every Indian in America could get \$4,300. a year a piece. We don't care about him, we don't know about him. So somewhere you youngsters in changing this system will have to see to it that America will become as annoyed with injustices at home as she is afraid of Communism abroad. Then maybe we'll wipe these injustices out.

Our Mexican brother in California said, "brothers, please don't eat no California grapes." Have you listened to him? He's going to win his battle for human dignity and if you deep eating them grapes he going to win it next year, he's just going to have to blow up the grape vineyards. Then everybody say, "I wonder why them Mexicans is so violent." Cause you didn't help them be non-violent when they asked you to. So, I say to you in leaving tonight that black folks have got an attitude. We tired of these insults.

People ask us well, "how come y'all don't want to be called Negro?" That's what we saying, we just want to be

called black. We tired of these games. You don't play no games with yourself and we hate to put you in an im- position but a Jew leaves Israel tonight to come to my country, he was a Jew in Israel and he stays a Jew when he get here. An Italian leaves Italy to come to America, he was an Italian over there and he stayed an Italian when he got here. An Irishman left Ireland to come to America, he was an Irishman over there and he's still an Irishman here. So we look around and we see you don't play no games with yourself, why play them with us? We left Africa, Africans and when we got here we had to be Nigrus and Newgrus, (PHONETIC) and colored folks and we don't want no games played with, that's what we saying (APPLAUSE) and if you want to play games, go back and change your thing, call yourself some Bugudoos or Boolaboos (phonetic). (LAUGHTER) So we saying we got an attitude and the attitude is a simple attitude, we are re- acting to insults. We cannot make white America quit insulting us but we saying one thing, from here on in, when you insult us get ready for a reaction. That's something new because you didn't have to worry bout that your mama and daddy didn't. We was so busy being niggers. America has always needed niggers but doesn't have to be black; the Jew, the Irish, the Italian. We just happen to be the best nigger America ever had. But we ain't America's nigger no more. And for some reason she trying to hold on to us. You'd better go on and get you something else. (LAUGHTER) Twenty or thirty

years ago, black folks had an empty stomach. Today in America black folks got a full stomach but a hungry mind and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing that a hungry stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sound and all at once this country don't sound right to us anymore. Five years ago three white boys burn up their draft card and within two weeks time the Senate and Congress had passed an anti-draft card burning bill. We haven't been able to get them to pass an anti-lynching bill in 100 years. My country just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she does think of my black mammy. I'll bring her to her knees for that. If I was in Viet Nam tonight and got killed by a Viet Cong, this country would give my black wife \$10,000 and she couldn't take it and buy a house in any neighborhood she want one in. Hell, I got killed shooting at the wrong force. (APPLAUSE) Now America tells me I got to get a fair housing bill to live anywhere I want to live in my own country, we say what in the hell do you think you are. That old white Russian cracker broad STALIN's daughter, a known Russian and a known Communist, you ain't supposed to like neither one of them, you didn't make that broad get no fair housing bill to come to my country and live anywhere she wants to live, why do I have to get one. This is what we trying to say. We reacting, to these insults. All

these old Russian exchange students that come over here to my country to go to these colleges, they don't want to be your citizen. You don't make them get no fair housing bill to live anywhere they want to live in these old racist college towns. Why do I need one? We not telling you to stop but we can't understand how come you can't understand our attitudes. This is all we saying. So we tired of these insults. People tell us education is our problem, huh, that ain't nothing but a cheap whitey cop out. (LAUGHTER) You prove that everyday you got a half a million in Viet Nam ready to free that Vietnamese in the morning. You ain't never questioned that Vietnamese' educational standard. Why question mine? And when you do question my educational standard, question it right. That's why we hollering about teach black history in these white institutions because if you ever read my history instead of listening to what you mama told you about me you find out your mama come closer to being your nigger than me. (LAUGHTER) Education's my problem? You ever stopped to ask yourself how many millions of people would be dead on the face of this earth if it were not for blood plasma? Are you aware of the fact that CHARLIE DREW, a black American, invented blood plasma? Don't take my word for it, check it out in your library. Are you also aware of the fact that CHARLIE DREW bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting room, after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers? Education didn't have a damn thing to do with it. The man had the

educational knowledge and genius to give Hood plasma to the world and died from the lack of his own invention cause his face was black and now you want to run in and tell us education's our problem. Come on baby, get up off of (inaudible). So we saying we tired of these insults. Oh, there's a lot of people, a lot of white folks in this country who believe a nigger is the stinkiest smelliest thing, well, I don't have to tell you, you heard her. I'm not here tonight to convince you that niggers don't stink. (LAUGHTER) I say do your own research. (LAUGHTER) Check the records of the cosmetic industry and see how many billions of dollars per year you white folks spend on deodorant. (LAUGHTER) Then check the deodorant commercials on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) Then use your own intelligence you was born with and figure it out for yourself. If niggers is doing all the stinking and white folks is buying all the deodorant, who really stinks in my country? (LAUGHTER) So we saying we tired of these insults. There's a whole lots of white folks that believe a black man is inferior to them because we are black. That's your hand-up, you groove out with it good, but don't insult me with it no more. You know the interesting thing is the same white man that believes I'm inferior to him because I'm black, he'd be the first one

to tell you if I went to bed tonight with a Japanese woman and gave her a baby, the baby would be colored. If I go to bed with a Chinese woman, Italian Woman, a Jewish woman, I can go to bed with any woman on the face of this earth and give her a baby and the baby going to be me. My sister can go to bed with any man on the face of this earth and get a baby and the baby going to be her. Is that inferior stock to you? (LAUGHTER) We saying we tired of these insults. We are tired of them. Our people tell us we should quit marching, go down to the ghettos and pull your brother up by his boot straps, and we say why don't you give him some boots with some zippers in them? Black women in America have 20% illegitimate babies. Y'all ain't lying on us on that one. We can't deny it cause we've had fun in the ghetto, baby. (LAUGHTER) White women in America has 2% illegitimacies but we tired of you white folks thinking you better than black folk cause your white ladies illegit is 2% and my black ladies is 20%. Please quit thinking you better than me, cause baby, if we could ever get our hands on your white folks abortion credit cards we, (APPLAUSE) could show you (APPLAUSE) (inaudible). Now white folks running around and they want to know why you colored folks get married and have all them babies in the ghettos, you know you can't take care of them. We know it. You going to end up on relief, we know that, too. The only thing we see wrong with relief, it ain't enough of it.

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(LAUGHTER) If words like relief and ADC and Welfare alienates you, change it. Call it foreign aid. That free money don't seem to bug too many people. Or call it what you call that money you give these Missouri farmers, what do you call it? Subsidies. (LAUGHTER) Yeh, just change the name, look like you hung-up on a name. Call it subsidies. You going to pay farmers in America billions of dollars every year not to plant and then don't want to pay my sister after she plants. (LAUGHTER) As far as all them black babies we have in the ghettos that we can't take care of, we'll make a deal with you, the day this system learn how to hire black boys and give us good jobs like you gives your white boys so we can afford all the whores and prostitutes that you can afford, we'll quit having all them babies at home too. (APPLAUSE) We don't have to ask you about that whore, because it is my sister and she talks to us, so we know what you doing. We ain't guessing nothing, we know what's going on baby. We saying we tired of these insults. I had a white cat on the plane the other day comes all the way out to the tour section to the first class section to ask me, "you know I really understand you colored boys." (LAUGHTER) I say, "man, I don't come back in here in the cheap seats to alienate you, why you want to come up here in the first class section and bug me?" "Well, I just wanted to say that you boys oughta teach your black folks some responsibility" and I say that because I got records, I'm in industry. I've had a factory for 40 years and ain't hired nothing but colored boys,



they can't get to work on time, always take off early and I got records to prove it." I said, "well, have you looked at your records good? You look at all of your records, or just the part you want to see? Maybe I should check your records out for you because at one time I was one of them niggers you used to hire. Do your records show you when you first hired us we stand in line two hours the first day we get the job waiting for time to come around to punch in, that's how happy we was. Then for the next eight hours I got to walk around being called coon and nigger and head rubbed for luck and goosed in the butt. (LAUGHTER) You know anybody in their right mind going to hurry up and get to work early for them insults, baby? The later I got to work everyday the longer I kept my manhood and the earlier I could get off the sooner I got it back." (APPLAUSE)

When I stop and think black folks in America die six years younger than white folks. I got seven black kids at home and everytime my seven kids sit around the dinner table with me at the same time I got to look 42 death years in the face that no white father with seven kids have to look at. Huh, for some reason people don't seem to know what's on our mind. I'm trying to get them seven black kids them same six years of life you going to have for your kids. To be honest with you I couldn't give a damn who I alienate to get them. I wish I could stand here and say if white folks ever lost six years of their kids life that I would work equally

as hard. I hope I would but I couldn't say. So we tired of these insults. Then I stop and think had a German killed my daddy during World War II, had a German killed my daddy in 1942, I was 10 years old and I'll be 37 years old this year, huh. That's no insult cause when daddys go to war they go to kill or be killed. The insult is the same German that could've killed my daddy in 1942, and made me go 27 years without a daddy, that same German tonight can come to my daddy's country and live in a neighborhood my daddy's boy can't live in, do you really understand what we talking about? Before we'd sit by ever again and let you treat your enemy better than you treat your citizens, we'll burn this damn country down to the ground. (APPLAUSE) That's the white attitudes. Yeh, that's thinking white. Because we know if we took this country away from you tonight and put you in the same trick for ten hours, this country's had us in for a 100 years, you would burn it down to the ground. We don't have to ask you, we look at your record in Viet Nam. You burning Viet Nam down to the ground today to free a foreigner, we know what you'd do to free your mama. (LAUGHTER) So we say we tired of these insults and all we doing is reacting to them. People tell us, "well, yo'all got to make progress, huh, I got seven black kids at home and every time my old lady get pregnant, I realize how much progress we made. (LAUGHTER) My last little baby daughter, we really got hip on her being that we living in a system that

hate to refer to black folks as Mr. and Mrs. So my daughter was born four months ago and we really got it up tight cause we named her, her first name is MISS, and her last name is GREGORY. Anybody ever want to talk to her going to have to call her MISS GREGORY, whether they like it or not. (LAUGHTER) So we saying we tired of these insults. Progress, everytime my old lady's belly get big, I see progress cause I remember just a little bit over 100 years ago when my black slave sister went to her black slave man and say, "honey, I think I'm pregnant." Them two black slaves fell down on their knees and prayed to their almighty God that their unborn baby would be born deformed. Think about that prayer. They didn't pray that anything would happen to the white folks' kids. They say, "God, we dealing with such a racist inhumane beast that Lord if you could give us this baby born with a limb missing, God, if you give us a baby like that, they'll never be able to sell it from us, we'll get to keep it all our lives." You think about that prayer. Then one day after the child was born, that black slave sister went back to her black slave man crying tears of joy, "honey, the Lord's answered our prayers. His head looks funny, I think he's going to be maladjusted." Them two black slaves fell back down on their knees thanking their almighty God for a maladjusted baby. Huh, a baby that couldn't be sold. A baby that they would get to keep.

all of their lives. Progress - huh, me and my old lady got seven of them little old black kids at home and we ain't never had to pray for nothing, let alone a maladjusted baby. That's all the progress we going to give this system. So we saying we tired of these games and these insults. No more civil rights, we want our rights to say where you get yours, under that Constitution, don't do me no favors.

I want my right under the same piece of paper I pay my income tax by. (LAUGHTER) And even when we try to behave and be good niggers, you misuse us you put a fair housing bill through last year that covers 80% of the houses. What the hell am I supposed to do with the other 20% of me, join the Communist Party? (LAUGHTER) I tell you before you quit playing games we'd like for you to give us just one more bill called the Honest White Folks Bill. (LAUGHTER) None of you get up tight cause it ain't got nothing to do with white folks. Matter of fact, we'll name it something good, we'll call it The Concerned Honky Law. (LAUGHTER) That'll go over big in the ghetto now. It would be a simple law, it will read, "All five year old black male baby boys," it don't have nothing to do with white folks, don't even cover my black sister, "all five year old black male baby boys will have to go to a Government camp for one year from the age of five to six. In this camp, we'll stipulate in the law that these little black

kids will be able to sleep eight hours a day and for the other 16 hours for a solid year," this is where the honest white folks come in, "the Government will teach these little black boys, for one year for 16 hours a day, Nigger when you grow up don't fool with no white woman, don't date no white ladies, you know, before I run, let me say this to you. We can't believe that nothing upsets you more than a nigger with a white woman and you don't want to talk about it. Who do you think you are? One day if you ever get up enough courtesy to yourself and enough courage and enough manhood to talk about your No. 1 hang-up, you might find out it's something you doing to make me want that broad. One day if you ever stop doing it you can have that white broad back till she bugs you to death.(LAUGHTER) Everytime you get ready to sell your new automobiles in September, you can't advertise your new car without a white lady, knowing I'm going to get one of them cars.(LAUGHTER) So I get that white lady, I feel I got to get her to make my gears shift right.(LAUGHTER) I be minding my own business looking through a magazine, there's that old white lady holding that bottle of Pepsi Cola, saying, "thirsty, have a Pepsi." Yeh, I'll have a Pepsi and you too, you old white broad.(LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE) .Are you serious? I go to my black ghetto, walk into my black house, get in my black living room with my black wife and my black kids and there's your white sister come strolling across my black television set half naked talking about "buy a Platex living bra".(LAUGHTER)

Yes, I'll buy the bra for my old lady and I'll get you for me. (LAUGHTER) Are you really serious? You think niggers was born wanting that white woman? Do you think you had anything to do with it? I went to my first movie I was four years old, I didn't know nothing about no white woman. Didn't never see nobody make love, till I went to the movies, four years old is when you program folks, or did you know that? See that movie four years old looking at them white ladies make love. AVA GARDNER and HUMPHREY BOGART. I didn't know what they was doing but I had enough sense to know one day I was going to do it. (LAUGHTER) I went to the movie every night cause in my home town you could go to the movie for free till you was 12 years old. Long as you had an adult with you. Every night I went to the movie, next thing I know I was eight years old been going to the movies for four years every night looking at white ladies make love. I never will forget that night I was eight years old. I sitting with my friend and AVA GARDNER and ALAN LADD was doing they thing. I nudged my (inaudible) and said, "ooh, I'm sure going to get me one of them when I grow up." He say, "which one him or her?" I say, "I don't know I guess I try them both." Well, I got news for you, I'm grown now and I'm going to get me a white lady and the madder it makes you the more them white.

ladies I going to get me. I hope it makes you so damn mad that you'll quit programming my black kids and show them some black ladies advertising them new cars. Show them some black ladies advertising that Pepsi Cola. Show them some black ladies in the movie making love and once you do that you might find that one day after you de-program us you can have your old lady back for ever, take her to the moon if you want to. (LAUGHTER) You see, the mistake you made with me, the only black woman you ever showed me in the movies was BEULAH. The only one you ever showed me advertising was Aunt GEMIMA. I thought you had enough sense to know I ain't never, ever, ever, wanted to make love to BEULAH. (LAUGHTER) So as I leave you tonight I say you youngsters got a big job to do. Keep your eyes open, think, very important that you think. I was reading that "Colonel" report on Civil disorders in America. It said the problems can be solved in the black ghettos, it will take 80 billion dollars, and as I leave you tonight let me say to you don't bring no 80 billion dollars down to our ghetto. That ain't going to solve the problem. In order to solve the problems first in the black community you going to have to do something first that won't cost you one nickel as far as black folks are concerned.

That is simply you going to have to create an atmosphere where for the first time in American black folks will trust white folks and the way you will do that and won't cost you ;no money on us, you will go upon that Indian reservation and free my red brother, you give my Puerto Rican brother his constitutional rights, you'll get out in the field and free my Mexican brother and last but not least because my Jewish brother plays games with himself that he should paint his face as black as mine and see what you G@ntiles got to say about him everyday. Maybe he'll find out he's in the same trick bag with the rest of us. So what we saying short, simple and sweet, when you free my Jewish brother, My Indian brother, my Puerto Rican brother, my Mexican brother, we will look to you and say, "my brother for the first time, we trust you, come into my ghetto and together we will solve our problems." We say to America if she thinks she's going to solve these problems without freeing these other folks first then we say to you take that 80 billion dollars and buy yourself some of the biggest guns money can buy.





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On February 5, 1969, Richard Claxton Gregory addressed about 700 students at Southwest Missouri State College (SMC), Springfield, Missouri. The talk, sponsored by the Student Union Board, lasted about two hours and a 45 minute question and answer period followed. An

SMC made available the original tape which is being transcribed as the stenographic situation permits. The talk was one in a series entitled, "Kaleidoscope-Patterns In A Changing World". Other speakers to be heard in the series include Senator Strom Thurmond, March 31; William Rusher, April 16 and Julian Bond, May 7.

A source of the FBI gave the following resume of the talk:

One of the biggest jobs ahead of you young people is not to destroy the capitalistic system - you've got to work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful place behind the Constitution, not in front of it. As long as capitalists stand in front of the Constitution, it is property rights that are being emphasized-not human rights. If democracy is as good as we tell you it is, why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down other people's throats. If anything is good, you don't have to force it on people-they'll steal it from you.

He said he spends 90 percent of his time on college campuses and will be speaking at some 300 educational institutions within the next ten months. He believes the young people of today are the most moral, dedicated, committed people in the history of

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SA JOHN K. PENROD obtained the transcribed tape from Col. L. E. BOOTH. It should be noted that parts of the tape were extremely hard to decipher and that set forth is the best translation. U

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March 31, 1969

Ky. Colonel L. E. Booth, Director of Security, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky, advised on April 1, 1969, Dick Gregory spoke on the Murray State University campus during the night of March 31, 1969, at a symposium sponsored by the Student Government. The theme of the symposium is "Rights and Responsibilities of Man" and in addition to Gregory, Al Capp and Stanley Kubek are scheduled to speak on April 1, 1969, and Julian Bond and Sander Vanocur on April 2, 1969. U Ky

Colonel Booth stated that there were approximately 1500 in attendance for Gregory's talk, which was followed by a question and answer session and in his opinion the majority of the audience did not approve of the sarcastic and vulgar manner in which Gregory presented his speech. Colonel Booth estimated there were only approximately 300 remaining for the question and answer session and many in the audience got up and left during Gregory's speech. Colonel Booth learned that Gregory received a fee of \$1,000.00 from the Student Government Association for the speech and he made available the following record of Gregory's appearance and talk: U

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"This is Insight, 1969. Insight direct from the Murray State University Auditorium in Murray, Kentucky. Good evening. I am Gary Guthrie along with Stephanie Christian from the radio center of Murray State College. u

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Tonight on this March 31, 1969, is the first day in a series of lectures. Looking over a crowd here in Murray State University Auditorium. We are waiting for the beginning of the series in which we will have five noted speakers. Tonight's speaker will be Dick Gregory, who was previously named for his night club entertaining and his television performances, and who has since then taken to height for his civil rights. u

In the words of Harry M. Sparts, President of Murray State University, in our quest for intelligence, (inaudible), and political problems, it is our hope those who attend will use the art of deliberate consideration in order to make wiser decisions and work more efficiently in strengthening the great Nation in which we are a part. As Stephanie said, the crowd is near capacity tonight. It is a fairly warm night here in Murray, Kentucky, on this last day of March, 1969. Dick Gregory will soon be stepping to the podium to give his lecture, the first in a series in Insight, 1969. u

You might be interested to know just how the Insight series got it's name. A little bit earlier Gary read a heretic quote from Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was once the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court in the United States and in that time when he did say that the Insight was taken from that. The lights are blinking on and off so I guess they are ready to start the program. Back to that, the Insight Committee was called Insight with the name Insight from the quote and that is how Insight got its name. u

Ladies and Gentlemen. Insight, 1969. Will you please stand for the National Anthem and These Are The Times That Try Men's Souls. (They sing songs). In accordance with the President's declaration of this as a national day of mourning I would invite you to stand now for a fitting moment to follow tribute to the late President Dwight Eisenhower. Please be seated. u

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Dr. Sparts, delegates from colleges and universities, women of the press, ladies and gentlemen - on behalf of the Student Government and the Executive Committee of Insight, I welcome you to Insight, 1969. This evening we pioneer a new frontier in the academic maturity of Murray State University. The University is a place where the exchange of ideas is continually taking place. The value of this system can be measured by the frequencies and content of the exchange. Any catalyst which expands the system (inaudible) this exchange is of benefit to the University. With today's mass communication media, radio, television, and the press, we sometimes feel trapped by trustless actions and cliché riddle conversation expressing the ideas, the beliefs, the philosophies of others and not those of our own making. There comes a time when we are to confront the issues of our lives individually and collectively. To accomplish this we need an intelligent atmosphere (inaudible). The men invited to speak this week have involved themselves with the complexities of society. Subsequently, they will bring us to a confrontation with the prevalent ideas. Their opinions and ideas are presented for you to hear and ponder. Each is here to motivate your awareness in our society. Just as Oliver Wendell Holmes has stated that 'a moment's insight is sometimes worth a life's experience.' This has become the trademark of this symposium. Tonight the atmosphere has been set. Our speaker is ready. You are ready. If we fail to take this moment our life's experience may prove to be more than we can bear. Insight is honored to have this evening as its introductory speaker, the President of Murray State University, Dr. Henry M. ~~Sparts~~. Ky u

President Russell, ladies and gentlemen of the press, students of Murray State University, and faculty of our University, we are deeply grateful to our Student Council for their inviting to their campus some outstanding personalities, that we might hear from them their viewpoints and their ideas. This is a world of change. We want to understand change. We want to understand the ideas of those who think differently from the way that we do and those who are conservative-minded and those who are liberal-minded. For this reason the Board of Regents of Murray State University has supported the Student Council in its operation of Insight. I want to thank the Student Council again. I want to thank the u

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students and faculty who are supporting this very, very important event upon our campus. We have much of entertainment. We have great athletes, but it is a challenge to our minds that will lead us to greatness. Tonight you are in for a wonderful experience. I wish you had been with us at dinner. Not with our guest speaker because you wouldn't have enjoyed what he had at dinner. He drank water. He is on a 40-day diet and is on the 20th day. I am amazed at the stamina of this man. I am thrilled at his magnitism and you will be too. He was born in St. Louis. He was president of his senior class in high school. He was an outstanding athlete. Many universities bid for his talent and he went to Southern Illinois University when it was about the size of Murray back in 1951 and 1952 and there he became an outstanding athlete in that University in his sophomore year as a half-miler. This young man left the University and about five years later he entered the field of entertainment and did an outstanding job there. His rise was amazing. His talent led him to great wealth, but he was not satisfied with this type of thing. He preferred to use his strong mind and his great talent in other ways. I know that you will respect his intellect. You will also reverence his ideas because he is strong in his ideas. He is strong in his convictions. You hear him speak of his family and his eyes light up when he speaks of his elder daughter, eight years of age, on down to his youngest daughter, just a few months, and one son. Six daughters. He is a wealthy man and maybe I should say, Dick, you need to be if you are going to marry off those girls and furnish them weddings. But I am deeply honored and I honor him and you in presenting to you tonight, Dick Gregory. U

I would like to say thank you very much and I don't know how I can stand here in all honesty and say it is a pleasure to be in Murray. Murray, Kentucky. Hey, could I get you house folks to turn the spot out and turn on the house lights, please. Thank you. If you really want to have some fun you should really go to Chicago one day to the airport and try to book yourself into Murray, Kentucky. The first three days is not too bad because they really think you're putting them on. But it's after that they really realize you're sincere. That's when the FBI shows up. It's like the pilot told me, we don't mind being hijacked but we do like to know where we're going. And I made it just above the FBI. U

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It do exist. I called them back and say drop the charge, it do exist. I flew in. It's a weird way of getting here. But I made it and I was tired. I had to get up early in the morning. They play games with you. After you work for a week, Paducah is as close as you can get. But you say, I don't want to go to Paducah. If you get there you'll go to Paducah. Then you call up Ozark. Ozark is such a weird airline cause if they don't know what you're talking about they fake it. What time is your next plane going to Paducah? They say, what time can you get here. So I got there Saturday night and the flight don't run this way Saturday or Sunday until Monday morning. I got off of the plane and I'm tired. So I say I don't have to worry about it cause I'll get a little bit of sleep on the plane. You know about that, huh? You actually know what happened to me this morning. I got on the plane and sat down and a white cat sitting next to me. I'm planning on going to sleep, right. Well you know I naturally check him out. He was pretty boozie. So I dozed on off and went to sleep. About 15 minutes after I went to sleep the white cat decides he wants to strike up a conversation with me. So he do it the usual way -- wake up boy. Naturally I wake up. Only to find out he really don't have anything to talk about. He wanted to discuss Negro progress in America, but I tried to inform him I didn't want to discuss black progress in America because there is too few people in America who really know what areas we made tremendous amount of progress in. A lot of people think we made tremendous progress in jobs and housing and education. No. The biggest breakthrough for black folks in the history of America was two years ago in the State of Texas. We got our first colored hurricane, Buelah. And I guess when you stop and think about it, little by little, we's doing all right. If you look in the right places, you know. We got to admit we doing good in television. Every time you change channels you see black. It's pretty groovy. Well this year we got our first black cowboy. What's the name of that show? The Outcasts. You can tell by the name of it it's us. And next year I understand they are going to give us another black cowboy so this black cowboy has someone to kill. No, they let him kill white boys every now and then, but you see whenever it becomes his turn to kill a white boy the script writers really has to go through some changes. Because you see, they have to dirty up this white cat so bad that when the black cat guns him down everybody will accept it. u

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The black cowboy kill the white cowboy three weeks ago, did any of you all dig the show? This white cat just finished raping a blond paraplegic, Salvation Army worker, right? u

Let me say that it is a pleasure to be with you young folks this evening. And whoever selected that number in the choir it was a masterful selection. I think that song should be played every time you turn on TV, a channel change or show change, they should play that song, because out of all Tom Payne's works - one day, one day we will recognize our true hero. Tom Payne was probably one of the greatest human beings that lived. He has not received credit for it, but Tom Payne's Winter Time Soldier tells it all. And one day we will recognize Winter Time Soldier. It will have to be a way of life. So those of you who were responsible for selecting that, I appreciate it. Thank you. u

I guess I spend 98 percent of my time on college campuses and for a simple reason, is that you young folks in America today is probably the most morally committed and dedicated group of young people that has ever lived in the history of the country, bar none. I hope you youngsters don't have to continue to depend on these old right wing, cracker-control newspapers to find out who you are, because the average established newspaper in America is not morally sound enough to even discuss you kids with yourself. What is the newspapers say about you today? You hippy, yippy, irresponsible, bearded, smelly kids, whatever that means. The question that always comes to my mind is because you have a beard why does it mean you have to stink? They don't say anything about Abraham Lincoln. He don't only have a beard, he was ugly too. The newspapers today have yet to be honest with you youngsters. They have yet to tell you that had it not been for you, LBJ would still be the President today. That's a lot of power. LBJ was probably the number one tyrant that has walked the face of this earth since Julius Ceasar. You young kids retired LBJ on the way to his Texas ranch and you know what was so beautiful, you didn't use no missiles, you didn't use no napalm, you didn't use no machine guns. You got out in this country with a moral dedication that the likes have never been seen any more. And all of us fools in this establishment realize that four more years of LBJ, you would have took this country, part by part, piece by piece. That is why you really don't have to u



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worry too much about Tricky Dick. Cause with all of Nixon's bad faults, he still has got enough sense to know that he is not as slick as LBJ, he is not as masterful a politician as LBJ, and you know damn good and well if you youngsters ran LBJ all the way back to Texas, it's a short run from Washington to New York City. All these old fools keep wondering, well, how come he has not messed up because of you. He going to be very careful. You don't have to worry about Nixon letting you go crazy. I would say the first mistake he made was with ABM and I guess maybe it wasn't a mistake to some folks but I felt it was a mistake for them to put it in the rural areas because the reason the people in the northern suburbs was complaining about it was because it was dangerous and if enough political pressure built up, well, if it's dangerous to be nextdoor to those people in the suburbs then damn it, it should be dangerous to be next to the people in the rural areas. So, I feel he made his first blunder here. I'm also hoping as peaceful as I am and as much as I hate the military and industrial complex, I was really hoping he kept the ABM out there in the suburbs of Chicago. That really knocked me out. Because white folks ran like hell out of the cities away from the niggers and ended up next to that missile. Yes, how you all like your new neighbors? U

I think what saddens me, as I go around from city to city and speak to so many of you young folks, what saddens me is how not only do I have to say to you young folks that all the problems confronting America today, you have to solve, the embarrassing thing is that I have to tell you, you have to solve problems that you have had nothing to do with creating. These problems was here before you got here but thanks to us old fools they will not be here when you leave. I say thanks to us old fools because you see, today we put you youngsters in a situation that no young Americans ever been in in the history of this country. You see, not only did we not solve the problems, but for the first time in the history of America we have used up all the tricks. So now you youngsters is dealing with all the problems and no tricks and all the fools wonder why you react the way you react. Hell, you got to react that way, you got no tricks. U

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I remember when I was a kid, my momma, my daddy, the whole community taught me one day you're gonna grow up boy and the white man gonna call you a nigger and when he calls you a nigger, don't get mad, cause God don't like no ugly. That trick worked. Yeah, I grew up one day and sure enough a cracker called me a nigger and sure enough, I didn't get mad cause God don't like no ugly. I got seven little black kids home tonight. Me and my old lady ain't teaching them nothin'. And if a cracker ever makes a mistake to slip and call one of my kids a nigger, I can damn sure bet you it's gonna surprise them. I can tell you they gonna act accordingly. And so I say to you youngsters today, no more bricks and you know I feel sorry for you young white kids who live out in remote rural areas and areas where these old fools is trying to block this thing that is trying to happen. Because you is the one who is gonna suffer, and I don't say that as a threat for you to try to change this system, I say that in all sincerity as a passionate respect for young folks. 4

See, your mom and dad, and all these fools, they talking about one thing, but baby, they gonna make you write a check today that you will have to cash fifteen years from now and you not gonna be ready. At one time they protected you white kids in a racist segregated society. At one time you went to a white Army and I went to a black Army. So it wasn't bad to call me a nigger. They protected you. Come up in a society and call me a nigger and then, when they draft you into the Army, we go into the same Army. You slip. And the first thing you slip and call me a nigger. One of them big, black sergeants with two guns. You know you gonna die. See, your momma and daddy talk all this stuff but you got to pay the price baby. You got to pay the price. You let these fools run these things and I don't say it as a belligerence, but as a failing. Fifteen years from now in order to get a good job in America, if you don't go to grade school and high school with black folks you can't get the job, because DuPont, Ford and General Motors is not gonna trust either black fools for their attitudes. They not gonna trust a white man who slips and calls nigger and get his plant burned down. 4

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There come a day to go to a better school, to graduate school. You will have to have guns and come to the integrated society or they not gonna want you. You see, they run this game in on you baby when they get ready to change. Just look at TV today. One out of every five people doing commercials is black and nobody got a damn thing to say about it cause when the boys upstairs decide its a new day, its a new day. And so I tell you youngsters through no fault of yours, you running across this resistance and the same old fools is blocking this thing. They be dead, gone out of the way, and you be left here. And so I say to you, you got a big job. U

Let me say to you tonight that I did not come here this evening to impress you, but only to inform you and pray you young folks out there understand that I did not come here to reform. I couldn't care less what you had on your mind when you walked in here and I give less than a damn what you have on your mind when you walk out. That is not my intentions tonight. And as you listen to me tonight, please listen to me and note I'm not here to reform you. I have more respect for you than to think I could come here and reform you in a few hours. But I do intend to inform you. And when I leave here tonight, I couldn't care less about what any of you think about Dick Gregory, cause I'll always have one consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up this year, 20 years from now, you will always be able to say at least Brother Greg didn't lie to us. And that is the big problem confronting you youngsters today. We lie to you twenty-four hours a day. And then when you catch us we say, Oh, well, its a generation gap. Ain't got a damn thing to do with age. Burgent Russell, 98 years old, could leave London, England, tonight and come to America and be the youngest among us. But he is going to reach you from a high, moral epical statement standpoint. We didn't just start lying to you. We started lying to you in the baby crib with that Santa Claus boy. First letter I wrote in my life went to a cat didn't even exist. Dear Santa. That sounds funny to you, but when your Momma lied to you, really - anybody is qualified to lie to you. Cause that Santa Claus boy goes over better in the white community than in the black community. Not that we don't dig him, we know damn good and well ain't no white cat coming to our neighborhood after midnight. U

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And the number one lie we tell you youngsters today, the number one problem confronting America today, is the problem of air pollution. Now don't (inaudible) that cause we expect you to believe that. The number one problem confronting America today is the problem of moral pollution. This is the most morally-polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of the earth, bar none. And you youngsters have the jobs of giving America her sanity back. You youngsters have the job of seeing to it that America becomes the morally sound nation that the founding fathers meant for it to be and don't make the mistake of these old right wing crackers running around with stupid old signs on their cars, 'Love it or Leave it.' No, if you love it stay here and straighten it out. I am so damn sick and tired of these right wing crackers running around eulogizing my country. America the beautiful. Any old fool knows eulogies are for the dead things and thank God for you youngsters that America is not dead yet. You youngsters do not eulogize America. You youngsters examine America and find out where the cancer is and cut it out. You'd be surprised how long this nation will live. You got a job. America the beautiful. Ain't that a joke. Tell you something, if you run across anybody in this country that believes America is a beautiful country with your Indian brother locked upon that reservation, tell them I said they're sick, sad, insane and out of their damn mind. America will never be a beautiful nation til that Indian comes off that reservation. u

So, if you youngsters are interested in making it a beautiful country, you got to see to it that his problem gets solved. Then one day this can become a beautiful country. The insane thing about it is if the communist had a group of people locked up on a reservation, Oh, we'd be taking you young kids getting you killed trying to get 'em off. Hell, we march past these Indian reservations to go somewhere in Southeast Asia to protect the world from communism. Who gonna protect the Indians from you? u

So, you youngsters have a big job. I guess the biggest insult to me is the fact that America is the only country on the face of this earth that lies about what she is all about. Very sad. Mao Tse-Tung do not pretend that he is anything other than a communist and a revolutionist. Kossygin and the rest of them damn fools over there in Moscow u

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don't pretend they are anything else but communist. You know as dirty as Hitler was he was honest with all of his filth to let the whole world know he felt them Nazis was superior to anyone else that walked on the face of this earth. That wasn't no hidden secret. In South Africa right this moment, they don't pretend that they love them niggers. Out of all the filthy, corrupt countries on the earth, regardless of how corrupt and how filthy, they are honest about what they are. America is the only country that lies about what she is. She says one thing but she's all together about something else. So I say to you youngsters tonight that if you don't work to change the country at least be honest enough to admit what she is. U

So you have a job to do. And thanks to the other fools who've given you a lot of help. I was so grateful you youngsters showed up in Chicago at the Democratic Convention because after the establishment got through with you it sure woke up a lot of young fools in this country and ain't nothing worse than a young fool cause you got so long to be one. Oh yeah, but we woke you up. Three days after the Democratic Convention was over the old establishment tried to convince you that you didn't see what you saw on TV. That it didn't happen. They said the press created it. You know if Kosygin and the rest of them fools in Moscow was dealing with the world as insane as America -you know they beat that Czech rap - got on world wide TV and said 'Y'all don't see it, y'all,' that it didn't happen. We admit we sent little miniature tanks to the Czech border for the little kids to play with and the press blew 'em up to make 'em look like real live tanks. But them fools in Moscow made the same mistake these old fools is making here. U

Harris poll. Gallop poll. They don't ask nobody nothing, except them old fools. They come out here and said this is what the report says. Eighty percent of Americans are against the United States in Vietnam so you better listen to these young kids, boy, and leave these old fools alone cause you be out of work. Same thing happened if they brought tanks out in America Sunday morning and put in front of every church and had loud speakers going and everybody caught going to church Easter Sunday going to be machine gunned to death, U

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you would be surprised how many of your mamas and daddies would get a tremendous case of being sick Sunday morning. I can just hear them now. Well, you can pray at home just as well as you can at church. You know what would upset them Sunday morning, because they wouldn't have known it, because they didn't take youngsters into consideration come Sunday and young people in America that ain't never been to church in their life, Easter would decide to go. U

Look at old Nixon and all them old clowns, got together last week and decided they didn't come up morally and straight; let's investigate, let's set up committees and see what these young folks are complaining about on these college campuses. Naw! That was too much sense. Well, we know what to do. Let's take the scholarships away from them if they get caught. They really are dumb enough to believe that's going to effect us. But the reason is they know how your mamas and daddies would act if they threatened to take their money away. We got some people in this country who would be communists if you paid them enough. All these old right wing, patriotic crackers -- if they could get a million dollar deal with a communist nation, they'd take it. Where do you think all the ammunition that--they get it from, all the ammunition that goes all over the world. Ninetyeight percent of the ammunition on the face of this earth is manufactured in America. And every now and then you read in Vietnam we (don't you ever get suspicious when you read) we over-ran a Vietcong stronghold and found all our ammunition and you keep thinking Vietcong steal it--no, they bought it. You youngsters got a big job. U

Old Tricky Dicky really believes they got the lid on everything. They gonna take that money. That don't mean a damn thing. All them old folks don't have enough sense to realize that when they talk about taking your scholarship money away if you get caught in one of them demonstrations, all that means is that if you are on scholarship you can't lay down in the library no more. Now anybody can demonstrate except the rich kids. Back to that bag again. U

Where you goin'? U

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I'm goin' down to take over the Administration Building. My Daddy is paying my way. U

And the bill ain't no good, they know the bill is unconstitutional. Because all they is really sayin' to you kids- I don't know why them fools don't understand what they sayin' - they sayin' that if you want a scholarship, state or federal, you can't go down and take over the Administration Building no more, and they really think that's going to stop you from being mad. No, just make you slicker. U

All that means is that you been down to lay down in the dormitory or cafeteria to protest, lay down, you just wait til midnight when everybody's asleep and throw some dynamite in the building and blow it up and go home, and wake up the next morning surprised like everybody else. What happened? What happened? And you keep your scholarship. You youngsters got a big job ahead of you. U

Thanks to you old fools who get a lot of help. Fifteen thousand hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago to change the system. And the whole establishment went stone crazy. You know why? Hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change the system. That's very important. That's what the hell was raised over. Didn't have a damn thing to do with them kids coming in to tear up Chicago. Well, you white kids know better than that. For the last ten years you white kids every spring break been goin' to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, getting drunk, tearing up the whole town. And they ain't never called the Army out so got nothing to do with tearing up a town. Just change in system. So long as you get drunk and do it, they say 'boys will be boys.' Ha! Ha! Ha! U

Who do you think was the most immoral in Chicago last year --the hippies and the yippies or the Shriners when they came to town for their convention. Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago last year, the hippies or the yippies or the Shriners when they came to town. Who do you think spent the most money in Chicago on whores and prostitution, the hippies and the yippies or the Shriners when they come to town? Nobody got upset over the Shriners when they came to Chicago cause the Shriners didn't come to change something, Baby, just to buy something. U

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That's the beautiful thing about watching television. As bad as those programs are if you watch television long enough that thing gonna slip through--every time. Two weeks ago they slipped it through accidentally. Even ran it in the newspapers. Any of you see the television news last week? Or the newspapers? Had a beautiful picture of this South Vietnamese mother and her kids behind that barbed wire. Did you see that picture? We don't call them concentration camps. That's too much like Nazis--we call them refugee centers with barbed wire fences. You kind of wonder why Hitler got by with that stuff he was doing, but after you look here and see how we can look at these pictures and nobody get upset, it's easy to see when you are doing it, it's hard for anybody to tell you it's wrong. You see that beautiful picture last week and the caption was South Vietnamese Mother who is a sympathizer to the Communists was put behind the barbed wire fence with her kids. Is there any one of you in this room that my wife could kill and my kids would have to go to jail? Or is there any of you in here with kids that would kill me and your kids would have to go to jail? How in the hell could you look at a picture like that last week that ran all over this country because the white crime that mother committed ain't no way in the world that her kids supposed to be behind that barbed wire with her. Let me tell you something. The whole world is hip to you. They made one mistake with them stinking Nazis, Baby, and when they woke up the fools had damn near wiped out the whole world. They ain't gonna make no mistakes with you. No, they gonna foreclose on you before you get a little bit more crazy than you are. One day if you youngsters don't hurry up and change this system you gonna find out you don't have a system because nobody gonna take a chance of another monster getting loose like that fool did back in the 30s. Big job you have to do. u

That's the beautiful thing about television. Just watch it long enough and it slips through. Nine weeks after the Democratic Convention was over it slipped through. Nobody got upset though. That same television set that brought you the crowd of the hippies and yippies in the streets of Chicago brought you another crowd nine weeks later. I guess nobody got upset cause they aren't hippies or yippies. Nobody got upset cause it wasn't in Chicago, it was in New York City. u



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Remember that morning? 20,000 sick, slimey degenerates from Madison Avenue came out one morning to look at a broad's titties and nobody got upset over the titty watchers. U

J. Edgar Hoover has yet to get on nationwide television and proclaim that titty watching is definitely communist inspired. And what do you call a bunch of sick, slimey, degenerate titty watchers? Extremists--left or right? And you youngsters got a big job. U

Now all the old fools is trying to convince you that never in the history of the world have there been a more irresponsible youth than you young folks of America today. I guess you are irresponsible; all at once you don't give a damn about money. You're talking about changing the system. You got to understand why you youngsters associate with us old fools. You must understand why we react the way we react. You youngsters got nerve enough to tell us morality will no longer be a Brooks Brothers suit, a clean-shaven face and a haircut once a week and have all the abortions you want to have--you still Mr. and Mrs. so-and-so. You youngsters tell us no longer will you wear the latest fashions from Paree and bathe in Chanel No. 5. Do your thing and still be Mrs. so-and-so. You youngsters got nerve enough to tell us that morality will come from within and not from without. It really puts me up tight because we got a silly little thing going like you do--anything you want to as long as you go home and wash up. Put your suit and tie on. Tie it right. And you, Mr. so-and-so, now you fixin' to break through that. For some reason you young kids don't understand us old fools. We understand alcohol but we don't understand LSD. Is that a joke? We understand abortions but we don't understand having babies out of wedlock. We understand getting married. Coppin' your best friend's old lady while he's out of town but we don't understand shackin' up. We understand putting your wife's key in the slipper and swappin' wives but we don't understand free love. You youngsters is dealing with one of the most slimey group of degenerates that's ever walked the face of this earth. You got a big job ahead of you. You got a mighty big job with your irresponsible self. That's right. U

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We did little things when we were in college. We never took over no Administration Building. We had panty raids. You can't get no more responsible than that. And go in the girls' dormitory and steal all the drawers. U

Go around the world today and ask one question of all moral, ethical, decent normal people. One question. Which is the mark of a sick, degenerate, diseased mind? A group that will go into the girls' dormitory and steal all the drawers or a group that will take over the Administration Building? But for ten years we stole your drawers and nobody got up tight. They say, well, 'boys will be boys,' Ha! Ha! Ha! and then we got tired of stealing your bloomers and young folks decided to see how many goldfish they could swallow. Nobody cared. They let you swallow a whale if you wanted to. The young folks got tired of swallowin' goldfish. Young folks decided they would see how many they could get into a telephone booth. Remember that? You pick up a newspaper and right on the front page--University of Arizona sets new record. 500 kids stuffed into one phone booth. And turn to the picture page and they got some old freakish-looking captain of Bell Telephone Company bringing a new booth saying, 'boys will be boys,' Ha! Ha! Ha! U

If you believe boys will be boys, don't take 500 kids and get in a phone booth. Take five kids downtown one day, don't get in the phone booth, take picket signs and walk around the phone booth, and ask AT & T about those anti-trust violations and them high absorbing long-distance phone call rates and see how long it takes the police to get there and bust you and throw you in jail. And see if anybody from AT & T will say, 'boys will be boys.' You got a big job. U

You youngsters 'keep your eyes on all us old fools. Ask a lot of questions, particularly watch your mama and daddy and ask them a lot of questions cause you got to sleep with them. If somebody came by your house today and knocked on the door. Mother and Father say, who is it? Say, Government inspector. U

What do you want? U

We want your dog or your cat. U

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What you say? u

We want your dog or your cat. We just got a new bill pushed through sending pets to Vietnam. u

It would be a shoot-out on the front lawn. That might sound funny to you but it would sure scare you when you got to realize you live in a country today where your mama and daddy raise more hell over that dog going to Vietnam than you going to Vietnam. u

The one great thing about running for the President, had I been elected, I wouldn't end the war in Vietnam. No, I would have changed the law so you could volunteer up to 75 years old and let these old fools go on and go over there. You got a big job ahead of you. u

Maybe if your mama and daddy stop making money for a few minutes and listen to you youngsters, maybe they'd understand. You know if your mama and daddy really knew that there are 152 Senators and Congressmen's sons that have been old enough to get drafted and never been drafted yet, you think they might act a little bit different? If your mama and daddy knew Dean Rusk's son five years ago became old enough to get drafted and knew he had never left Washington, I bet they would think twice over letting you go, wouldn't they? You know how many young folks Dean Rusk done got killed? Since war is such a good business, how come he hasn't invested his boy? I wish I was young enough to get drafted. As soon as I got my induction notice the first thing I would do would be to fly to Washington, D. C. and handcuff myself to Dean Rusk's boy. Then I would get on nationwide television and say to all the fools, whatever is wrong with Dean's boy is wrong with me. You youngsters got a big job. u

You got a lot of questions you got to ask. One of the main questions you got to ask is a simple question. If democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun? And the day you youngsters work to make this democracy work right for the first time, that's the day we can bring the guns home, because anything good you don't have to force on people--they'll steal it. You got a job. u

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I do not advocate destroying the capitalist system but I say to you youngsters you got to work like hell to beat the capitalists in their rightful position, which is behind the U. S. Constitution and not in front of it. This country is not controlled by the democratic process, this country do not function under the U. S. Constitution, this country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. The bad thing is that the capitalists control the money. We put the emphasis on property rights instead of putting emphasis on human rights. That's why black folks is doing so good in America today. It has not got anything to do with the goodness of the American's heart. When them niggers started burning down them towns, it became a threat to property and them fools say, let's talk to 'em, baby. What can we do? I don't have to tell you. You read the paper. Henry Ford. Them niggers damn near burn down Detroit. He hired 6,000 niggers in two days. You thought slavery was coming back. Gave them two weeks pay in advance so they could have lunch money and didn't make us take that old trick test we been complaining about. Why he hire them black folks in two days? You know why? Had nothing to do with the goodness of his heart. That Detroit fire got too close to the Mustang plant. You got a job to beat the capitalists behind the U. S. Constitution, and for the first time we are putting emphasis on human rights and the way to do that--address all your grievances to the Capitol. Don't come out here marching under the U. S. Constitution. They just throw more tear gas. Capitalists don't give a damn about their Constitution. The only reason they like the flag is because they make it. If you didn't believe that you let them get a bill passed in the morning that say all American flags from here on in will be made by the blind, Jewish Welfare Mother's Association, and see how many of them fools quit flying the flag. They have passionate disrespect for the Constitution. We proved that last year. Americans came out and peacefully protested and peacefully assembled and peacefully gathered signatures for strong gun legislation and the capitalists that manufactured the guns saw to it you don't get a strong gun legislation, didn't they? Our country is so insane that we demand that you get a prescription to get medicine but you don't need one to get your gun. I can't hit you in the head with my pills and kill you. Nor can I injure you by shooting you with my cough syrup. u

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I am not against Americans bearing arms but the U. S. Constitution say all Americans can bear arms. I feel all Americans have a right to get well too and if this country is going to make me go through some changes to get my medicine, then damn it, they ought to make me go through some changes to get my gun. You youngsters got a big job to do and you haven't got too much time to do it. u

This system would choke you youngsters to death. The 18-year-olds who are old enough to go to war and die for your country are not old enough to vote. I meet so many young folks running around talking about if I got to go to war and die at 18, I want the right to vote at 18. Don't be no damn fool. You got to die at 18, you better get the right to vote at 17. If you youngsters ever get the right to vote at 17, as groovy as you are, there won't be no war when you get 18. You want that right to vote? You can get that right but you got to organize and after you organize, address all your grievances to the capitalists. You would be surprised how quick they straighten up. u

You want these colleges and universities across this country to make these drastic changes, you can get that, not by going and laying down in no Administration Building, that ain't gonna do nothin'. You want to see all these universities make these drastic changes that they need to make in universities that haven't changed their theories on these college campuses in the last 75 years. You want to make them change, you youngsters organize young people across this country and come next September announce that if they don't make all these changes you want made on these college campuses so an education will be relevant to you and today's need, that you goin' to call for high school and college kids to boycott eating meat five days a week. The packing house will get them changes for you. Them old right wing, multi-millionaire, Texas cattle growers will be on campus, kick the dean, say give them children what they want. u

You want these drastic changes, take your grievances to the capitalists. You have to organize. Oh, it's OK to let your hair grow long, wear your T-shirts for a month, that

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bugs your mama, and they need to be bugged, but if you're talking about changing your structure baby, you got to do some work. Take the war in Vietnam, you youngsters organize in this country and then let them know you're not going to get a haircut until this war is over in Vietnam. You don't have to demonstrate no more, the barbers will demonstrate. They will recognize you young folks are not going to get a shave until the war is over in Vietnam. Take some old broad 75 years old, she don't give a damn about Vietnam, but she owns 60,000 shares of Gillette blue blades. You know you're going to put her right up on the White House lawn with a picket sign 'bring the boys home.' U

You youngsters want the right to vote at 17 years old. You can get that. You organize young folks across this country and after you get organized you go to the record industry and you inform the record companies if they do not get to Washington, D. C. and get a bill pushed through in two months time so that 17-year-olds can vote, you will call for a nationwide boycott for buying phonograph records for two years. What do you think the record industry would do? You know don't you? Before they stand by and let you wipe out a multi-billion dollar year industry, just to be safe, they'll let you register at 16, because you see, these right wing crackers, they don't buy no records, and if it is, it's one of those old Dirksen albums. So if you youngsters destroy this system, if you burn it down, if you blow it up, it is only because you don't have what you need in you, that pride, that dignity to challenge the capitalists, because you can reform this whole government without any violence if you use that might you got. U

You youngsters have a lot of money power. Lot of money powers. But you got to work to change the capitalists to put them behind the Constitution, because constantly the capitalists show you every day the passionate disrespect they have for human beings. The Surgeon General of the United States has known for five years that them damn birth control pills are detrimental. They are fatal to ninetyeight percent of everybody that uses them after they have been using them over a fifteen-year period. They know it causes cancer, but they make so much money, they're not about to.....England, Britain took them off the market after they slipped and looked at our U

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secret report, but in America, the capitalists have such a passionate disrespect. Look at the cigarette industry. They show you every day. The Federal communications tell them 'get those cigarettes off television where your little brothers and sisters gonna be lookin'. Where your unborn babies are gonna be lookin' at them ads.' These cats know how to program people. There's nothing wrong with your smoking. Hell, you're old enough to know cigarettes cause cancer. You got a right to catch anything you want to catch. I just don't understand how you're silly enough to let them sell it to you. I can see if you was getting it free. I'm going out here and get my dose of cancer for the day. Well, at least one thing, they get a lot of tax on that. You build a lot of highways while you mess up your chest. Look at them cigarette ads on television. What do those cigarette ads do to your brothers and sisters, your babies? You know what a cigarette ad is, a big cowboy riding a big horse, 'Whoa boy, every day I has me a Marlboro.' Now how do you think that commercial is going to affect them little kids. They know damn good and well they ain't never gonna get a horse. I don't see nothing wrong with that cigarette commercial if they keep it honest. Yes, show that cowboy riding through a cemetery, 'whoa boy,' and the horse rides up and he falls off on tombstone and his Marlboros jump up in the air and as the Marlboros are coming down, he say, 'this is Marlboro country.'

You youngsters got a big job. Beatin' the capitalists into their rightful positions. Then for the first time we will put emphasis on human rights, instead of property rights.

Mayor Richard J. Daly is a good example, how he emphasizes property rights when he made that statement, 'Shoot all looters to kill,' and never said shoot murderers to kill, never said shoot dope pushers to kill, because murderers and dope pushers deal with the human rights, looters deal with the property rights, and the order which Mayor Daly gave to shooting all looters to kill is the first time I've ever agreed with him. I hurried up and sent him a telegram. I said, 'Dear Fool, Your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill I agree with wholeheartedly if

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you make one stipulation. Let's first make it retroactive, and let's first put the gun in the Indians hands.' So I say, you youngsters have a big job, because we've left you a mess to clean up. u

Last year they assassinated Dr. Martin Luther King and we all got up 'We assassinated Martin Luther King,' and they gun down Bobby Kennedy and everybody says, 'Oh, they killed Bobby.' They assassinated JFK and everybody said, 'Oh, they killed the President.' but nobody got upset when they assassinated Lincoln Rockwell and Malcolm X. America is a nation and she don't give a damn about assassination until you kill somebody we like. Ninetyeight percent of everybody in America that got upset over Martin Luther King's assassination, if George Wallace got assassinated in the morning they would not be upset. It's a sad commentary on this country. You youngsters have a big job. You got to make this a nation that gets upset over all assassinations regardless of who it is or we're not going to give a damn about none of them, it is just that open and shut. You got a big job, because every now and then you're getting some help from beautiful Cadillacs. u

Brother Jim Garrison down in New Orleans, it might sound funny to you, but he's trying to wake up you fools and tell you there's more to them people being killed than just some nut, that just some racists. James Earl Ray stood right up in front of worldwide television and say, 'I didn't do it by myself.' Now who else would know but him. Them guys are trying to tell you what's going on. There ain't nobody making these hits but them or stinking fowl up CIA that you're supporting 24 hours a day, and good, I'd rather see them killing Americans than killing foreigners, anytime. A free society gonna find it's a bunch of slimey degenerates who go all over the world assassinating people, overthrowing governments. It's about time they come home and start assassinating you and overthrowing your government. Malcolm X was the first one to peep at it, and he died. That is what he meant when he said when Kennedy got killed, 'The chickens are gonna come home to roost.' While you sit there, they all over the world assassinating governments, now they gonna come home and knock you off. They will be the hero one day, but it will be too late though, because the fools kept looking u



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the other way. It couldn't happen here. Ray gonna talk though. He got the message. He hurried up and got the message too. U

What did they do, they sent him to the Tennessee State Penitentiary which is about seventyone percent us, and of all the places to put him, they put him in a cell next to a black cat that just finished killing a white police. He hurried up and got the message, didn't he? Did you read in the paper the warden said the next day after he takes his test, he will run through the jail just like any other ordinary prisoner. That is right - like any other ordinary prisoner, they want to die. Hell, you gonna be a white man accused of assassinating Martin Luther King, go to a jail seventyone percent or seventytwo percent like the ordinary prisoner. You be ordinary like Jack Ruby was when he went to jail and ended up with cancer. Well, I'll tell you, Ray got the message. I think he might talk and he might save the whole country if you really found out who was behind all that nonsense. U

Well, you youngsters got a big job. This is probably the most important thing I'll say to you all night, that is I hope you youngsters do not make the same mistake in these colleges and institutions that us older fools made when it was our turn to sit in these institutions ahead of you. You see, when we went to college we were so busy trying to learn how to make a living, we forgot to learn how to live. Please don't make them mistakes. If you waste your four years in these institutions just to learn how to make a living, you haven't got a guarantee you can get a job and keep one when you get it, but if you spend these four beautiful years learning how to live, I guarantee your making a living will be the easiest thing for you to do on the face of this earth, bar nothing. U

I hear so many young folks say, 'I'm going away to college to learn how to be somebody.' Hell, you was born somebody, and if you're dumb enough to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else, that makes you two people. Check out what Sigmund Freud says happens to you when you become two folks. U

Why you have to go away to college and spend top dollars for somebody to teach you how to be crazy. I met

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so many young folks that say, 'Well, you know you got to eat to live. I'm gonna go out and get me a job so I can eat.' You know if you ever learn how to live, eating is the simplest thing in the world to do. A guerilla eats more food in one meal than you eat in six weeks. You ever know one to go to college. You ever bumped into a guerilla in a supermarket shopping. And when was the last time you read where a guerilla starved to death, and the day we can teach guerillas how to make a living and if they learn how to live, we will have colleges for them fools too. You got a big job. U

Understand how strong nature is. Let me give you an example how strong nature is. Those of you in this audience that understand Chinese, raise your hand. Nobody's ever. I just want to show you how strong nature is in this huge gathering this evening. None of us know Chinese. You all are aware right this moment dogs in China do understand Chinese, right. They never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian. Dogs in Germany understand German, do you? I say that through nature you were born with all the wisdom that you need to get human dignity. Fight your way through one of these tricks and get to your dinner. Nobody needs to teach you how to do that. You got a big job. U

One day you'll change the system and change these institutions so that they understand all the educational institution have to do is bring out of you what nature put in you, and not try to put anything else in you. That is the day we will solve all the problems of human mankind. Hell, anybody gonna teach you something. You know who you are. You are nature. You are the universe. There are nine planets of the universe. You think it is an accident that you have nine holes in your body. You think that is an accident? U

One day, you know you youngsters will have to work to change the system. Your number one priority will be to make the educational institutions for the first time live up to their name. Make them educate instead of indoctrinate because there's a difference between an education and indoctrination. Colleges and universities in America do not educate. They don't know how. They U

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been too damn busy indoctrinating. U

You go to California and a man give you ten dimes, you got a dollar. You go to New York, a man gives you ten dimes, you got a dollar. You go to Mississippi, you get ten dimes, you got a dollar. Go anywhere in the country, you get ten dimes, you got a dollar. Why is it we talk about Harvard and Yale are good schools. Columbia. There ain't nothing good about them. They just get bigger endowment so they able to brainwash better and to indoctrinate better, and all the schools says, 'Yes, I want a Yale man, I want a Harvard man. They good schools.' You can recognize those beady eyes of those cats. U

The day you see to it that this country learns how to educate, there will be no such thing as one school is a good school. You'll have a good educational system and for the first time it will make no difference where you go to school. You are going to get educated. U

So, you youngsters got a big job changing these institutions. And the biggest problem do not come from the administration, the biggest problems of these institutions in America comes from the Board of Directors. Bunch of old fools. The only qualification they had to get on the Board of Directors, they made some money. They didn't know a damn thing about education, and Lord knows they didn't no nothing about kids. If anybody ever asks them how they made their money, they wouldn't be able to say. Don't take my word for it. Check like a list of the 2,000 colleges and universities in America and then do your homework and do the research of the Board of Directors of those colleges and you will find out ninetyeight percent of them old fools are the cause of the problems on the face of this earth today. The hell they gonna run one of these universities. There ought to be a law passed that if they get caught within a 500 mile radius of an educational student they ought to get life in a penitentiary. You youngsters can deal with the Board of Directors. They ain't no big thing. Just do your homework. Find out what businesses they in. What company they represent. What companies they represented before they ~~retired~~ retired, and call for a nationwide boycott of those companies. U

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You would be surprised how groovy those cats get. They would be on campus with a football helmet, 'Hi kids, can we help you, what did you want?' u

You got a big job. Because one thing we know how to do is programming. You come to class and we give you your class assignment. Here's your book, read it. No, that is not the way we program you with your book. No, we're different than that. After you finish reading the book, we give you what we call the test. If you don't read the book the way we want you to read the book, you can't pass the test. That's why young folks in this country will stoop to the lowest depths they ever stooped in their life on any other test. You know once you get a test, you don't need the book cause we don't grade the book, we grade the test. After we finish grading the test we put on that old (inaudible) transcript. You think that transcript's important? That transcript ain't nothing but the system's way of making you get your brainwashing. If you think the transcript's important you graduate from college and ten years from now you meet somebody you want to marry and see if they ever ask for your transcript. You think that transcript's important? You decide you want to raise a family some day and see if you have to take that transcript to bed with you. You think that transcript's important? You graduate from college and let the Administration Building burn down one day and burn up all the transcripts and see if you have to go back to college for four more years. u

You youngsters got a big job, changing the institutions. And this is what black folks is talking about today in these white colleges across the country that so few people seem to understand what we are talking about. This is what radical white kids are talking about. We talking about changing the system. And let me say to you white folk in the house tonight, black folks in America don't hate white folks. All you got, some niggers hate turnips. But basically black folks do not hate you white folks. We hate your stinking white racist system, and your stinking white racists institutions and we holding you responsible. You do understand what we talking about, don't you? You know like if you came by my house tonight u

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as my friend and brought your daughter with you, and my dog would attack your daughter, who you gonna sue, the dog or me? I'm responsible for that dog. You responsible for this dog stinking white racist system, and we holding you responsible. You came by my house tonight and brought your daughter and my dog lunged for your daughter, if I got in the way and my dog attacked me, we could be the best of friends, because anytime a man's dog gonna attack somebody, he'll attack his owner, and that is all we said. U

That is why we love you white kids that went to Chicago and them white police beat you under the ground. That was your dog attacking you and we love you baby. And it sure helped us out because for years we have been trying to explain to you fools about police brutality, and nobody believed us, and one day the dog jumped on you and nobody even discussed police brutality. It is an accepted fact after Chicago. When you white kids get to rambling on these college campuses, they got to bring the National Guard in. We love you. That is when they opened up the zoo on you then baby. That's all we saying. Maybe if your dog bites you enough then you will understand what we're hollering about. No more, no less. So many white folks they think they are our problem. These white folks are so insignificant when it comes to our problems. I guess it's just your ego that makes you think you're my problem. But you're not, it's your white racist institutions. All white folks in America could disappear tonight and leave nothing here but black folks, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and Indians, and with all white folks gone we would still have to take those trick tests you make us take now to get into these institutions. We still couldn't get in. You wouldn't be here. So it ain't got nothing to do with you. That is what these black kids are talking about on these college campuses when they say if they'd get rid of that (inaudible). Everybody say that is unfair. No it's not unfair baby. Where in the hell you gonna keep me locked up in a black ghetto all my life and then when I get ready to come to your school you ask me the same questions you ask your son, no baby. It's unfair. You couldn't pass mine. U

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The minute I go away to go to school, first thing the cat asked me is what's two and two? I say four. He says Oh, what's four. I say, one, two, three, four, fool, four, four, four, four. Well, now Mr. Gregory, we don't understand that kind. Well, now I imagine you don't understand that kind of talk but if you had enough decency to come down there where we're locked in and listen to us talk, you'd understand what four is. U

He finally understands something. You know, I was a good athlete so of course I'm a little bit like four to him because they wanted me. They waived the tests when they want a nigger bad enough. They don't give you no tests at all. Them running about talking about what can we do to get more black students on the college campus. Do the same thing you do to get them nigger athletes. Just hide the tests. That's all you have to do. U

"I'm sure it is much easier to get a black cat that can go through one of these old simple universities for four years and read and get that work, than it is to get one of them niggers that can run miles every football game. So they let me in. Oh, I went on through. Then them white cats flunked me in English. So my girl was up. I say, 'wait a minute, baby, let's go up to the English Department, I'm going to show you how much english this white cat knows.' So, I go and I say, 'come on boy! How in the hell you gonna flunk me in english when that's all I know? Be different if I could talk, you know, Russian, Greek, Spanish. I don't speak nothin' but english, baby. Now you gonna flunk me in the only thing I know. Now I can understand you not giving me an A. I can understand you not giving me a B, but I can't understand your flunking me because you're saying to everybody in the world I can't talk. I know I can talk. You might not be able to understand what I'm saying, but I can talk. I know I can talk, can't I? I tell my mama all the time, I want something to eat. Mama, I tell my mama, I want something to eat, I'm hungry. She understands what I'm saying. I take my girl to the drive-in like you take your girl and you say, 'Gee, Suzanne, I love you.' I take my girl, 'Gee, I sure jug you baby,.' She understands. U

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So we talk about that test. That test where they asked me two and two is four and then right after that he asked what's the Eiffel Tower and I say, 'how the hell I know' and then he wants to talk about I'm culturally deprived. Damn right. Let me box you in a ghetto for 200 years and see what you know about. But I dare you to ask me about a rat, I'll show you how much culture I got. U

Isn't this what we're talking about? That Indian, we got him locked up on that reservation against his will. He's not there because he wants to be there and the Indians come to go to the universities. We asked him that same old stupid test we ask each other. How the hell he gonna pass it? Oh, Kemosabi, you want to enter white university. We're glad to have you--very proud, yes, yes. Well, one thing we do need here is more Indians. Yes sir, there is a test here, little short test. What was Abraham Lincoln's mother's name, Nancy Hanks or Beulah Mae Smith? How the hell that Indian know what Abraham Lincoln's mammy's name is. He don't care nothing about that broad. U

Maybe you'd understand if the thing changed one day and before you can get in school and get a job, the Indian get to give you a test. Wow! So, the Indian drugged you up on the reservation and asks you what was Sitting Bull's great-grandma's name. So, this what we're talking about in America today - the racist institution. U

We say we want white institutions to teach black studies because we're telling America we're not your nigger no more. Now teach us who we are. You know. You know we go back further than slavery and you know damn good and well a man without a knowledge of himself is like a tree with no roots. You know that (inaudible). And we're also demanding that these white institutions teach black history to you white kids because if you ever knew my true history instead of what your mama and daddy told you about me, you find out your mama and daddy come closer to being that nigger than me. U

A nigger ain't got no color. A nigger is anybody who is low down, ornery, and stupid and you can't get no more low down, ornery and stupid than have a parent to teach hate to their kids in the crib. That is the nigger, baby. U

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All these folks leave their house to come to the ghetto to see a nigger. You left the best nigger you ever see. So, I say to you today, the black folks don't hate white folks. I think Eldridge Cleaver stated it better than any man's ever put it in the history of the world. He said, 'The price white folks have paid for hating me is that you cannot love yourselves.' Ain't no more price in that baby. Price. And so, we're saying we want this system to change. We're talking about teaching these things because see, we know what's going on, baby. We know that it was a man by the name of Medgar Evers that died trying to change Mississippi to the Constitution--it wasn't the Governor. It was Malcolm X in New York City trying to give folks a better way of life - it wasn't Rockefeller. It was Martin Luther King that was trying to bring peace on earth - not LBJ. u

So, we say we tired of this racist system. We talk about Black Power and white folks get scared. That's the racism in your head. Yeh, now things don't scare you. The Roman Catholic Church, that don't scare you - it's right down the corner. The Romans don't scare you. Romans, they might (inaudible). The Black Muslims scare hell out you, don't they? That's your racism catching up with you, baby. We're tired of it - we're so damn sick and tired of this white stinking racist system, we don't know what to do, and this is what we're relating to today. No more, no less. u

Two years ago I had gone around the country preaching the problems that we need to save the black ghettos, we need black capitalism, everybody would say that's racism. That old white boy, Nixon, talking about black capitalism but because he is part of the structure, that is okay - that ain't racism. u

Every time newsmen want to interview us now, they want to know, 'Mr. Gregory, what do you think about black separatism?' Oh, come on, baby, you ain't against separatism. That Indian up on the reservation, no better example in the world of separatism as long as you're doing it, but the minute five niggers get together and say, 'I'm tired of these insults, leave me alone, let me do it by myself,' you say that is separatism. The Indian can't get up off that reservation but if they have a press conference in the morning and say, 'We love reservations. Don't want no more white folks on u



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reservations, ' you send your Army up there tomorrow night and run them off. As long as you're doing it, it's okay, it's fair game, baby. u

The Jews in America today is outraged over black anti-Semitism because this is a racist structure because each Jew in America over 15 years old, know another Jew who hates niggers. Now you find out some niggers hates some Jews. You're so sneaking racist country. What's you so upset about? But in a sneaking racist country like this we defy the little man to be as dirty and corrupt as the big man. Yet, the little man go and steal something from the department store, he is a rogue and a hoodlum. Rich cat steal something, he kleptomaniac. One of them go to jail with the criminals; one of them go to hospital with the sick. Yeah, we tired of this racism. u

You ever see that TV show called The Dating Game? You ever see that? Whenever they bring a black person on the three other guests are black. But that ain't racism is it? That is your stinking system doing it. Oh, but if you heard I was going next week and refuse to work the show cause they had a white lady on there and no three black sisters, you'd say I was a racist. But as long as that system makes all black people be on with all black folks, that is groovy cause that is your thing. That's what we're talking about. What we're sick and tired of today. u

People all over America is upset over the crime rate in Washington, D. C. You know why don't you, cause niggers doing it. And you know some people are sick enough to believe that born black in America you inherit certain criminal tendencies. Let me set the record straight. All the stealing and purse snatching and gangsters during a solid year, we brought all that money together and put it in one big heap it wouldn't be enough to pay one month's rent or a recreation fee for them white Italian Mafia Syndicate hoodlums who run all the crime in America. But you ain't upset over them are you? And this is all games. We ain't playing no more games, no more. Oh, you know how you can do away with the crime syndicate in a week. I tell you how you can wipe out the crime syndicate in a week. Let us take it over tonight. u

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Run your Army in and break up the crime syndicate. What's the most detrimental in American society? Niggers standing on street corners snatching a pocketbook or them white syndicate tramps putting heroin into your schools? You know what we talking about. We tired of this racist system. U

You see that draft bill Teddy Kennedy drew up three weeks ago? Any of you read that? One where the lottery system draft 19-year-olds first. The horror about this racist system, a cat like Teddy Kennedy drew up a racist bill and he not even aware that the bill was a racist bill. He says draft 19-year-olds first and then right under that he tacked a study portion on the bill, if they pass it it will become law, will grant amnesty to all the kids that left the country to avoid the draft. Any of you read that bill? You know what a racist bill that is. He's telling Muhammed Ali, 'Nigger, until you leave the country like the white boys is leaving, you can't have amnesty.' You know if black folks would have been leaving the country and white boys would have been here to stand trial, that old bill would have a part tacked on it that all the good little old citizens that stayed in the country will be given amnesty but the ones that left wouldn't. That's what we're talking about. Tired of this racist institution. U

So, I say to you youngsters tonight, you youngsters have a big job. U

Let me ask you to do me a favor one day this week, if you would. Stop by the library one day this week and copy down the Declaration of Independence and don't read it, just copy it without reading it. You know how. Sure you do. Now what I want, I want you to do for me is never be caught without your Declaration of Independence. Twentyfour hours a day, carry your Declaration of Independence with you. Now the favor I'd like for you to do is when riot season open up again and this old system even convinced us we got a riot season July through August. Last year we didn't show up. Upset the whole establishment. Where are you. We got our tanks waiting for you. Ask George Wallace how come you think they ain't rioting last season. He said, 'Oh, you know them niggers is lazy and shiftless.' They just tired. I tell you where we was last riot season. We got tired of U

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stealing them old bad, no good, products. We decided to go underground and study the consumer reports. So when the riot season open up again this year, we ain't stealing no more Motorolas, baby. u

Now here's the favor I'd like you to do for me. When the riot season open up again, I'd like you to rush home with your parents and get the TV and put it in your room, and you black kids too, cause you got some niggers living in them houses which think more degenerate and corrupt than the KKK could ever think, and you do know what I'm talking about. Put that TV set in the middle of the room and then turn on the evening news cause they gonna show them niggers looting and burning and sockin' it to the town. Now turn on Huntley and Brinkley cause they get close-ups. And the other two networks, they come by and they ride in helicopters cause they scared of us. But Huntley and Brinkley get such close-ups you could recognize your kin folks. Look at that, Elder Dudlow. I didn't know he was in Detroit. Get it baby, get it, get it? u

Here's the favor I'd like you to do for me. After you get your TV in the middle of the house, get Huntley and Brinkley on, then run upstairs with them old fool parents, bring them down, put them right in front of the TV set so they can't see nothing but them niggers looting and burning and sockin' it to the town. And after you listen to their comments, you hear 'em before, just listen to them fools make them comments. My favor is this. I'd like you to walk in front of the TV, turn the sound off so all they can look at is them black fools burn the town down and at that point, go and take out your Declaration of Independence - and you'd promised me you'd keep it twentyfour hours a day. At that point I want you to move way back behind them parents and while them fools is watching them niggers burn the town down, read the Declaration of Independence as loud as you can read it and maybe for the first time them fools will understand what they looking at. We know these truths to be evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by the creator with certain inalienable rights, that when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government. That's a hard thing to do, to realize one day you wrote a check you got to cash, isn't it. I know when them old fools hear that, they u

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gonna assume that was some message from Malcolm X, Rap Brown. But I'm sure with a minimum amount of persuasion you teach them old fools that that there was their beloved Declaration. Yeah, that one. Either that's a mistake on which that one they forgot to put white only. And you know if you don't put for white only on this thing when black folks read it - you know we dumb enough if you don't have for white only, we dumb enough to believe that it means any American, after long periods of unjustices. It's you today. Now as dumb and stupid as niggers is we don't know nothing too much about this thing, but if this thing is true, then it's just one person supposed to be out here ahead of us and that's the Indians. But we know its for white folks only. You didn't have to put it on there. We know it. For the minute we got out here and started doing the things you supposed to do. We were acting like damn fools. We would appreciate it if you would put it on here for white only. Sure would help us a lot. You see, somewhere we gave you white folks, either you all are slicker than we think you are or you're dumber than we give you credit for being. And we don't think you're dumb, we think you're slick. We just know, but we ain't been able to figure you out. See, we know you ain't dumb enough after 1969 to still draft niggers into your Army to Ft. Benning, Georgia, teaching them how to be guerillas and then send them to Vietnam to kill foreigners and think that niggers ain't gonna come back here and kill your liberated mama. We know you smarter than that. But you sure come off looking mighty dumb, baby. What you gonna tell all them niggers that been over and kill so good cause they got so many metals he can't straighten up right. What you gonna tell that nigger when he come back home and start dropping napalm on Chicago? What you gonna tell him about the Dr. King that one who taught, ain't never killed nothing until you brought him into your Army and taught him how to be a murderer. What you gonna tell him? Yeah, you got a big job. u

So, we would appreciate it if you would hurry up and put white only on this thing here and get it out of our neighborhood and then right after that, please come and get that lily white history book. That American history book. Please get that history book out of our community. Baby, let me tell you something. Ain't no way in the world that u

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nigger gonna read your history book and behave. You ever read your history? Says you landed at the Plymouth Rock and from the Plymouth Rock to California you shout murder ya way all way cross the country. You give me that to read and then tell me to behave. You got to be insane. You ever read this history and then have nerve enough to talk about how niggers steal, and with pride in your history book, you say how you came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. Now how do you do that? How do you discover something that is not only occupied, but being used at the time. That like me and my old lady walk out of here tonight and you and your old lady sitting in your brand new car and my old lady say, gee, that's a beautiful car, I sure wish it was mine and I say, well, let's discover it. American discovered old America. I'm sure an automobile wouldn't be bad. u

Have you ever read your white history? We didn't think you read it cause if you read it, you would understand me. Give me liberty or give me death. That's in your history book. Who said that? Rap Brown, didn't he. What did Stokley Carmichael say? It's in your history book too. Don't shoot til you see the whites of their eyes. Then got nerve enough after you gave up this old white American history book you tell niggers you all got to have respect for the police. You know its in your history book. You don't have no respect for the police. Then bragged about it u

In the early days when the British was the police, a white boy by the name of Paul Revere rode through the white community and said get a gun white folks the police is coming. Yeah, you understand them white fancies don't you. Yeah, you got a history book. We sure wish you'd take it out of our community. Ain't got nerve enough to get upset when the riots start and the niggers steal the TV and take it home with them. What the hell you get upset about? Cause right in your history you brag with how you got on the stranger ship and dumped all that tea in the water. So what's you mad about? A nigger got enough sense to take it home. Well, yeah, you youngsters got a big job. u

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Briefly in closing tonight, let me discuss black attitudes. Lord knows we got some attitudes and God, it's about time. In all honesty, we don't know what we been doing in the last two year to alienate white folks the way we alienated you, but we know whatever it is we been doing we gonna keep on doing it. Cause we noticed there has been more integration in America the last six months ever in the history of this country. We noticed for two years ain't no niggers been lynched, so whatever it is about, what we make more uncomfortable, the more gentlemen you are so we gonna try to uncomfortable you some more. And all we trying to say is we tired of these insults. That's all. Now we got enough sense to know we never gonna be strong enough to make white folks quit insulting us. We know that. And we know white folks got enough sense to know they ain't never gonna be strong enough to make us quit reacting after they insult us. We gave you a right to be a racist. That's your hang up. You do anything you want to. Racism not supposed to effect me. Now you got a right to call me a nigger. Now that is freedom of speech but don't put nothing around my neck, though. You got a right to dislike me cause I'm black and your white and that's freedom of expression, but don't start blackening me cause them little things in your head. Let's face it baby, because I'm an alcoholic you don't have to stagger down the street. This what we talking about. So we say you got a right to have all the petty hang ups you want to have - keep 'em inside your head. Keep 'em inside your house. Don't have 'em overhead and alienate me or misuse me with them no more. That is all we say. And any black man tell you, you ain't got no right to have your hang ups I tell him to his face he is a damn fool. Just keep your hang ups to yourself baby. We tired of these insults. u

You know what an insult it is when a white American tells us to be non-violent. Do you know how that insults us? The only country on the face of the earth that has dropped the atom bomb on another human being and you ask niggers to behave. Any morning you go out and drop your stinking napalm on women and babies and you tell me about throwing a brick. Nobody knows how insulting it is to me cause I'm so dedicated to non-violence that five years ago I had to become a vegetarian because thou shalt not kill means exactly what it says. It u

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says nothing about human beings. It says thou shalt not kill. That covers animals too, baby. That's my hang up though. Baby, I never knock a steak off your plate. Never want to put a pork chop on mine. I never go around teaching vegetarianism. That's my hang up. I have a right as an individual to have my hang ups. It ain't got a damn thing to do with affecting you. Non-violence, I don't preach it, I live it. I'd rather be killed than to kill. If a man walked into my house and was going to kill my wife and seven kids and the only way I could stop him was to kill him or injure him, he would have to kill 'em cause I would never kill or injure another creature or nature man. But that's my hang up, Baby. I got a right to have individual hang ups, but I don't have the right to tell you you have to let a chuck come in your house and wipe your whole family out and I don't intend to. I'll never take no dynamite out of your hand - don't you never fool with my picket sign in mine. U

As an individualist you be as violent as you want and I'll never say a damn thing about it and as an individualist I'll be as non-violent as I want and I don't expect you to be commentin' on it. But as non-violent as I am, it alienates me along with the rest of my black brothers when white Americans tell black folks to be non-violent. We say to white America if you dig non-violence, prove it to us and don't do nothin' for us because we prove we burn a town down. U

Prove you like non-violence by gettin' up on that Indian reservation and cuttin' my red brothers, because you can't be no more non-violent than them Indians been for the last 75 years. What happen to your appetite for non-violence? You ain't nothin' but shuckin' and jivin' man. You in Vietnam tonight with a half million violent, American soldiers trying to guarantee that foreigner a better way of life in the morning, than you want to guarantee your own Indian brother you stole this country from. The whole world is hip to you. So we say, don't play no more games with us until that Indian is off that reservation. U

The most non-violent man on the face of this earth should not even be permitted to utter the word non-violence because that Indian bein' up there shows the whole world what a passionate disrespect you have for non-violence. So U

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we say we tired of these insults. Now people come to us and say how come you all don't want to be called colored no more. How come you all don't want to be called Negroes. Well, look, you can call us anything you want to call us but it's safer to call us black. U

Again we say we don't be meanin' to put you white folks to no imposition, but we looked around at you and we notice you don't play no games with yourself, why play 'em with us? A Jew leaves Israel tonight and come to my country. He a Jew in Israel, he stays a Jew when he gets here. An Italian leaves Italy to come to my country. He's an Italian over there, he is an Italian when he gets here. You jolly old Irish left Ireland who was Irish over there, you stayed Irish when you got over here. So you see, you don't play no games with yourself, why do you insist on playing games with us? We left Africa Africans, and when we got here we got to be 'nograss' and 'nugrass' and colored folks. Don't play no more games with us. Call us colored, nothin'. You want to play some games? Call yourself clear folks. We all made the same trip - came across that Atlantic Ocean and changed us, but not you. We tired of these insults. U

This is something new because 20 to 30 years ago in America black folks had empty stomachs. Today in America black folks have full stomachs but hungry minds and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing that an empty stomach would. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sound, and all at once this country don't sound right to us any more. U

Four years ago three white boys burn up their draft card and within two weeks time the Senate and Congress had passed an anti-draft card burning bill, but we haven't been able to get them to pass an anti-lynching bill in a hundred years. My country just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard than she thinks of my black mammy - I'll bring her to her knees for that. U

If I was in Vietnam tonight and got killed by a Vietcong, this country would give my black wife \$10,000 and she couldn't take that \$10,000 and buy her a house in any



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neighborhood she wanted to buy one in. Hell, I got killed shooting at the wrong folks. When you tell me I got to get a fair housing bill to live anywhere I want to live in my country, who in the hell you think you are. What kind of animals are you? That old white Russian broad, Stalin's daughter, a known Communist and a known Russian, you ain't supposed to like neither one of them. You don't make that broad get no fair housing bill to live anywhere in my country she want to live. Why do I need one? All them Russian exchange students you bring over her to my country. They don't want to be your citizen. Four years from now they going back to Moscow. Ten years from now they might drop a bomb on your mama's house. When you bring them Russian kids over here and put them in your schools as exchange students, you got to put the FBI on them to watch them for four years, so they don't steal no secrets. You don't make them Russian exchange students get no fair housing bill to live anywhere they want to live in these old racist-ass college towns. Why do we need 'em? What we talking about? We sayin' we are tired, tired, tired of these insults. u

You know, there is a lot of people in America who believe a nigger is the stinkingist, smelliest who walk the face of this earth. That's groovy. That's your hang up. Keep it in your head. I'm not here tonight to convince you niggers don't stink. I say, do your own research. Check the records at the cosmetics industry and see how many multi-billions of dollars a year you white folks in America spend on deodorants and check them deodorant commercials on television and see if you ever see a black armpit. Figure it out for yourself. Niggers in America doing all the stinkin' and white folks in America buying all the deodorant. Who really stinks in my country? So, we say we tired of these insults. u

There's a lot of white folks that believe that because I was born black and they was born white, I'm inferior to them. That's a groovy hang up as long as you keep it in your head. Don't insult me with it no more. The interesting-thing is the same white man that will tell you that I'm inferior to him because I'm black and he's white, he be the first one to tell you that if I went to bed with a Japanese woman tonight and gave her a baby, the baby will be colored. He would be the first to tell you that. u

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If I go to bed with an Irish woman, Jewish woman, Italian woman - I can go to bed with any woman on the face of this earth and give you a baby - the baby going to be me. My sister can go to bed with any man on the face of this earth and get a baby - the baby gonna be her. Is that inferior stock to you? We sayin' we tired of these insults. U

We tired of people coming to us and sayin' now, education is youall's problem. If education was the problem, the Jews would own America today. Education youall's problem. That ain't nothin' but a whitey cop-out. If education was the problem, how come we haven't got our school teachers in Vietnam instead of our Army. Education is the problem. U

You ever stop to think how many millions of people would be dead today on the face of this earth if it wasn't for blood plasma. Are you aware of the fact that a black American by the name of Charlie Drew invented blood plasma. Don't take my word for it - check it out at your library. Are you also aware of the fact that Charlie Drew bled to death at an Atlanta, Georgia, hospital waiting for a room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers. Now you gonna tell us education is our problem. The man that had the education and wisdom and genius to give blood plasma to the entire world died in America from the lack of his own invention because his face was black and education don't have a damn thing to do with it. We tired of your insults U

We tired of people comin' up and tellin' us why don't you all quit all that demonstration and go down to the ghetto and pull your brother up by his bootstraps. Why don't you give him some boots with some zippers on 'em? U

We be the first to admit to you that black women in America have twenty percent illegitimacy. We don't deny that - we have had fun in the ghetto, baby. And white women in America have two percent illegitimacy, but what insult us is that your white sisters got two percent illegitimacy and my black sister got twenty percent illegitimacy and you want to put a halo on your head and believe that morally you more morally dedicated and committed than I am because

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your white sister have two percent illegitimacy and my black sister had twenty percent illegitimacy. But that ain't true baby. That ain't the way it is. Because if we ever got our hands on you white folks abortion credit cards we'd show you how to knock a rate down, too. So, your low illegitimate rate hasn't got a damn thing to do with your morals. It's your money is longer than mine. We sayin' we tired of these insults. We tired of these white folks comin' to us and sayin' how come you colored folks havin' all them babies you can't take care of. You just going to end up on relief. We knot it. And really, the only thing we see wrong, just ain't enough of it. u

I ain't never met a white man who didn't want some free money and if worries like relief, welfare and ADC worries you, change it and call it foreign aid. All that free money you give them white Eurpoeans - it don't bother you. Call it what you call that free money that you give these Kentucky farmers. You don't call it relief - subsidies, I believe it is. America, you paid billions of dollars to farmers not to plant and then don't want to pay my sister after she plants. u

As far as all them babies we have in the ghetto we can't take care of, we make a deal with you. The day this rotten racist system learns how to hire black boys, and give us good jobs like the white boys, so we can afford all them whores and prostitutes, we'll quit havin' all them babies at home. We don't have to ask you about the prostitutes cause the whore is my sister and she usually discusses you with me when she countin' your money. So we know what you doin', baby. u

So we say we tired, tired of being insulted. You know what an insult it is to me at night when I sit down and get to thinking how the Germans killed my daddy during World War II. You know what an insult it is that when Germans killed my daddy in 1942 I was ten years old and I'll be 37 years old this year. u

Progress, every time my old lady gets pregnant and I see that black belly getting big, I realize how we've progressed. Because every time I remember just a little bit over 100 years ago when my black slave sister got pregnant in the slave tent, she rushed up and told her u

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black slave man, 'Man, I think I'm pregnant' and them two black slaves fell down on their knees and prayed to their Almighty God that their unborn baby would be born deformed. You think about that prayer, one day. They didn't pray that anything would happen to the white folks kids. They said, 'God, we're dealing with such a racist inhumane peace. Lord, if you will just give us this baby born with a limb missing or Lord if you would give us this baby with his body twisted and a hump in his back, or God, if you really want to be good to us, give us this baby born maladjusted, because you see Lord, if you give us this baby born like that, the white folks will never be able to sell that baby, Lord, and we'd get to keep it all of our lives.' You think about that prayer one day. Then one day after that baby was born the black slave sister rushed up to her black slave man crying tears of joy, 'Honey, the Lord's answered our prayers. His head looks funny. I think he is going to be maladjusted.' And them two black slaves fell down on their knees crying tears of joy, thanking their Almighty God for a maladjusted baby, a baby that the white folks couldn't sell, a baby they would get to keep all their lives. U

Progress, me and my wife have got seven little black babies at home and we ain't had to pray for nothing, let along a maladjusted baby, that's all the progress we're going to get (inaudible). U

So as we leave tonight I say to you, we're tired of these insults, no more games, don't play no more games, don't give us no more fair housing deals, no civil rights. We don't want our rights on the (inaudible), we want our rights on the same piece of paper you get yours on, it's called the United States Constitution. Don't give us no more rights on no installment plan, cause you don't do anything but make us mad. U

No, I'll tell you what. We would like for you to play one more game with us. We'd like for you to give us what we call our honest white folks deal. Now don't none of you get up tight cause it ain't got anything to do with white folks. As a matter of fact, we'll give it a good name, we'll call it the concerned honkie law. I'll bet

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that would go over big, wouldn't it? It would just be a simple law. It would read, all five-year-old black male baby boys, see it ain't got nothing to do with white folks, all five-year-old black male baby boys- don't even cover my black sisters- will have to go to a Government camp for one year from the age of five to six, and we'll stipulate in the law these little black boys will be able to sleep eight hours a day and the other sixteen hours a day the Government will teach them, and that's where the honest white folks will come in. Sixteen hours a day for a solid year the Government will teach them niggers, when you grow up don't ever fool with a white lady, don't ever date a white lady, don't ever have an affair with a white lady. U

You know, in leaving you tonight, let me say to you, you know we cannot believe that anything upsets you no more than to see a nigger with a white woman and you ain't got guts enough to talk about your number one hang up. Who in the hell do you think you are? And one day if you ever get up enough manhood to talk about your number one hang up, you might find out that its something you're doing that make me want that broad and you'd have enough sense to quit doing it; you'd find out that nobody want that broad but you. U

Hell, every year now automobiles come out and you can't advertise your new cars without that white lady, so I feel I need a white lady to make my gears shift right, O. K.? U

I'm sitting on an airplane, minding my own business, reading a magazine, turn to page 35, and there's that white lady holding a bottle of Pepsi Cola in her hand. Thirsty, honey? Have a Pepsi. Yes, I'll have a Pepsi and you too, you old white broad. U

You know how you program them little babies with them cigarette ads? Come on, I know you had to know what you were doing to us, didn't you? I go to my black neighborhood, walk into my black house, go into my black living room, get with my black wife and my black kids, and turn on my black television and there's your white sister running halfway across the screen, half naked, saying 'Buy a Playtex Living Bra.' Yes, I will buy a Playtex for my old lady and buy you for me. U

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You know this might come as a tremendous shock to many of you, but niggers wasn't born wanting no white woman and the day you ever quit programming us. I went to see my first movie, I was four years old. I didn't know anything about no white lady, ain't never seen nobody make love in my life. Get there to the movie, who'd I see make love, the white lady, Ava Gardner and Humphrey Bogart were doing their thing, baby. I was four years old. I didn't know what they were doing, but I had enough sense to know I was going to grow up one day and do it. Yeah, you did a good job. All your Miss Americas were that white lady. You taught me through your stinking programming that the most gorgeous, sexy thing walking this earth was a blue-eyed blond. I said, okay, that's all right. I'm getting one of them, too. And after you run that old game in on me then you get upset when I reach for her. Come on, baby, you got to have better sense than that. You told me Heaven was good, I want to go to Heaven. You told me that whiskey was good, so I used to get drunk. Everything you ever programmed me to I accepted it and I reached for it and the only thing you wants to get mad about is that lady. What's wrong with you? *U*

Yeah, I went to the movie every night, not to see that white lady, I went to see cowboys. I couldn't even see that without seeing her out there on the prairie making love. So I said, okay, I'll get away from her, I'll go see Tarzan, and there she is out there messing with the elephants. *U*

Next thing I know I'm eight years old, been going to the movie every night for four years. Do you know how you brainwash people, or was it an accident? Four years of every night going to the movie, looking at that white lady making love. I never will forget I was eight years old sitting in the movie looking at Ava Gardner and Alan Ladd, that showed enough (inaudible), and I nudged my friend and I said 'I sure gonna get me one of them when I grow up.' He said, 'Which one, him or her?' I said, 'I don't know, I think I'll try them both.' I got news for you. Today, I'm grown and I'm going to get me a white lady and the madder it make you the more them broads I'm gonna get me and I hope it makes you so damn mad that you get enough sense to quit programming my little black kids and show them some black

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ladies in the movies making love. Show them some black ladies holding that Pepsi Cola bottle. Show them some black ladies running across that screen advertising that living bra, and if you got enough sense to stop programming me, you'll find out you can have your white lady til she bores you to death. But the big mistake you made with me, the only black woman you ever showed me in the movies was Beulah. The only black lady you ever let me see advertise anything was Aunt Jemima, and for some reason I just thought you had enough sense to know that I ain't never, ever, ever, in life wanted to ever grow up and make love to Beulah. U

And so tonight, I say to you youngsters, you have a big job. Briefly, let me say to you young white kids, this fighting to struggle for human rights is more important than the black movement, because we fought for civil rights. Young white kids' struggle that have made white folks all over the world for the first time last year respect white folks in America. If you don't believe that, go outside the country. Because the image you're projecting all around the world as you talk about human rights. I've been all over this country. There are white kids that have never seen a Mexican in their lives other than on television, but you're standing out in front of the supermarket every day saying don't buy California table grapes. U

Let me ask you white kids to do me a favor. Extend your movement for human rights, not just to cover the black man, Mexican, Puerto Rican, and the Indian, but extend it and Lord knows nobody knows any better than you folks in Kentucky, extend it to include your poor white hillbilly brother, would you? U

There's a poor white boy in this country, that although its groovy to move into the Indian's problems, to come back into the black community, and to the black kids so we can get into these institutions where these old racist tests... There's white hillbillies that can't pass these tests neither, that needs your help come summer. It's a poor hillbilly that wants to know about Medicare, that wants to know what his rights are when the police knock him down. Extend an arm out to make that a fight for human rights. Understand the struggle in America today is not a struggle

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of black against white, it's a struggle of right against wrong. U

As I sat three weeks ago and looked at television, as I watched the Federal government go into South Carolina and pass out food stamps to black folks, I was saddened because I knew the only reason they were not in Appalachia passing out food stamps to white folks that's as hungry as my black brother, is because you young white kids don't give a damn about that poor white hillbilly. So I hope you will include him into your struggle. U

We're running late tonight. I know a lot of you have work to get to, baby sitters to relieve. So for a few minutes we're going to let those of you who have to run, we're going to let you split now. I hate to go so long cause a lot of people got things they got to do, but you hate to walk out on me because some old fool out there might think you're racist. So let me say that those of you who have to split, we appreciate your being here. We going to give you a few minutes for those of you to leave and then we're going to come right back and we're going to have some questions and answers. First we'll have some from the panel. You don't have to write them because I think sometime a lot of hanky-panky goes on when you write them questions. Sometimes the people don't ask questions that they might think might be insulting. Sometime you will ask insulting questions you wouldn't ask if you didn't have that pencil to hide behind, and so in a few minutes we'll be back and if you have some questions we'll let you stand up and raise your hand and scream them out, and I'll deal with them. Until then, thank you, may God bless you, may nature have fun. Thank you. U

Commentator: U

Today there are many black militants ready to fight, but Dick Gregory was also willing to talk and so he did. He received a standing ovation tonight at the first of an Insight series to be followed tomorrow night by Al Capp and Wednesday night by Julian Bond and Sander Vanocur. U



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We're having a brief intermission right now between the lecture, which lasted some three hours, and between the question and answer period soon to follow. U

Gregory: O. K. Thank you again. I thought we was going to get rid of all the girls. When do you all have to be in? If you all blow your thing, don't be calling my house asking me for no notes to get back in now. We will have the question and answer period and we will let you out of here as soon as we can and those of you who get back a little late, just tell them you was over here with insight. But now don't stay out no four days now and blame it on insight. U

On the questions raise your hands. If you have a question and we can get around to you, stand up, yell your question out as loud as you can. In turn I will repeat the question and at that point proceed to answer the question. Those of you that's outside coming in, we're going to start with the questions now. If you'll just come in as quietly as possible. Those of you that will be leaving while the questions are being asked, if you will just leave as quietly as possible, it won't interfere with the questions at all. O. K. on with the questions. U

Question: What do the leaders of the black movement mean when they say that the black movement has now gone beyond integration and that integration is irrelevant in the contemporary society? U

Gregory: The question is, What do the leaders of the black movement mean when they say that the black movement has gone beyond the movement of integration? U

What is meant by that? We are fighting now for our constitutional rights under the United States Constitution. If you read the United States Constitution there is no such word in it as integration and so consequently the only reason we talk of integration is because there is such things as segregation. And so, we're saying that integration is very irrelevant to us today. That we're talking about racist society where black folks is forced into a ghetto. We're saying that at least we will get the dignity to control that

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black ghetto. We don't want no more white men bringing the Pepsi Cola truck into our ghetto no more. You give niggers all the credit for eating all the watermelon. O. K. then let a nigger bring us the watermelon. There ain't gonna be no more white boys going to be hauling any more watermelons to us and all we're saying is we want to control our faith and destiny. If we controlled and decentralized our educational systems we wouldn't have to put up with the insults we put up with. For instance, let me give you an example. If the Indians controlled his educational system what do you think he would do with all them books up there that now he's forced to read. When the cavalry won it was a mass victory, but when the Indians won it was a great massacre. u

You see these insults that we're not able to control because the racist structure still controls what's going on in the black community. We're talking about controlling that black community. We're talking about that white cop you got in there. You take him, you keep him down at your house because when we talk about police brutality we know the black cop is just as brutal if not brutaler than the white boy. But when we talk about police brutality, we're not talking about physically. u

That black cop don't call me no nigger when he's making the arrest. That black cop don't call my wife gal when he pulls my car over, and when that black cop arrests my seven-year-old kid he don't pull his gun out because he ain't scared of niggers, and at least when the black cop gets off from work, he got to live in the community with me so I can kinda chastise him if he came down too wrong. But hell, that white cop rides herd on us eight hours a day and then when he takes his gun off he's in that lily white neighborhood. We say, No man, we're gonna control our community; we're gonna bring that black cop in; we're gonna bring that cop that lives there, that when he gets off he's got to walk his dog through that same neighborhood. He's got to talk his kids. He's got to come in my barber shop and get his throat shaved, and we feel he would behave just a little bit better if we got him locked in and this is what we're talking about when we talk about, you know, integration is irrelevant to us today. We're talking about controlling u

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that black community. That black community that we didn't create. That black community that we're forced to be in. So we say, we gonna make it relate to us. U

Question: Mr. Gregory, What do you think the black student's role is on a predominately white campus in a southern conservative town such as Murray? U

Gregory: What do I think a black student's role is on a predominately white campus in a southern conservative town such as Murray? U

Well, one, I've been all over the country and all towns is like this. There's no such thing and I think this is one of the big mistakes we made down through the years. We blamed this on the South. This is an American problem and the same things the black kids is doing in San Francisco and New York and California and Boston, is the same thing you should be doing here - to work and see to it that this white institution can become relevant to the needs of the black man, to the needs of the black ghetto and the one thing you youngsters have to do, you black kids especially, is don't let this institution teach you how to do nithin' more but to go back and liberate. That's the number one job right now, is to liberate - not to get no job, not to join the system. Your job is, you see, the white kid, he can go back if he wants to cause his mama is already free but so many of you black kids, man, follow the path that us old black fools pass, we got out them institutions, never went back to see mama, left mama and daddy back there and we went on in to do the other thing in another segregated neighborhood, bucking this racist society and the sooner you young black kids go back to where you came from and let them fools realize they got to deal with you, right there and on the movement for liberation, that today will solve a lot of problems. U

Anyone here like to take over? Yes brother? U

Question: Well, there has been some discussion tonight referring to indoctrination on the college level but of the students who are now challenging the system, the students that went to Chicago, the students who feel it is an injustice, they are the more highly educated people. Basically,

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I can see perhaps some indoctrination, but I think the higher education that you receive in college also offers you a challenge. Do you think that there really is that much indoctrination to force students to believe something or force students to accept a certain view, or is there really an opening for a student to look at different angles? u

Gregory: The question is, if I heard it right, is that can a system that produced a kid to go to Chicago to change the system which were predominately college kids, could it be that wrong or it could be doing that much indoctrination. This is the same college your mama went to and the same college your daddy went to and your grandma and grandpa. They haven't changed. How come they did not go to Chicago? It ain't these schools that's breaking you up, it's that damn television set that they did not wake you up, baby. That's all it is. The only difference between you and your mama and your daddy and your grandma and grandpa is you been exposed. How where are you gettin' it? You're not gettin' it here cause you studied the same chemistry they studied. You studied the same history they studied, haven't even changed since they was here. The difference is the wakening comes from television. Television is educating you. Then commercials indoctrinate you. But basically, when you sit and look at that Vietnam war and look at the ghettos you move and what is happening how with you young kids, you decided you not going to college and be in prison for four years, that you want to go and you want a part of everything around you and your fighting up for yourselves. This talk about all of these high prices, and I don't know about the dominate college here, but the colleges all over the country are overcrowded, and the people in them now charging huge rents, and the college kids are banding together and saying, 'You know we'll boycott the whole town if you don't get, you know, some rent control,' and I remember hell when I went to college, we didn't - we was too simple to have that producing. Hell, each time I got out there is this old broad tipping up to my room charging me \$40.00 a month, tipping up to my room seeing if I got any alcohol in there. That's my room. Hell, she wasn't giving me that room free; but when she catch me down tipping in her room, seeing if she got some alcohol in there, u

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she say I'm stealing, and I try to explain to her that room I'm paying for is mine, baby, that's private property, and that room you paying for down there is yours. Now if I catch you tipping in mine, I'm gonna tip in yours. Now when she wants to clown, I go out, and the school didn't back me up. But now today the kids are beginning to deal with these same problems because of this new awareness, and it goes directly back to television. Thank you. Yes brother? u

Question: You make this spill on this war policy in Vietnam. How can you make out LBJ is so bad when his administration was responsible for more legislation that ought to apply to the American negro than any other man in the history of this world. Don't you think that Johnson is in some degree a credit? u

Gregory: I have the right to feel the way about LBJ I want to feel. The question is how can I mark out LBJ the way I did when his administration hand stamped more civil rights legislation than anybody in the history of America? The biggest contributor to the Catholic churches is the Italian syndicates' hooldums that put nothing but dope into the grade schools because they give to the Catholic church. Do that make them decent people? That what you trying to tell me? Now I know LBJ. I was invited to the White House - I know him, I know his staff, I know a whole lot of the personal things about him, and I say, and it makes me sad, that he is the number one tyrant that walked the face of this earth since Julius Ceasar and don't say this here, if you followed the news during his administration. I was the first black cat that refused to come to the White House and have dinner with him because he was a tyrant, because of the things he has done all over the world. The white community hopes that these bills will eventually establish a reproaching between whites and blacks. Now you stand there and tell us that ain't nothing. Now what are we supposed to think? Let me tell you this, the Chinese said all black folks is number one on the face of the earth and started gunning white folks down. Do that make them good because they love me, or do you take the sum-tótal of a man's effort. There's more to solving the problems in America u

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than giving a nigger some civil rights legislation. Look at all the white boys he got killed. For every damn bill he might have got pushed through for me, how many white boys he get killed in that old stinking ass war over there in Vietnam. That don't even make sense, and the same country that's talking about holding the Communists down over there, gave all the airplanes to that Tito who ain't nothing but another stinking Communist. So you balance it out. The same country who we friends with, which is Moscow, Russia, sends all the bullets and missiles that knock down all your American boys over there in Vietnam. How can we justify that war in any way, shape, or fashion? So all I'm trying to say, it's more to it. I tried to say it when I was speaking. The problem ain't black and white, it's right against wrong and LBJ is one of the wrongest presidents we ever had in the history of this country, barring none. What policies should we have undertaken to try to bring back some moral sanity to America? LBJ was one of the strongest presidents we ever had in the history of this country, and LBJ could have solved ninetyeight percent of all the problems. U

You talking about, when you sit, and you talk about the poverty program, you know what they did with that damn poverty program? They gave it to the politicians instead of giving it to the colleges, universities, and the businesses. I got friends I know personally, one in New York City, that through LBJ's stinking poverty program they paying that nigger \$25,000 a year just to behave himself. See I know what went on with that stinking, filthy administration. Baby, you could have went out and paid half that money and got some moral, ethical decent people that could have sit down and basically came up with some ideas of solving the problem, but he took that poverty program and made a political plum out of it. U

In Chicago we got Democrats running Operation Head Start that don't know a damn thing about education, and Lord knows they don't know nothin' about kids. They just loyal to the Democratic Party, and LBJ was strong enough to solve the problems. That money they taking away from them schools down there in Mississippi and Alabama, they shouldn't take

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another nickel away from one of them schools until they take that money away from them schools in Chicago, when Chicago has the most racist housing pattern and school pattern of any city in America, including Mississippi. U

Question: What if we did pass laws? U

Gregory: You don't need to pass no damn laws. You got them in the Constitution. You just implement the laws you have in the Constitution. Don't pass no laws for they already there. Give me the same law you got. Don't pass nothin' for me. Don't pass a damn thing for me. The same law that guarantee you your rights, let it apply to me. Don't pass no damn laws for me. All they mean is 100 years a man's changed my dollar for 32 cents, and them laws they got passed through now they means not he's giving me 64 cents, 64 cents change for a dollar is still cheating, baby. I don't want 64 cents change for a dollar. I want a whole dollar's change for a dollar or your cash register will never ring again. Let me ask you if my brother had been changing your dollar with 70 cents for the dollar and then I came through and changed your dollar with 80 cents for the dollar, then somebody asked you why. Do you call me a thief? I'm giving you more than my brother gave you because I'm still cheating you and until stop, I'm a thief. The theft is not measured by the quantity, but by the act that he committed. That is the same thing we sayin'. LBJ, as far as LBJ's strength, there was never a president as strong as LBJ and had LBJ been right morally and all them other old kind of things, he could have solved a whole lots of problems, and he didn't and so far as I'm concerned, he wasn't no good president. I don't care if he was blacker than my shoes, he still wasn't no good and good will never be judged to me by what a man do for me. That will never decide what makes him good. The good will be the sum total quality of the man, and I've said time and time again, black folks have said time and time again, what good does it do us to have a president that give us all the high rights and end up nothing, us in World War III and we just have them for a day. It's bigger than that. Thank you. Any more? We got time for one more. Yes brother? U

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Question: Would you take a stand on the platform that blacks and whites should have the same identical same rights but neither one over the other? Whites not over blacks and blacks not over whites? True? *u*

Gregory: The question is should black and white have the same. The blacks shouldn't be over the whites, and the whites shouldn't be over the blacks. Yeah, that's true. *u*

Question: No meaning? *u*

Gregory: But we don't have to play games with it. I already said yes. Now what the hell. We go on with it. Shit. *u*

Question: Do you believe the nation's defect is the American institution or the American people? *u*

Gregory: The question is, Do I believe the American defect is the American institutions or the American people? The institution. I've said for years that if we can solve the problem today we will be able to do it now because of television, because if the people are exposed to the problems. This basis change, you see, we are not making as much progress in feeding the hungry but have you been seeing the reaction of the hunger problem in American since it's been getting exposed. I'm sure if the establishment, which is NBC, CBS, ABC, would go up on the Indian reservation and do some documentaries on problems the Indians are going through, this country would be outraged and so you got to take the blame right back to the establishment. But I have tremendous faith and respect in American people, but it is the establishment. It is the establishment that lies to you twentyfour hours a day. It's this same establishment that hasn't told us that we have been fighting a war in North Korea for six months and half of that casualty rate is coming from North Korea but we blaming it on Vietnam and I guess some of you young kids that have friends over there that you been hearing from will tell you that we been fighting a war over there. But it's the establishment, and I think once you work to change the establishment then the problem is gonna be solved. Yes, definitely not the American people but the establishment. Yes. This is the last question here. You go first and then the gentleman here. *u*



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Question: Mr. Gregory, in your lectures you seem to make a distinction between human rights and property rights. Am I to take it that you do not consider property rights as a human right? U

Gregory: Right, yes. The question is that I do not take human rights on the same light as property rights. I put human rights ahead of property rights. U

Question: You would include property rights as human rights, though? U

Gregory: Property rights as human rights? Is that what you said? No, I do not. Property, if your house burn down tomorrow I can build you another house, but if you hit and killed by a car we can't give your mama or your wife another you. That we cannot do. If you was killed in Vietnam your kids is out of a daddy. If your house blew up we can get you a mansion, a castle, we can make you a better house than you ever had before in your life, but we can't get your kids a better daddy. Now I put human rights way far, far ahead of property rights. Yes brother? U

Question: Mr. Gregory, What do you think the future of black power is? What I'm trying to find out is a black student in a predominately white college feels more competitive than in an all black school, he has more secure group feeling and more extracurricular motivation? U

Gregory: The question is what do I feel the role of the all black college will be. That the black kid in the white school feels more competitive. The black kid in the black school feel more secure. If I had it to go over again, I wouldn't go to a white school. I got seven kids I would never send to a white school when it comes to going to college. But you got to also understand that because I'm Dick Gregory there will be room in them black schools for them but it's not enough room in the black schools for all black kids today. But you see, I remember when I was in college a white girl fell in love with me because I was a hell of an athlete and the teacher threatened to flunk me. You damn right it's a whole lot of competition there. That's the competition I can do without for the rest of my life. I went to a white school U

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where they asked white boys did they mind having a Negro for a roommate but didn't ask black boys if we minded having white boys for a roommate. So everyone they send me I put him out and explained it to the school that until you will ask black folks the same thing you ask white folks, then don't never send me no white boy over here. And so all of them things I went through, you know, I could just, you know, completely do without because what we was doing in these white institutions they was teaching us how to be chocolate covered white folks. And when we got through, we wasn't fit for the white community and Lord knows your ghetto brothers don't want you. If you can't stay for in the ghetto, don't go back down there. And so consequently, I think, you know, that the one production that - - now there is a lot of work have to be done in the black schools too, because it's the white racist institution they running the black schools. The Board of Directors of the black schools are white, you know, and so consequently there are drastic changes that's being made today. But I think, you know, with the movement of the black kids and the young white kids I really think if anything good is to be saved it will be the universities. I think within two years there is a possibility that all universities might be closed down because they will be resisting to change. I think little by little, because of the awareness not to kids here but seventytwo percent of every high school in America had a disruption this year. So that's that revolution that's coming through baby, and when he comes through he gonna be knocking them down and writing names. They got some young white kids that will be coming through that will run half of your black kids out of this university here cause you just walk too slow for it. You ain't really together. This thing, you know. So consequently, you know, this is the beginning, and I think you know what is happening in the institutions now. Well, there it is right there. See this never happened in institutions before but we are in an era today where, you know, that you young kids are ready to block them out. You sayin', 'Well, look, damnit, let me hear about it.' There was a time people didn't even want to hear about it and so this is a tremendous thing, and I hope that you youngsters here tonight will make this a tremendous success and will come and hear everybody - I hope you black kids just don't come and hear - the black folks that come - I hope you come here and listen to the white folks that are be here. I U

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hope you listen to everybody and see how they relate to the sum total picture. U

Question: Mr. Gregory, one last question. U

Gregory: Well wait til I get through brother. And so I hope that within the process of - process of this type of progress like this, you will get some insight that will go far beyond here tonight or tomorrow night of this week. But I would hope that the fact that the student body go out of their way to bring these types of programs that somewhere down the line, five, ten, fifteen years from now something in this type of program might make a difference in you making the right decision against the wrong decision. It might make the difference in you sayin' the right thing against sayin' the wrong thing cause I'm sure that if one of you white kids left here tomorrow or graduation and was going to DuPont to get a job and when you get there the head of the personnel is a black cat, and he decided that you get the job, I'm sure if you use the word black you get far more points than you would if you use the word colored or Negro, you know, although he might use those words himself, it is, well anyway I hope that you all have a very good week. Yes brother? U

Question: What would be the solution to this problem? Say given a white campus in which the campus was ninety percent white and in the dormitory, say the rules were written but were not rigidly enforced on the black. What would be the solution? U

Gregory: If you was in a dormitory, I mean if you was in a college ninety percent white? U

Question: Well predominately white. U

Gregory: Predominately white, and the rules was not rigidly enforced against the black, then they are against the whites. I would say you in America because that's the same picture. That don't sound like no dormitory to me. That sounds like America. We are ten percent black and ninety percent white, and the rules is more rigidly enforced against us than them. I think which, and I'm a firm believer in keeping

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channels of communication open, I think that what is the reaction if ninety percent of the students here who happen to be white knew rules was more rigidly enforced. It goes back to the fellow back there that questioned, it's the people or the establishment. It's the people enforcing the rules or the institution. Then the first thing you do is get your propaganda thing going with your leaflets and get out and let the people know that they enforced and then come up with some concrete evidence like sometimes,, you know, being in this black bag, you see some things that you can't document, you know, and you see some things that you can't prove, but you know that they do exist. But I think you know in a - in today's situation, I think that the first thing you got to do is organize. That is why kids get the Black Student Union together and then go by first and see the Dean and then go by and see the president and then say here's specific areas where we can document this, this, and this, and then say, 'You know, we'd like for you to, you know, do something about this,' and then if they don't work, then take it to the kids, and if they don't work, well.. u

Thank you. I didn't say nothing. O. I. We gonna run. Hey again, thank you. God bless you and nature have fun with you. Thank you. u

Commentator: u

Tonight a moment's Insight has been worth a live experience with Mr. Dick Gregory from Insight 1969, from the campus of Murray State University, this is Gary Guthrie for the radio center and speaking for Stephanie Christian and Mr. Tom Morton. u

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)  
ATTN: RACIAL INTELLIGENCE  
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FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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(OO: CG)

DATE: APR 21 1969

Re Bureau letter dated 3/7/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and 10 copies of an LHM containing a transcript of subject's speech, St. Petersburg, Fla., on 2/24/69. Two copies of the enclosed LHM is being designated for Chicago, who is the office of origin in this case.

The transcript was made at the Tampa Office of the FBI.

Also there are enclosed for the Bureau 5 copies of magnetic tapes obtained from and originally transcribed by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office. The tapes contain GREGORY's speech at St. Petersburg, Fla., 2/24/69.

The enclosed LHM is being disseminated locally to Secret Service, Military Intelligence and U. S. Attorney, Tampa, Fla.; NISO, Charleston, S.C.; and OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia.

Also enclosed to the Bureau is original and 1 copy of FD-376.

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Reference is made to Tampa memorandum dated February 27, 1969, captioned as above.

On March 26, 1969, Lieutenant [redacted] Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, Intelligence Unit, Clearwater, Florida, informed that his department had arranged to obtain tapes of a speech delivered by Richard Claxton Gregory at St. Petersburg, Florida, on February 24, 1969. Lieutenant [redacted] furnished the tapes for auditing, and he said that the five magnetic tapes furnished contained Gregory's February 24, 1969, St. Petersburg, Florida, speech. He pointed out that the tapes were obtained originally by Pinellas County Sheriff's Office Deputy [redacted] who, according to [redacted] was present when the tapes were made by an employee of a local radio station.

The following is a transcript of the tapes furnished by Lieutenant [redacted]

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"Tonight the council is presenting a man who has reached deep and found the truth and fears not to present it whether pretty or ugly. His inspiration to us is that the fight for racial justice has to be fought on all fronts; On the social and on the political fronts; That it has to be through consultation as well as through persuasion; Through the public sector as well as through the private sector. His name is well renown. He is well known as a night club comedian. He has toured the continent as an international leader, has stared on Broadway. He has had major television appearances and has recently become a spectacular success in motion pictures. He has also become a best selling author, especially in the field of racial justice and the civil rights movement. So at this time the Council of Human Relations is happy to present to you Mr. DICK GREGORY:

I would like to say thank you very much. I was flying in this morning from St. Thomas; I had stayed up quite late last night so I decided I would doze off and get a little sleep so I got on the plane and my wife sit on one side of the isle and I sit on the other side of the isle, there was a white cat sitting next to me, naturally before I go to sleep I checked him out. Then I dozed off. About fifteen minutes after I get to sleep this white cat decides he wants to strike up a conversation with me so he did it the usual way, wake up boy, I woke up, only to find out that he didn't have nothing to talk about. Now he wanted to discuss Negro progress in America, I told him I didn't want to discuss black progress in America because there were too few people in America that really know what areas we made the tremendous amount of progress in and a lot of people think we made tremendous progress in jobs and housing and education, nah, you know the biggest breakthrough for black folks in the history of this country about two years ago in the State of Texas we got our first colored hurricane Boulah. That's progress they say. Yeh well you can intergrate their big brains. Hey you stop and think we're doing all right. You been watching television lately, they got so many black folks on television it scares me. Yeh you remember when they first started using black folks on commercials it was always after midnight. Now all through the day--we even got a black cowboy this season, you been watching what's that show, the Outcasts, you can tell by the name it's us. Can't you. Now next year we going to have another black cowboy so this black cowboy can have someone to kill. Oh I don't mean it like, naw they let him kill white cowboys but you see when he kills a white cowboy the script writer really got to go through some changes cause see they got to dirty up this white cat so bad that when this black cat gun him down, everybody

will accept it. Yeh, a black cowboy killed a white cowboy three weeks ago did you dig it. Yeh. This white cat had just finished raping a blind paraplegic, Salvation Army worker. But that's not why he killed him, the black cat didn't know he just finished doing that, no, the black cat gunned him down because he had stole \$2,000 worth of Christmas Seals. But let me say it's a pleasure seeing so many of you young folks with us this evening. I don't mind ya'll taking my picture just don't make me too dark. You think how many centuries of out breeding I had to go to get this light don't ya, goofing on one place. It is a pleasure cause from the news I got today I have to check with my lawyer but they'll probably know more about it tonight because I've been up in the air all day, I just found out the Supreme Court turned my appeal down which means I got six months to start doing something whenever them fools decide they want to do, I got to do it. I don't know if they decide to pick me up tomorrow or what I'll talk to my lawyers tonight. But ah, we in the civil rights movement have been accused of the government trying to put us in jail and trying to kill everybody that speaks honest to them, that's what the government's intention is of killing us, they'll get their chance on me because when I start serving six months I swear to you I will not eat none of them fools food. I mean it in protest I will go the whole six months or until I die of nothing but distilled water and hope those of you that's fighting for freedom and human dignity can get a little bit of strength from whatever I have to do when I go to that penitentiary in Illinois but tonight I say to you that I will do those six months for the system under protest, that protest will be I will not eat none of their food, I will drink my own water cause I know they don't supply distilled water and I'm just damsick and tired of every time you get something going out here the system wants to crush it, so if that's what their shout is, I'm going to give them every opportunity, so I say I don't know what the status of it is, I just heard about it when I got off the plane today. I'll talk to my lawyers after I finish. Let me say to you youngsters what an extreme pleasure it is seeing so many of you out this evening, I spent about nine weeks of my time on college campuses today and for a reason and it's a simple reason. The simple reason is that you young folks is the most morally, dedicated, committed group of young people that's ever lived in the history of this country born none. I say to you youngsters I hope in all of the prices you stay honest. That's vory important. I can't believe in America--everybody running around wondering about black hate type symbolism. Every Jew in America, every 30 years old know another Jew that don't like niggers. Now when you meet some niggers that don't like Jews, don't act like you wonder what's happening



in this damn country, and what upsets me more than anything is all these dishonest niggers that's running around asking, boy, wonder why black folks so anti. . . Any black person that ever was brought up in a large urban city heard your ma-ma make some anti-Semitism remarks, so what's all this nonsense about, and had you raised as much hell then as you raising now, you might not have to be confronted with it but it didn't bother you as long as the Jews didn't know it existed. Now that it's coming out in the public everybody is getting uptight. Now let me say to you as bad as I hate to see man hating man, the one thing I am glad to see is this anti-Semitism in the black communities coming up, and I don't give a damn how bad it upsets you Jews and all of you that want it to stay hidden, I'm glad that it's on the surface now and I got news for you, it's been there, it just didn't start, it's been there and now for the first time we might be able to solve the problems confronting America today which is man's inhumanity to mans, one man hating another man and I say to you young kids that I hope you keep all your rights above board like you been doing. I hope you never go underground with your little things that annoy you, as long as you keep it above board we might throw you in jail, we might ridicule you, we might call you a bunch of dirty names but at least we'll know what you got on your mind, and I say to you youngsters tonight that's here that we got a hell of a burden left on you young folks and I hope that you young people do not read those old rightwing cracker-controlled newspapers in America that try to find out who you are or what you're all about because they not going to tell you and the average newspaper in America morally is not sound enough to even discuss you young kids with yourselves, so I hope you don't make the mistake of believing all this mess you read in the news where they call you hippie-yippie, irresponsible bearded, smelly kids whatever that means.

And I have to ask the question that because you have a beard why does that mean you have to stink. They don't say nothing about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't only have a beard, he was ugly too. The newspapers have yet to be honest with you. They have yet to tell you young folks in America that because of your loyal dedication LBJ was unable to run for re-election. LBJ is probably the number one tyrant that's walked the face of this earth since Julius Ceasar. Now you young kids made this mighty man go on back to the ranch and you know what was interesting, you didn't use one fireball, you didn't use one missile, and you didn't use one violent army, you took a moral dedication and made the number one man

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in the world go into retirement and because you are so strong, and so pure and so honest, you don't ever have to worry about tricky Dick making a mistake unless he goes crazy. Because with all of Nixon's faults he still got enough sense to know he's not as slick as LBJ, he's not as popular a politician as LBJ and he got enough sense to know that if you young kids ran LBJ back to the ranch, it's a short distance back to that law office in New York City.

I tell you youngsters got a big job. You got a strong job and I hope you understand your strength. I hope you understand the responsibility us fools is leaving on you. Fifteen-thousand of you youngsters showed up in Chicago during the Democratic Convention and that made the difference of Hubert Humphrey being the President and Richard Nixon because had you not showed up and that scene not taken place in the street I'm sure those three to five million people that didn't come out to vote because of what happened would have come out and vote and I'm sure they would have voted for Humphrey and I say that today to you, that's a lot of power when 15,000 of you can decide the fate and destiny of this country. Now all of us old fools is upset, not that you came to Chicago, but your presence there put NIXON instead of HUMPHREY in the White House. One thing about you youngsters you got enough sense to know that when you dealing with one of those nasty, slimy politicians there ain't no difference between them, one is just as bad as the other.

So I hope you young kids understand that you changing this system that you got to move statesmen into the political arena because there is a difference between a statesman and a politician. So you youngsters have a big job. A tremendous job. You got the job of solving the problems confronting America today all we have human relations but we come after we finish doing our thing, after we finish 90 percent of everybody showed at human relations meeting live in the neighborhoods that some other folk couldn't get in. So I say this is the system but you got to do it and you can't do it with money and you can't do it running around with this ole bullshit attitude of asking people to do this, you got to do it because the Constitution says it's right, for no other reason so you youngsters got a big job; a profound job we left on your back. Now let me say something to you, a lot of people don't understand why you youngsters act the way you act, but thanks to old fools you going to solve this problem or the country going to bust up

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because you see you are in a situation that no group of kids are in and as I go around I make about 300 universities in a 10 month period. I speak to over a million young folks in a year, and it saddens me to have to tell you youngsters that not only do you have to solve the problems but you have the problem that you had nothing to do with creating. These problems were here when you got here but thanks to us old fools they will not be here when you leave. You see one thing that we've done to you youngsters that no group of young Americans have ever had to be confronted with not only did us old fools that just walked ahead of you not only did we not solve the problems but the first time in the history of America we used up all the tricks. So you young kids are confronted with the problems but with no tricks. My mother, my father, my whole community taught me when I was a little bitty boy, one day you going to grow up boy and a white man going to call you a nigger and when he calls you a nigger don't get mad cause God don't like no ugly and sure enough one day I did grow up and a cracker called me a nigger and I didn't get mad cause God don't like no ugly. I got seven of them little black kids at home and me and my lady ain't teaching them nothing, and if a cracker ever makes a mistake to call one of them a nigger I can damn sure betcha it's going to surprise them. And I can tell you something else I know three of them that's going to act accordingly, I don't know about them other four yet. So I tell you youngsters you got a big job, we left a mess in your hands.

Let me say to you tonight I did not come here this evening to impress you but only to inform you when I leave here tonight I couldn't care less about what any of you in this audience thinks about DICK GREGORY but I will always have the one consolation of knowing that whenever we wake up, this year, next year, 30 years from now, you will always be able to say least Brother GREG didn't lie to us, and that the big problem confronting you youngsters today we old fools we lie to you everychance we got. It's nothing now we start off lying to you in the crib with that Santa Claus boy and the first letter I ever wrote in my life was to a guy that didn't even exist, Dear Santa. It sounds funny but when your ma-ma lies to you anybody qualifies to lie to you. Cause that Santa Claus boy he goes over better in the white community then he do in the black community. Yeh, that's right. You see black folks know damn good and well ain't no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight so we-- But I don't know when we going to stop lying to you youngsters. The number one lie we tell you young folks in American today, you know what it is, the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of air pollution. And the number one problem

confronting America today is the problem of moral pollution. This is the most morally polluted, degenerate nation on the face of this earth born none, and you young kids have the job of giving America her sanity back. You young kids have the job of making America the morally sound nation that the founded fathers meant for her to be. You know the sad thing about America is that America is the only country that lies about what she is. And I hope you youngsters don't make the mistake all these right wingers, they so busy running around eulogizing my country, eulogies are for dead things. But thanks to you young folks America is not dead yet, so I hope you don't make the mistake of eulogizing America and I hope you examine America and find out where the cancer is and cut it out. It a big job for you because there's a lot of cancer. But that's the job and the responsibility we've left for you young kids.

Today we're so busy running around telling about America the beautiful. Let me tell you something if anybody in America tonight believes America is beautiful with that Indian trapped up on that reservation then you're sick, sad and out of your damn mind. America will never be beautiful until you cut your Indian brother loose that we got penned up on that reservation. I hope you young kids never forget him, and so you got a big job to do. America is the only country that lies about what she is and that shames me to know end. MAO TSE TUNG do not pretend that he is a Communist and a revolutionist. Them Communists in Russia don't pretend that they're not Communist. As dirty and as stinking as HITLER was he didn't lie to the world that he felt them Nazis was superior to everybody else. In South Africa tonight they do not lie, they don't pretend that they love them niggers over there. America is the only country on the face of this earth that says one thing but do something else. If you youngsters don't do anything else let's let America be known for what she is. Everyother country is known for what they are. You youngsters got a big job and a big mess to clean up. Thanks to us. I say thank goodness you youngsters showed up at the Democratic Convention because it sure woke up a lot of young folks and I don't think there's anything worse then a young fool because you got so long to be a fool. But we woke you up, 15,000 young folks came to Chicago to change the system and the whole establishment got upset and it woke you up because three days after the Democratic Convention was over the whole establishment tried to convince you that you did not see what you saw on television. They say it didn't happen. They said the press created it. Let me tell you something you know if KOSYGIN was dealing with a

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world as insane as America you know he could beat that Czechoslovakian war. All he would have to do is get on world-wide television and say you didn't see it, it didn't happen. We admit we sent little miniature tanks to the Czech border but the press blew them up to make them look like real live tanks. Let me tell you something about them damn fools in Moscow they made the same mistake these old fools made in America, they plotted their strategy and they never took into consideration what the young folks' reaction was going to be. They had no idea when they rode their tanks into Czechoslovakia the young kids would come out and put the swastikas on them. They knew the old folks in Czechoslovakia, they know how they would act, would act the same way these old fools would act in America if they brought tanks out Sunday morning and say anybody caught trying to go to church going to get machine-gunned down, you would be surprised what your ma-ma and daddy would do. They would nail the damn door closed and young kids next Sunday that ain't never been in a church before would go.

So I say you youngsters have got a big job on your hands. Fifteen-thousand hippies and yippies came to Chicago to change a system and the whole establishment got upset, not because they tore the town up, the reason they tore it up. They were talking about changing the system. You know damn good and well they don't give a damn about you tearing up a town in this country. For the last ten years in America nobody knows it any better than you folks that live here, for the last ten years in America these white kids been coming to Fort Lauderdale, Florida every spring break tearing up the whole town and nobody gets upset. They know that you're just getting drunk but nobody gives a damn but when you talk about changing this system, they will blow your brains out. That's what you talking about that's what you up against. Young kids came to Chicago talking about changing a system. These kids on these college campuses talking about changing a system. Let me ask you something when we were in college we had panty raids, remember that. Let me ask you something to show you how us old, sick degenerate fools think, which is the most of pure degeneracy, and pure filth to go into the girls' dormitory and take all the drawers or take over the administration building. But when we were still in panties we weren't trying to change the system, and they didn't give a damn what you did they just said boys will be boys. So I say to you young folks you got a big job to do and don't pay any attention to us old folks, do your thing and look and understand what's happening. Fifteen-thousand hippies and yippies came to

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Chicago to change a system and the whole establishment went crazy, and I ask you who do you think was the most immoral last year in Chicago, the hippies and the yippies or the Shriners when they came to town for their convention. Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitution. Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago last year, the hippies and the yippies or the Shriners when they was in town. Nobody got upset over the Shriners when they came to Chicago because they didn't come to change nothing just to buy something. So I say you youngsters got a big job. Quito a big job, we left you a mess to clean up. We left you a big mess.

MARTIN LUTHER KING was assassinated, we all got up and said Oh! they've assassinated Doctor KING. They assassinated BOBBY KENNEDY, Oh! they killed BOBBY. They gunned down JFK, and we Oh! they killed the President. But nobody in America got upset when they assassinated LINCOLN ROCKWELL and MALCOLM X. Do you understand that America is not a nation that gives a damn about an assassination, she just gets upset when she kills somebody she likes. Ninty-eight percent of everybody in America that got upset over MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination, if GEORGE WALLACE was assassinated in the morning they would not be upset. It's a sad commentary on this country, you youngsters got to change this country to the extent that America is going to get upset over assassinations regardless to who it is or she's not, just that open and shut so you youngsters got a big job to do and then we keep looking around telling you that it's the generation gap, that's not nothing but a lot of malarky. When the day we quit lying to you youngsters will be the day you understand what we're talking about. Suppose I stood up here tonight and I said 2 and 2 is 7, and when you start reacting, I say well it's just the generation gap. BERTRAM RUSSELL who's 98 years old could leave London, England tonight and come to America and be the youngest among you because he going to try and reach you from the highest statesmanship, morally pure standpoint and that's the problem with America and that's why us old fools is listed here. And nine times out of ten that same ma-ma and daddy that's going to tell you next month how you suppose to act, going to cheat on their income tax. Going to pad their damn expense accounts so I say to you youngsters you got a big job, you got a mighty, mighty, big job ahead of you.

Let me tell you the biggest job you youngsters are confronted with today, the biggest job you youngsters are confronted with today, I do not advocate destroying the capitalistic system but I say to you youngsters you had better

work like hell to beat the capitalists into their rightful position and that is behind the U.S. Constitution not in front of it. As long as the capitalists are in front of the U.S. Constitution that means we'll put our emphasis on property rights instead of on human rights so you youngsters got a big job to do today because we emphasize nothing in this country but property and if want to know why black folks is doing better today then they have ever done in the history of America is cause them niggers started burning up property and the capitalists understood that and they started doing some things, no other reason. And all those silly Americans running around now, oh! isn't it nice how much progress you're making and we didn't make it out of the goodness of America's heart. When HENRY FORD stood up and looked at them niggers damn near burn down Detroit including the Ford plant, HENRY FORD went crazy. And those of you that read the paper know HENRY FORD went out and hired 6,000 black folks in two days and wouldn't let a white man get in the line. Not only did he hire 6,000 in two days, he paid them two weeks pay in advance, gave them their car fare and their lunch money. And that's the sad thing about America is she appreciates nothing but property and when you become a threat to her property she will react in a manner that's real groovy. So you youngsters got a big job. This country is not controlled by the democratic process, this country do not function under the U.S. Constitution, this country is controlled and governed by the capitalists. That's why Americans all over this country last year went out under the Constitution and peaceably assembled for strong gun legislation and the capitalists that manufactured those guns saw to it that you did not get strong gun legislation. In a nation so insane we demand that you got a prescription to fill to get your medicine but you don't need one to get your gun. Weird isn't it. Do not need one to get your gun. Let me tell you I can't hit you in the head with my pills and kill you, nor can I throw my cough syrup on you and injure you. I'm not saying Americans shouldn't have guns, the U.S. Constitution says all Americans have rights to bear arms, but I also got a right to get well and if you going to make me go through some changes to get my medicine then make me go through some changes to get my gun. So I say you youngsters got a big job, in this nation where us old fools sit back and let them tell you 18 year old boys at 18 you old enough to die but you not old enough to vote, if you silly enough to do that that's exactly what you need. And I get upset when I hear you young folks running around crying if I got to go to war and die

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at 18, I want the right to vote at 18, don't be no damn fool. You got to die at 18 you better get the right to vote at 17. If you can vote at 17 might not be no war when you get 18.

So I say to you youngsters you got a big job and let me tell you if you want to make quick changes you young white kids you don't have to burn the country down cause you in the same shape the poor black man is in. That poor black man can burn the whole town down without them listening to him, with the money you young white kids control you can close this country down, you don't have to use the brick or Bible unless you just want to. But I tell you one thing if you youngsters want the right to vote at 13 years old you can get that, but you going to have to do more then grow your hair long and I dig your hair being long and I dig your not shaving because you're doing something to America. You're telling America that morality will no longer be a Brooks Brothers suit and a clean shaven face and a hair cut once a week and that's groovy baby.

You're saying that morality will no longer be going to Sax - 5th Avenue, getting the latest fashions from Paris, bathing in Chanel #5, having an abortion whenever you get ready and you still Mrs. So and So. The young kids are saying morality will no longer come from without but it will come from within and it's not too many of us old folks in America can be highly, morally substandard citizens when we can't look the part. We can't go put our shirt in town we're in trouble. But I say to you youngsters it's more then letting your hair grow long, it's more then wearing your tennis and doing your thing, you got to get out here the idea that you want the right to vote at 17, you got out here and address your grievances to the capitalists and you'll be surprised how quick you get that right. You youngsters organize across this country and after you get the young people organized, you go to the record industry and you tell them that if they don't got a deal pushed through in two months time through their lobbying that say 15 year olds can vote, you going to call for a nationwide boycott or find photograph records for two years. What do you think would happen, you better know it. Before these record companies sit back and let you wipe out a multi-billion year industry, they'll let 13 year olds vote. You see all of us old fools we don't buy them records and if it is one of them old DIRKSEN albums. So I say to you youngsters you have to work to beat the capitalists behind the Constitution and then for the first time we'll put emphasis on human rights, instead of property rights and to show you how we emphasize property rights this is why Mayor DALEY in Chicago could say shoot



all looters to kill. He never said shoot murderers to kill, he never said shoot dope pushers to kill, he said shoot all looters to kill because murderers and dope pushers is dealing with the human right, looters is dealing with the property right, and to be honest with you when Mayor DALY made that statement shoot all looters to kill, it's the first time I ever agreed with anything he said, I hurried up and sent him a telegram. I said Dear Fool your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill I agree with wholeheartedly if you make one stipulation, let's first make it retroactive and let's first put the gun in the Indian hand. So I say to you youngsters you got a big job tonight. Watch everything, keep your eye on all us old folks and whatever you do watch your ma-ma and daddy, ask them a lot of questions because you've got to sleep with them.

Oh! yeh, somebody come around and knock on your door today, your mother and father say who is it, say government inspector, say what do you want, say we come by to get your dog or your cat, say what, say yeh, we just got a law pushed through that says we sending pets to Vietnam. It's funny but it's sad cause you know how much hell your ma-ma and daddy will raise if somebody tried to send that dog to Vietnam. There would be a shoot-out on the front lawn. It's funny, but it's sad when you youngsters got to admit you're living in a nation today where your ma-ma and daddy would raise more hell over the dog going to Vietnam then they would raise over you going to Vietnam. The only hell those folks raised up there in Santa Barbara when they all came up and got on the ducks; now I'll sympathize with AL's baby but a nation that drops napalm on women and kids every morning and get upset if you'll up a duck. You youngsters got a big job, yeh, you got a mighty, mighty, big job ahead of you.

Oh! do we get uptight when you youngsters burn them draft cards, you know why. Have you ever asked yourself what's the most important card in America today, the draft card or the Social Security card. Sure it is the Social Security card stays with you all of your life, women and men have Social Security cards. Draft cards stay with you part of your life, only men have draft cards. So beyond a shadow of a doubt the Social Security card is the most important card in America today. Why is it that we all in this room tonight can burn our Social Security card and nobody give a damn and it's the most important. When you burn your draft card everybody wants to go crazy. Cause when you young kids burn them draft cards you saying to us old fools one day old fool you going to get this country in a war

we not going and fight it for you, you have to fight it yourself. I tell you youngsters you got a big job, mighty big job. You see if your ma-ma and daddy would quit making money so much and tried to understand what you was talking about we might could solve these problems immediately. I'm sure your ma-ma and daddy realize there's 152 senators and congressmen sons that ain't never been drafted that's old enough they might listen to you about that wrong. Sure if your ma-ma and daddy understood DEAN RUSK's son became of draft age five years ago and he ain't never left Washington, D.C. You know how many kids DEAN RUSK done got killed. I wish I was young enough to get drafted, soon as I got my induction notice I would hurry up and fly to Washington, D.C. and handcuff myself to DEAN RUSK's boy. Then I got on television and say to all the fools whatever is wrong with DEAN's boy is wrong with me. And I say you youngsters got a big job and you not getting too much help from us old folks. You got to come on out here and take care of business and try to save this system if we haven't gone beyond the point of no return. I say keep your eyes open, ask a lot of questions, and the one question you youngsters need to ask loud and clear, that question is, if democracy is as good as we tell you it is why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down peoples throat with a gun.

The day you young folks work to make this democracy work right for the first time that's the day we can bring the guns home, cause you see anything good you don't have to force on people they will steal it. To you youngsters tonight let me say probably the most important thing I'll be saying to you all evening you youngsters that's in colleges and universities, you youngsters that's planning on going to colleges and universities in this country, don't make the mistake in these colleges and universities that us old fools made. You see when we went to college we was so busy trying to learn how to make a living we forgot to learn how to live. Oh! me, so many people say I'm going away to school to learn how to be somebody, hell you was born somebody. And if you dumb enough to let somebody teach you to be somebody else that makes you two people. Check out what SIGMUND FREUD says happens to you when you become two folks. Why you got to go away to college for four years and pay top dollar to somebody to teach you how to be crazy. Oh! me, these people that say well you know you got to eat, I got to get me a job. Well, what do you mean you got to eat, if you ever learn how to live eating is the simplest thing in the world. A gorilla eats more food in one meal then you eat in six weeks, you ever known one to go to college. You ever passed a gorilla in the super market. When was the last time that you read that a gorilla starved to death. And the day that gorillas learn how to

make a living and fail to learn how to live that's when you see them doing all these stupid things you do. You would be surprised how strong nature is, you would be surprised how powerful you youngsters are, one day when educators realize that all they have to do is bring out what nature put in you and no more that's the day we'll solve all the problems confronting the face of this earth today. You are the universe, check your body out one day. Nine planets to the universe, you got nine holes in your body, do you understand what you are. You might powerful, nature is mighty powerful. Let me ask you in the audience tonight, raise your hand those of you in the audience that understands Chinese, one, there's over a thousand people and one gentleman over here understands Chinese, not just, two, two people. I just said that to show you how strong nature is. You are aware of the fact that right this moment dogs in China understand Chinese. Never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian, dogs in Germany understand German. Do you? I say that to say that through nature you're born with all the wisdom you need to get to your grips, fight your way out of one of those tricks and get human dignity. Don't let nobody tell you you have to be taught that. So I say to you youngsters you got a big job. You work to change the system, I hope you really work to overhaul the educational institutions and make them live up to their names. Ninety-eight percent of all the educational institutions in America do not know how to educate because for the last 100 years all they have ever done was indoctrinated and there's a difference between indoctrination and education.

That's right you got a big job to do, you got to change the course of this country, see to it that we educate you and not indoctrinate you because there is a difference. This is what black folks, young white folks is talking about on these college campuses that all of us old fools don't understand. They talking about changing a racist institution and for one brief minute let me say to you white folks and silly niggers in the house, that the problem ain't white folks any more it used to be but white people you so damn insignificant now the problem in America is this racist institution and if all the white folks in America disappeared out of this country tonight and didn't leave nothing here but black folks, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Indians if we still had to take that old trick test ya'll make us take now, we still couldn't get into Harvard University. It the system we trying to change. This racist structure. Don't you know that if I decided tomorrow to go on television, and say I'm-have you ever been on a railroad any of you, you ever been on a train, you ever see a black man doing anything but being a Pullman Porter. Nobody

says that racism but if I got a press conference going tomorrow and said that I'm going to organize all the black Pullman Porters we don't want no white folks telling us we going to drive a train, we don't want to take up your tickets, we just want to be Pullman Porters, all you liberal-minded white folks say I'm a racist. But a nigger ain't never been able to do nothing on your railroads but be a Pullman Porter and nobody complains about it. It's this racist structure we tired of. We are so sick of it. Oh! two years ago had I gone around the country and said you can solve the black man's problem with black capitalism, all white folks would have went crazy, listen at that racist, but that old white boy NIXON talk about black capitalism and nobody says he racist. We tired of this system. We tired of this racist structure in this institution. Did you ever looking at that television show called The Dating Game, anytime they got a black person on it, they got three black people on it. That don't bother you do it. That don't bother you because that's your system doing it but if I went on that show next week and say yeh, I'll go on it providing you don't have no white women on it, and have three black sisters, everybody in America would want to talk about I'm a racist. Man we so damn sick and tired of your attitude we don't know what to do and we trying to change this racist structure and you can get with all these old niggers that think the way you think and talk to them they can agree with you, it's going to get this old country in trouble, that's what we're talking about.

So we moving now to change the institution, no more, no less. This institution is racist institution that gets upset in Washington, D.C. because the Niggers is doing all the crying. But nobody gets upset in Miami, Florida when them damn silly gangsters run the town today, belittle it and the town couldn't function without them. And a lot of people want to believe that to be born black you have a built-in criminal tendency. That you inherit criminal ways, let me tell you something. all the money niggers steal in one year wouldn't supply one months' recreation fee for them Italian silly mopsters. Dig this, in the New York Times a couple of weeks ago they talking about New York City, the estimate followed a report Monday that theft from the garment industry alone runs as high as 50 million dollars a year, 300 thousand dollars a day they steal from the garments but those are white folks, nobody up tight. Man don't you know if that was niggers stealing that they would close the town down. You want to do away with the crime syndicate in America let black folks take it over in the morning and you would see to it, it would be wiped out by this weekend. So we saying we tired of this racist structure, we tired of this racist institution. That's what black

folks is talking about. Let me tell you something tonight that all you Americans that's worrying about separatism before you ever get upset over separatism, you go get that Indian off that reservation because you can't get no more separatism than that. But you know you're not worried about separatism as long as you doing it. And the minute that Indian say, me like a heap of reservation, me don't want white man up here then you would be running around saying, I don't know why he wants to separate hisself. And the minute the black man says I don't want to put up with these insults no more, let me alone, he wants to holler separatism. This country has always been separatism, you just defy a black man say he want to be over here by himself. I go through the country and all these niggers come up to me and say to me why do these, why do these colored folks want separate dormitories because when you were in college you were sick enough to let them crackers write coon on the toilet wall and yell nigger down the hall, these young black kids say before they listen to all that and got to read all that filth in the toilet they rather be by their self. Maybe if you were on campus today you might understand what they talking about, but since you not if you don't understand it don't even comment on it. And every black man don't understand you young black kids, he'll let a cracker walk up to him at work and say ah, come here boy, and he'll be the vice president of a company. He'll be 95 years old and still let some white man call him boy and he just grinning. He call again and he says Yeh, mister. Man we sick and tired of this nonsense, and this what we talking about and for some reason a lot of people don't understand what we got on our minds today. We talking about this racist system.

Let me say to you youngsters I wish you would do me a favor one day this week, go to the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence and you know how to copy without reading it, don't read it, just copy it, you know how to do that, Yeh, sure you do, and I want you to carry that Declaration of Independence with you 24 hours a day, never be caught without your Declaration of Independence. Now the favor I want you to do for me when the riot season opens up again. Yeh this country so busy programming folks they got black folks believing they got a riot season July through August. Last riot season we didn't show up and the whole country got upset. Where were ya'll we had the tanks waiting for you. GEORGE WALLACE how come you think they didn't show, ah, you know them niggers is lazy and shiftless, they just tired. I tell you where we were last riot season, we got tired of stealing all those bad, no good products, so last July through August we decided to go underground and study the

consumer reports. So when the riot season opens up again this year we ain't stealing no more Motorolas baby. Now let me tell you the favor I want you to do for me, when the riot season opens up I want you to run home and get around your ma-ma and daddy and you young black kids especially, because you got some niggers in those houses which think more degenerate and more corrupt then the Ku Klux Klan could ever think and you do know what I'm talking about. Now what I want you to do I want you to get the television and put it in the middle of the room and turn on the evening news cause they going to show them riots. They show them niggers looting and riot and socking it to the town. Now I want you to turn on HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY cause they get close-ups. Yeh, them other two networks they want to cover it in a helicopter you know, but HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY gets such close-ups you can recognize your kin folks. Look there there Uncle BRADLEY, I didn't know he was in Detroit, look at him. Now after you get it on NBC at that point run upstairs and get them parents and bring them down and put them right in front of the set so they can see and listen to them niggers burn and tear the town up and just listen to their reaction, you heard it before. After you tired of listening to them fools, the favor I want you to do me, I want you to go up and turn the sound off the television so they can't see nothing but them black folks burning the town. At that point I want you to move back behind them old fools and while they looking at them niggers sack the town I want you to read the Declaration of Independence as loud as you can read it and maybe for the first time they'll understand what they looking at. We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal and endowed by the Creator with certain inalienable rights that when these rights are destroyed over long periods of times it is your duty to destroy, abolish that government, so what the hell you say.

I know at first them old fools are going to assume that this was a message MALCOLM X left for RAP BROWN. But I sure with a minimum amount of persuasion you will teach them old fools that that was their beloved Declaration of Independence, that one with the mistake on it; that one they forgot to put for white only. Let me say something to you tonight the fact that you didn't put for white only on this when black folks read it we silly enough to believe that the founded fathers moant for this to be for any American but we know it wasn't because when we do what the Declaration of Indopendence tells us to do you want to call us looters, you want to call us hoodlums, so I say to you that gets upset the first thing you better do is change your Declaration of Indopendence so it will read for white folks only and then right after you finish doing that hurry up down in my ghetto and get this white boy American history book out because there's no way

black folks can continue to read your history and behave the way you want a nigger to behave because from the front page of your history book from the time you landed at the Plymouth Rock you tell me you shot and murdered your way all the way across to California, it's in the book, it's in your book. Have you ever read this stinking history of yours, and then you going to draft niggers into the Army send them to Fort Benning, Georgia teach them how to be guerrillas, send them all over the world killing folks to liberate for them and think they not going to kill you when they come back to liberate their mammy. You out of your mind.

Yeh, you ain't dealing with no World War II niggers anymore, you don't turn these niggers on and off no more. Have you ever read your own history, have you. You came to these shores and discovered a country that was already occupied, it's in your book. How do you discover something somebody else owns. It's like me and my ole lady walking out of here tonight and you and your lady sitting in your brand new automobile and my lady say, gee! that's a beautiful automobilo I sure wish it was mine and I say let's discover it. So evidently you white folks haven't read your history. Give me liberty or give me death, RAP BROWN didn't he? What did STOKELY CARMICHAEL say, here it is, don't shoot til you see the whites of their eyes. You got to be out of your mind to give me this thing here and then wonder why I behave the way I behave. Tell me you got to have respect for the police, I notice in your history book you didn't have no respect for the police. Yeh, it says this right here, in the early days when the British was the police. You dig it. A white boy by the name of PAUL REVERE road through the white community and say get a gun white folks the police is coming. Yeh, evidently you haven't read your history have you. Then you get upset when a nigger steal a television set but right in your history book you talk about how you got on that cat's ship and dumped all that tea into the water. You just mad cause I got enough sense to take it home. Well if you think you can take somebody else's tea and throw it into that bay out there and then call it a Boston Tea Party then everytime a nigger take a television set call that a Saturday night fishfry. So I say to you youngsters you got a big job working, stealing, changing the system, as I leave you tonight let me briefly discuss with you, black attitudes in America. Lord know we got some attitudes, thank God it is about time. Now I hope you white folks understand that black folks we don't know what we been doing the last two years to alienate you the way we've alienated you but whatever it is we going to keep doing it. Because the more you got alienated

there's more integration, more black folks on television, and you know what, white folks don't lynch niggers no more in America. Something about what we're doing to you that's made it so safe for us. Oh, when we was running around hoping and praying and filling up the Baptist church and praying, it was lynching you a nigger when you got ready, but I walk all through this country today, and don't have no problems. I don't know what it is about the way we've alienated you that made you respect not to put that rope around our neck but baby irregardless to what you want to believe, black folks is doing better today with you being mad then we was when you was glad. Now what we trying to say, we're tired of these insults, and all we doing today for the first time is reacting to white America's insults now we cannot make white America stop insulting us and from this day on you cannot make us stop reacting to your insults so that's the way it's going to go down from here on in. White America insults us we going to react to it. That's the new game, that's the new thing now.

So I say to you do you know what an insult it is when white Americans ask black Americans to be non-violent. You know what that means the only country that's ever dropped a atom bomb on another living human being is trying to ask black folks to behave. Every morning you go out dropping napalm on women and kids then ask me to behave. Nobody knows anymore then me because I'm so totally dedicated and committed to non-violence. To the extent that I believe Thou Shall Not Kill covers anything with life and blood in it, so consequently I'm a vegetarian. That's my hangup though, I wouldn't never go around preaching vegetarianism like I don't preach non-violence, I live it. If a man was going to wipe out my wife and my seven kids the only way I could stop him would injure him or kill him, he would have to wipe them out. I got a right to have that hangup, I'll have a right to tell you you got to sit by and let some chumb wipe out your whole family. I would never knock a steak off your plate and I never want you to put a pork chop on mine. I'll never take a stick of dynamite out of your hand, I'll never let you take my picket sign out of mine. But as non-violent as I am it insults me and alienates me along with other black folks to hear white America to tell us to be non-violent. You own all the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Marines; all the police you own, State police, Federal police, local police, CIA and then come to us with all them guns and we ain't done a damn thing and say, be non-violent boy, we say you go to hell.



We say to you Americans that really believe that you and this country freak out over non-violence, we say to you prove it to us. Don't do nothing for us cause we can prove we can burn a town down. But since you like non-violence so much how come my Indian brother still up on that reservation. You can't be no more non-violent then this Indian has been in the last 75 years, what happened, I thought you liked non-violence, damn it, as long as that Indian is on that reservation, you should never utter the word non-violence cause you have a passionate disrespect for it until somebody gets violent. You in Vietnam tonight with your violent Army trying to free that foreigner and give him a better way of life than you want to give your own Indian brother who you stole this damn country from, you ain't pulling no game on nobody no more.

The whole world got hip to you that why Peru just ran stand and all out of Peru, and they going to run you capitalists out of that whole North America, that whole South America cause if it wasn't for standing R which ain't nothing but ROCKEFELLER and that Catholic church the whole continent could get free over there, and the whole world getting hip to your game now including your boys and your girls, your own kids have got hip to you, so I say to you youngsters we act like we don't know what you doing but we know damn good and well what you've got to do, so we say to you if you believe in non-violence, don't talk it no more, prove it, go liberate the Indian. You know what that Indian got to do to get a better way of life in the State of Florida in the morning, he got to get up on the dry dock and catch you white folks driving down the expressway and getting to shooting at you, Pow! Whitey go home, and when that Indian say whitey go home he talking about the big trip baby. And you know what just as sure as that Indian gets to raising hell in the morning oh! the whole country go crazy. I can just hear them now, them stinking reds, and the next Sunday you turn on television and look at Meet The Press and they will be interviewing some old Uncle TOM TOM Indian that will be saying everything you old fools want to hear. I can just see them now, yeh, me like a heap of reservation, the problem come from them young bucks, them STOKLEY RUNNING HORSES and RAP LIGHT CLOUDS, and all the old fools will go to bed believing the Indian don't want nothing but just as sure as he keeps coming down and burning and looting and getting him some blond scalps and raping some of them white ladies, oh, you'll listen to him then. Yeh, you know if that Indian raises enough hell, next summer you turn on television you'll see as many Indians on television as you saw black folks last year. I can just see it down, tune in every

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Tuesday night, one hour special, seven part series, Meet Your Indian Brother, sponsored by Xerox, no commercials. Ah, if that Indian raise enough hell this year, next year you'll have a Indian here talking to you.

Yeh, but that Indian has been so peaceful like you say you like a man, and he's bout to get wiped out, about to get wiped out. He's been so peaceful you don't know that the highest form of Tuberculosis among any minority group on the face of this earth happens upon your Indian reservation, not Moscow, Russia. The highest form of suicide rate among young folks on the face of this earth happens upon your Indian reservation, not in Peking, China, but you don't care cause that Indian ain't alienating you, he ain't bugging you, he ain't aggravating you, he is as non-violent as you claim you like a man to be and the Bureau of Indian Affairs is that a joke. They handle Indian business. Yeh, that's like letting the Ku Klux Klan implement the civil rights laws. You know something, you know the money it cost to run the Bureau of Indian Affairs, if we wipe the Bureau of Indian Affairs out in the morning, the money it costs to run the Bureau, every Indian in America could get \$4,300 a year a piece. But you don't know that now because the Indian haven't bugged you. So I say to you youngsters you got to create an atmosphere in America, where America will become as ashamed of injustices at home as she is of afraid of Communism abroad. That's a job for you youngsters, so I say as I leave you tonight black folks have an attitude, we're tired of these white racist insults. Lot of white folks come up to us now and say, how come you'all don't want to be called colored no more, how come you'all don't want to be called Negro. We notice you don't play games with yourself, why play them with us. All you got a bunch old silly niggers that work for you, you work with them let you call them anything that you want but that nigger going to get you in trouble. No you're not playing no games with us, just call us black until you find out who we really are. That's what we talking about. That's why we want you teach black history in your white schools because if you young kids knew white history and not just what your daddy and ma-ma told you about me, you would understand that your mammy came closer to becoming that nigger than me. That's what we talking about.

That's why across this country we demanding you teach black studies and we don't give a damn what all these old niggers running around talking about they going to sue that segregationist. We know damn good and well our history goes back

further than slavery and we know you know it so we telling you to teach it to us, so we can find out who we are cause a man without a knowledge of himself is like a tree with no roots. This is what these young black kids is talking about today, no more and no less, so we say just call us black, don't call us Negro, don't call us colored, no more and we say that and we don't mean to put you white folks in no imposition but you don't play no games with yourself, a Jew leaves Israel tonight and comes to my country he's a Jew in Israel, he stays a Jew when he gets here. When an Italian leaves Italy to come to my country he was an Italian over there, he stays an Italian when he gets here. The Irishman left Ireland to come to America he was an Irishman over there, he's still an Irishman over here. You dig it, you didn't play no games with yourself why play them with me, I made the same trip you did came across the Atlantic, I left Africa, Africans and I come here and I got to be colored folks and Negroes, and niggers, no don't play no games with us baby. And if you want to play some games, since we all came across that Atlantic change your own damn self, call yourself such old funny names for a change. That's all we say, so I say to you tonight we're tired of these insults.

Twenty and thirty year ago black folks in America had an empty stomach. Today black folks in America got a full stomach but a hungry mind and a hungry mind will not tolerate the same thing an empty stomach did. Empty stomachs deal on smell and hungry minds deal on sound and all at once this country don't sound right to us anymore. That's what we saying. Four years ago three white boys burnt up their draft cards and within two weeks time the Senate in Congress had passed an anti-draft card burning bill. But we haven't been able to get them to pass an anti-lynching bill in a 100 years. This country just told me she thinks more of a piece of cardboard then she thinks of my black mammy. I'll bring her to her knees for that and I couldn't give a damn what your thoughts was about it. We're tired of these insults. If I was in Vietnam tonight and got killed by a Viet Cong, this government tonight would give my black wife \$10,000 and she couldn't take that \$10,000 and buy her a house in any neighborhood she wanted to buy one in, hell, I've got kids shooting at the wrong folks.

Then you going to come up and tell me I need a fair housing bill to live next door to you, who in the hell do you think you are. What kind of animals are you. That old white Russian broad, STALIN's daughter, a known Communist and a known Russian you ain't suppose to like neither one of them,

you didn't make that broad get no fair housing bill to come to my country and live anywhere she wants to live. Why do I have to get one? All them Russian exchange students you bring over here to my country, they don't want to be your citizen. Matter of fact when you put them in these colleges you got to put the FBI around them four years watching them so they don't steal no secrets. You don't make them old Russians that come over here to go to school get a fair housing bill and live anywhere they want to live in these old racist college towns. Why do I need one. And all we're saying, we're tired of these insults.

Oh, there's a lot of white folks in America that believes a nigger is the stinkingness, smelliest thing that ever walked the face of this earth. That's groovy. I'm not here tonight to convince you niggers don't stink. I say do your own research. Check the records at the cosmetics industry, and see how many multi-billion dollars a year you white folks in America spends on deodorant. Then check them deodorant commercials on television and see when was the last time you seen a black armpit. Then figure it out for yourself. If niggers is doing all the stinking and the white folks is buying all the deodorant, who really stinks in my country. Oh we say we're tired of these insults. Oh, there's a lot of white folks that believes that because I'm black, I'm inferior to them. That's groovy, that's your hangup. Don't insult me with it no more. And you know the interesting thing the same white man that believes because I'm black I'm inferior to him he will be the first one to tell you that if I go to bed tonight with a Chinese woman tonight and give her a baby, the baby going to be colored. If I go to bed with an Italian woman, a Jewish woman, I can go to bed with any woman on the face of this earth and give her a baby and the baby going to be me. My sister can go to bed with any man on the face of this earth, and get a baby the baby going to be her. Is that inferior stock to you. We saying we're tired of these insults. We tired of people telling us education is our problem. You in Vietnam tonight with a half million Americans, have you ever heard one white or black American ever question that Vietnamese educational standards. Well if you don't question his you had better not question mine and when you question mine question it right. You know how many millions of people would be dead on the face of this earth if it was not for blood plasma. Are you aware of the fact that a black man in America by the name of CHARLIE DREW invented blood plasma. Don't take my word for it check it out in your library. Are you also aware of the fact that

CHARLIE DREW bled to death in an Atlanta, Georgia waiting room after an automobile accident because they didn't accept niggers. Education didn't have a damn thing to do with it, the man had the wisdom and the knowledge and the educational genius to give blood plasma to the world, and died from the lack of his own invention because his face was black. So we saying we're tired of these insults. We tired of people telling us, why don't you'all go down into the ghetto and pull your brother up by his boot straps, why don't you give him some boots with some zippers in them. We got to admit to you that 20 percent of the black women in America have illegitimate babies, we can't deny that, we've had fun in the ghetto baby, and 2 percent of you white women in America got illegitimate babies but what makes us upset is when you white folks know that your white sister got 2 percent illegite and my black sister got 20 percent illegite and you wants to believe that you morally better then me. No, baby your white sister got 2 percent and my black sister got 20 percent but if we ever get our hands on you white folks abortion credit cards we will show you how to knock a rape down to. We're saying we're tired of these insults. If all these white folks that run around wondering why, why you colored folks have all them babies you can't take care up, you going to end up on relief. We know that. You might run across a bunch of old silly Niggers that's ashamed of relief but the only thing I seen wrong with your relief is that you don't give enough of it. I ain't never met a white man that didn't want something free. And I ain't never met one that didn't want some money and if he words like welfare and ADC and relief, if those words upset you change it and call it foreign aide, or call it what you call that money you give to the farmers. What you call it, you don't call it relief you call it subsidy, And as far as all them black babies we have in the ghetto that we can't take care of, We make a deal with you, the day this system learns how to hire black boys and give us a good job like it gives you white boys so we can afford all them whores and prostitutes like you, we'll quit having all them babies at home too. We don't have to ask you about the whore cause she hears my sistor and she do talk to me when she comes home so we know what you doing. We say we're tired of these insults, and we don't intend to take them any longer. You know what an insult it is when I stop and think had my daddy been killed in World War II by a Gorman, had my daddy been killed in 1942 I was ten years then, I'm 37 years old now that means I would have gone 27 years without a daddy. Now that's not an insult because when daddys go to war they go to kill or be killed, the insult is the same Gorman that could have killed my daddy in 1942 and made me go 27 years without a daddy.

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that same German tonight can come to my daddy's country and live in a neighborhood my daddy's boy can't live in. Do you really understand what we're talking about. We're saying to America, before we ever sit back and let you treat your enemies better than you treat your citizens, we'll burn this damn country down to the ground, that's what we saying.

So in saying goodnight to you tonight, we're saying we're tired of these insults. We tired of you playing games so don't give me my rights on no damn installment plan. You passed a damn civil rights bill last year that covers 80 percent of the housing, what in hell am I suppose to do with the other 20 percent of me, join the Communist Party. So no more games, Yeh, I take it back we would like for you to pass one more law before you quit playing with us. We call it a honest white folks law and don't none of you white folks get up tight because it ain't got nothing to do with white folks, matter of fact we'll give it a good name, we'll call it The Concerned Honky Law and it will be a simple law and just read, All five year old black male baby boys, hadn't got nothing to do with white ones, it don't even cover the black woman, just all five year old black male baby boys will have to go to a government camp for one year from the age to five to six and we'll stipulate in the law that these five year old black baby boys will be able to sleep eight hours and for the other 16 hours a day for a solid year, now that's where the honest white folks come in, for 16 hours a day for a solid year you will teach these little five year old black boys, nigger when you grow up don't never date a white woman, don't never marry a white woman, don't never have an affair with a white woman; and before I leave here tonight let me set the record straight, we cannot believe that nothing upsets you no more in this country then to see a nigger with a white woman and you don't want to talk about your number one hangup, who in the hell do you think you are. And one day if you ever get up enough manhood to talk about your number one hangup, you might find out its something you're doing that makes me want to. Hell, niggers would bother no white woman. Every time your brand new automobiles come out, you can't advertise your new cars without that white woman so I feel I need her to make my gears shift right.

I'm sitting on an airplane reading a magazine and here the white woman got this big bottle of Pepsi Cola sticking in my face, thirsty honest, have a Pepsi. Yeh, I'll have a Pepsi and you too you old white broad. I go to my black neighborhood, walk into my black house, walk into my black living room, with my black

wife and my black kids, turn on my black television and there's your white sister running across half naked, hollering buy a Playtex living bra. Yeh, I got a Playtex for my old lady and I'll get you for me. Hell, you think every time you get ready to sell that old no good piece of product you want to put it in your white woman's hands and think I'm going to take it out and send her back, no we grabbing at the wrist, and if you think so much of that broad why don't you just keep her the hell out of my face. One day if you ever get enough sense to understand that if you stopped programming me you could have that woman back of yours so long til she bore you into insanity. Oh, I went to the movies when I was five years old. You know how fresh a five year old mind is, you know how pure and honest it is, when I was five years old I didn't know nothing about no white woman, I didn't know nothing about no love, I'd never seen nobody make love in my life until I go to the movie and who making love, EVA GARDNER and HUMPHREY BOGART. I'm five years old, I didn't know what they was doing but I knew one day I was going to grow up and do it. And I went to the movie every night cause in my home town you could get in the movie for free until you were 12 years old. Every night I went. Do you understand how you can program a person or are you completely unaware of how you program black folks. The next thing I know I'm 8 years old, been going to the movie every night for four years ain't seen nobody make love but that white lady. Everytime I look at Miss America, it's that white lady. You made me believe a white woman was the most gorgeous, precious, lovable thing God ever created. Okay, I'm going to get me one. I never will forget I was sittin in the movie, eight years old, and EVA GARDNER and JOHN LADD was doing their thing. I judged my friend, I say I'm sure going to get me one of them when I grow up. He said which one, him or her. I say I think I'll try them both.

Let me say something to you tonight I've got news for you tonight, I'm grown and I'm going to get me a white lady and the madder it makes you the more them ole white broads I'm going to get me and I hope it makes you so damn mad you'll quit programming them little black kids, and show them some black women in the movie making love, show them some black women advertising them new cars every year, show them some black ladies holding that Pepsi-Cola bottle, show them some black ladies running across that television screen, half naked and advertising that living bra and once you quit programming me you'll find out you can have your woman for the rest of your life. But the mistake you made with me is the only woman you ever showed me in the movies that was black was BEULAH, and the only black woman you ever showed me advertising was AUNT JEMIMA and I just thought you had enough sense to know I

ain't never, ever, ever wanted to make love to BEULAH or AUNT JEMIMA. So tonight I say to you, as I leave you those of you that have questions to answers, for just a few minutes those of you that have some time, we'd like for you to stick around but a lot of you have to go to work and relieve the baby sitters and so before I say goodnight to you, I say those of you that worked on the presidential campaign, I want to say thank you, and those of you that voted for me, I want to say a double thanks and I sit up late on election night waiting on St. Petersburg to put me over but you blow it, didn't you, you blow it, and you see what I did to those folks out in Santa Barbara that didn't vote for me, don't you, I brought that oil up on them so I take care of you during hurricane season, I'll lay it on you. So those of you that voted on me I say thanks, and I felt good be a presidential candidate because I was the only candidate running for the presidency, the rest of them fools was running for sheriff. And for those of you that voted for me, you didn't vote in vain, I have declared myself the independent write-in president of the U.S., we got a million and a half write-in votes across the country and March 4, next Tuesday, we going to Washington, D.C. and hold our inauguration and we going to open up our house and paint it black and call it the Black House, and for the next four years we going to try set up a food program and see if we can solve the problems of hungry people in America.

Again I say to all of you that it was a pleasure, particularly to you young folks who have the burden of solving the problem. If you have any questions, we'll be back shortly for questions and answers. Those of you that must run, may I say to you goodnight and God bless you and may nature have a lot of fun with you. Peace and freedom.

Q- That she enjoyed my speech very much and that she agreed with 99 percent of it, but please why did I try to talk the kids out of going to school?

A- I didn't try to talk the kids out of going to school. I didn't want to tell them to do nothing, you might find out that it's you causing them not to go, not me, don't put that damn rap on me. I mean that if you can believe I come to this town for the first time in my life and your 15 year old daughter listens to me and don't want to go to school, there's more to it than that. And if you check around that house you might find out it's something there, that's causing her not to go to school. I think everybody,



huh, bad schools, it might be a whole lot of other things, but you know I don't tell nobody what to do one way or the other. I try to explain to them that they got a job that they have to do and that some way or another, if they going to go to these schools they had better straighten them out and make them fit to go to, if they got to close all of them down, they should make them fit to go to because had we taken care of the school business when we came through it, our young kids wouldn't have no problems today, but we living in a country today where America will spend more money to built a damn highway, for more automobiles than in those schools. There's something wrong with this. We go all over the world building new schools, all over the world but we ain't going to build no new ones here. Something wrong somewhere. We sick enough in this country to say that if you born close to Miami or close to New York City or close to Chicago you can send your kids to good private schools, but if you born out round Memphis or out round Gatlinburg, Tennessee; if you born in America, America's to see to it that you got a good school to go to. Now I go all over, there's not one place in America I do not go in a 10 month period. You know something very interesting, the smallest town in America, I've been in there's a Holiday Inn. All over America in the rural areas there's Holiday Inns. If a private concern can bring some of the best living facilities to the smallest section of America, then damn it! America ought to be able to bring some of the best schools, best hospitals and best houses to the smallest sections of America. That's what we fighting for.

So what these young kids is saying to us today, they do not want to destroy America, they want to reform America but if they have to destroy her to reform her, they will. That's what they saying.

Q- Since there weren't many black folks that supported NIXON what do I think the temperature is going to be in the ghetto this year?

A- For one, I think as far as that ghetto brother it didn't make him no difference one way or the other, who was in there, you know, one way or the other. Most black folks that was democrats tried to use that cat in the ghetto as a threat and the only black folks that's really put NIXON down ain't been nothing but a bunch of old black democrats because if you want to be honest about, the cat

ain't made no mistakes in a month. He ain't made one mistake and believe me I've been looking, he made me mad because he ain't made none and the closest mistake I think he made was he didn't pull that sixth fleet out of Turkey, and that's a big scene, you see you don't know what's going on over there in Turkey, that's over dope that we sell that's gets sold in Turkey because all the dope you use in America comes from Turkey and that's what then young folks is tired of, the government there and here permits it. But the man ain't made no mistakes and as far as black folks didn't support him, well he didn't put none in the cabinet which I don't think we deserved any favors from him because you know any time black folks vote 91 percent the wrong way, hell that's like you're going to pass by and everyone in the room got a hundred bricks and you going to pass by for six hours and we can throw all the bricks at you but at 6 o'clock we can't throw no more bricks, and as 6 o'clock rolled around they threw 91 bricks and missed, and we don't get another chance for four more years. And I think, you know, I think it was an insult the fact that he didn't pick no black folks because we fighting for a man who will battle, we fighting a dignity battle. I think it was an instant insult but I think in the long run he don't have to be an insult because if the men NIXON picks happens to be statemen instead of politicians, it makes no difference what color a statemen is, he going to take care of the business but we have yet to see which way they're going on that.

Q- Since the majority of people that's going to colleges today happens to be white, and since the majority of the teachers that will be going out to teach will be white, what do I suggest for the young white kids to do to prepare themselves to go into the ghettos?

A- Let me say this, you see America is not as dumb as it lets on to be. Are you aware, do you know anybody in the Peace Corps? Do you know that if you decided to join the Peace Corps today and they was going to send you to Africa that they would send you to the University of Chicago for 26 weeks do you know that, and you study all the African's culture, you study his language, you study his history so you want get over there and alienate him. So you want get over there and do the wrong thing. Now I don't understand how America can send you to the University of Chicago for 26 weeks so you won't alienate that African

but they don't want to prepare you to come down into the ghetto. And if you went to Africa as ill prepared as they send you to the ghetto you get a spear run all the way through your jaws. All the way, all the way through. You know the laugh at that cat, look at that old savage with them bones through his nose and here a white cat puffing on a cigar laughing at that savage. He'll live longer with that bone through his nose than that white cat will live with that dust on his chest, but we wonder who the savage is, and so it's just the matter that the government is not going to create programs for you young folks so you going to have to dig, if you don't dig, you got to stay out of there. Are you going to go up on the Indian reservation and talking about helping him without being prepared. So you see if you go to the hospital and I don't know anything about medicine, the best I can do is go by your house and clean it up and take care of the kids. That's what we saying that we moved to the point where if you don't know going on, you can't do nothing but alienate us. I came to town today and some cat, beautiful cat over there at the dinner, walked up to me and said how you doing boy. Now he should have known better than that, if I'd had slapped him and knocked him down I bet he would have known then, but he was a beautiful cat, the cat's in civil rights baby and probably would work just as hard as anybody else but he don't know he ain't suppose to call a 37 year old man a boy. But this is the problem we're talking about. So I say there's books, there's plenty of books out now on black history, on black inventors, yeh, this is what we saying there's going to come a day ycut going to have to know a black man that's been at a stop sign, black man that's been in the cotton gin, black man that's been at the sugar machine, oh, there's so many, I work hard, go over to the patent office and lick it off because they made them put Negro on it, and as bad as we hated it, we glad because now we got proof what we invented, you know. During slavery nigger doing all the work and people want to believe white folks came up with all the inventions. Hell if I've got 5,000 white folks out cutting my grass who's more likely to invent a lawn mower, you or me? If you look back at all them inventors, they had to be us. And then all at once the cats want to run around and act like we're the dumbest race of people that's ever been invented. That old broad look at that nigger in the field

with that box and invited ELI WHITNEY down from Yale to show, look at this lazy nigger he went back and put a patent on it, and we tired of it. We say we got to know our history and it's there, it's in books people know it but will they make this a basic part of your curricular. We don't know but if you want to do it on your own, say go to the library, go to the black book stores and start asking for it. Start off with a very simple book, say give me a book of Negro inventors. You would be surprised what you would find out. There's a very brilliant book out, a white brother in Chicago put it out called, A Layman's Guide to Negro History, and that turns you on everything you would ever want brother. Everything you would ever want, starting at page 64 all the way to page 82 ain't nothing but black inventors. All the way down and it will upset you when you see them patents in there where it was a black cat there that invented that telephone, they got a patent on it, baby, got a patent on it. It was a black cat that invented that telegraph machine, Brother WOODS, you surprised at that, get the book it called, A Layman's Guide to Negro History, and don't even take the books away, go over to the Library of Congress one day and look up them patents and check them out, and then understand what we're talking about. We're tired of nobody talking about our accomplishments. Everytime somebody want to talk about some nigger they snatched a pocketbook, and we do that too and do it well. Yeh, that's right.

Q- What role will I be playing as co-chairman of the new party?

A- Now let me explain to those of you that's not familiar, I have become the co-chairman of the new party which happens to be an independent political party. The question is what role will I be playing. I can have a tremendous amount of influence at the top level to set up the new party to do the number one thing which I think is needed is to do a base of research to get out across the country. The role I will play is go around the country and influence young people that regardless to which way you vote register independent because the Democrat-Republican Party have proved that there's too immoral and too sick and too degenerate to solve the problems confronting America today, but even if you vote Democrat or Republican register on the independent ticket because it will make a lot of them want to win you over to them and they'll have to come and start

talking your language. You see in America today we have 200 million people and the average age in America is 27 years old, you see, 56 percent of America's population is 26 years old and down and in the next 8 years, 72 percent of Americans will be 26 years old and down and I personally believe that 8 years from now the President of the U.S. will come from the independent ranks and this is the role that I intend to play, is to go around and speak with young folks about independent political action. I just happen to be co-chairman of the new party, but it really makes no difference what party you in, as long as it's independent, political action and as long as you young people reach back and get statemens instead of politicians.

Q- I mention a book that I published last year, I think it was, A Parity on History?

A- Let me say, I, I published two books last year, one was called, The Shadow That Scares Me, and the other one was called, Write Me In. If you care to read it go to the library and check it out because they selling so good, it's kinda messing up my tax thing, you know. So go to the library and read it then take it back, you know. I just finished one, matter of fact I just came back from St. Thomas where I just finished a book for Harper and Row. Its a kid's book. It's pertaining to black inventors, and the way I did the book was; let me thank those of you that bought "Nigger," thanks a million, it sold 4½ million copies so that's pretty good. Harper and Row had me to do a book for them that's going to come out in September and they guaranteed me that they'll drop 4 million for the new school year in September. The way I did the book was I got a white kid waking out of bed in the morning and as he tries to make it through a 24 hour day, I show how inconvenient it would be for him if it weren't for black inventors and he hurts his foot and he bleeds and how he couldn't get the blood plasma had it not been for CHARLIE DREW, how the ambulance would be able to get through the traffic had the black brother not invented the stop sign, how he couldn't put sugar on his cereal had his black brother not invented the sugar processing machine, how he wouldn't be able to put shoes on had his black brother not invented the machine that makes the shoes and this all the way through a 24 hour period. This is the first book. The other one I've got

to finish up by June is, American History Book as Seen Through the Eyes of a Black Man, and this will not only be the black man left out but just how I read the history book that when the Indians won it was a massacre but when the calvary won it was a great victory and the Indians wasn't doing nothing but beating an invader off their land, and I have a third book which I haven't even decided which way I want to go on it yet but it's very groovy you know, the publishers are buying black anything you sell them black they're buy it and give you \$20,000 for it. It's disgraceful the way they're going crazy, you know. I sure am glad I'm up there with them. Let me get that gun. And you know I didn't know I just came back from St. Thomas, my wife and I and I, and we just found out how you have to do the publishers, did you read Nigger, I finished that in about six days and The Shadow That Scares Me, I done in about eight days so I've found out that, see I'm not an author, I'm a talker so I've found out that if you want to get a lot of money you have to be like the author so I told him I said yes, I could do the history book for you. It took us I think, we did the history book in about 4 hours, but I told him I said I did them like HEMMINGWAY used to do, I said yeh, I think if you give me round trip transportation to St. Thomas with the phone not be ringing and enough money to last for about three months I'll have it ready for you for June, and so we went to St. Thomas, I didn't have but 3 days, we went to St. Thomas, my wife, my friend over there and couple of other people from the staff. We didn't do nothing man, we just partied all day long. Last night we came to the hotel and finished up the whole manuscript and I got it in a bag and took it, and they'll pay you \$50,000 for that as long as you make them think you have really got to go through some changes. I wouldn't make big money at first because I was turning it in too quick, you know I thought that was the big thing, yes, I'm smart enough to do it in a week, it depresses me it takes me 6 months to get my thoughts together. Oh you should have see me do my thing when I was talking to Harper and Row, you think you can do a book for kids Mr. DAVIS, yes I think I can it's going to be mighty taxing but, yes, I think I'll have to wash my whole mind down and you know and see. You don't have to do nothing but go out and get a bunch of kids' book and read and find out how you're suppose to slant it, you know. Yeh, I read a couple of kids' books, people looked at me stupid when I pulled out Ed's third reader on the plane. Can you imagine sitting in first class reading one of them beginning readers. Trying to find out how I've got to

structure my sentences and everything. The woman sitting next to me, she says are you DICK GREGORY I said yes, she said I understand you read a lot of newspapers, I say yes, she says is that your kids' book, I said no, I just bought it myself.

Q- Is it a fact that the 'integration push is asking black people to blend into a white society?

A- You know there's a pride thing that gets involved, that's part of it but you see if you can just close your eyes and imagine you was born black, you in a black ghetto, that 99 percent of everybody you see are black, that you do not know that white folks is 90 percent of this country cause they've got you pushed over into your little section. Now it gets pretty disappointing, at 5 years old, see you don't know what's happening, that everybody you see in the course of the day is black folks til it comes to authority. The mayor is white, the police chief is white, the farmer white, the president is white, you got to think black folks is stupid, because after being forced into a situation where you don't see nothing but black folks all day long until it comes to something important, and this is what we're talking about, that when we move into the system we going to refuse to be chocolate covered white folks. We want to like do our thing because America claims to be the melting top of the world but she's not. Everybody got their little thing so we wants our little thing. We liable to be opening up some African churches here. Yeh, we liable running around, and next year we might decide that we going to get rid of the nappy hair and basheekes and we gonna wear just a little thing around us like our brothers do. You're liable to see black women coming out with their titties hanging out brother, like they was in the bushes or something. We don't know what we gonna do from one day to the other. We fighting for their fame, but whatever it is, it's gonna be ours. After we do that and get tired of that, then we might come on over and start whoop whooping it up brother. You ever see these black women with these blond wigs on, man's wigs on, and all that other costume. We changed everything we could. We ain't got around to the blue eyes yet, but we got blue sunglasses. We run around with bleaching cream, puttin' bleaching cream on, come down to Miami and lay in the moon and all that ole kind of stuff. As long as we was trying to be white, it was O.K., didn't nobody care. These

niggers finish school and tuck their lips in and talk, yes, I, I, I yeh, that was all right man as long as every move we trying to be like white folks. Oh, if you want to get just sick up to your stomach go to cocktail parties where there ain't nothing but black folks and see the way we act. Because we be acting it will make you sick you was white because we act the way we see white folks act, and baby you got to see us when we in our game playing games by ourself. Yes sir, Mr. JONES, a nigger ain't never been called Mr. in his life until he gets drunk, yes sir Mr. JONES, what do you and your old lady want. Ah, we would have a, we would like a martini or mar--, oh, you ain't seen nothing til you see them gloves at a cocktail party. Say, martini, yes, martini, then the waiter go and get him a martini and gives it to him and he sipping it, huh, tastes like gin. And man I'd go crazy but they trying to be white. They be sitting there talking, trying to talk like big business men, yeh, they ain't never owned no stock in their life, yes, I bought three chickens last week, I think I'm going into the poultry business. I've got them in the kitchen watching for them to lay some eggs. This cat been waiting three years for a egg to fall.

Oh, man we go through a siege, yeh, we go through woh, we go through a thing, and so now we saying all the hang-ups we coming out with them; we ain't ashamed of nothing, we got to lay in the mirror. You see the white man he so busy worrying about his hang-ups he forgets about mine. I got a lot of hang-ups, hell, I been married to that woman of mine 10 years but just twelve years ago I was trying to get me a light complected colored woman, I got to go through all these changes, and all these changes, my first daughter was too black for me, now they say black is beautiful, now I'm convinced, now she's too light for me. You been going through some changes too, its just one of these times, everybody going through these things, you understand? Oh, gee, you don't know how long me and my ole lady stood in the mirror trying to convince ourselves that black was beautiful. All right let's do it again on three, one, two, black is, oh, shit, let's try it again. Now we convince yeh, we convinced black is beautiful. Now my little boy gets up, he's 18 months old, the first thing he do is stick his hand out and say lay some skin on me daddy, black is beautiful, yeh, black is beautiful, yeh, we got to play these games though, yeh this is what its all about.



We just saying we want to do our thing, we tried to do it the other way, we tried to behave, we tried to be niggers, and the system would let us be niggers, they just want to misuse us and keep inciting us, we tried everything, we tried integration and got the hell beat out of us. All I say is let's do our thing, we just going to get over here and mind them, can't we do our thing no more no less. Everybody got their bag. You would invite an East Indian to your house and lay one of them big cow steaks on him, saying everybody got their bag, that's what these kids talking about in college. Keep me forced in my black ghetto, now you tell me I can go to the white universities and when I go I don't see no chitlings. Yeh, that's right, the first day I get to college, that cat got some mushrooms he gonm lay on me. Yeh, JIM you getting one of the damnest rides you ever had in your life, talking about these mushrooms. Yeh, they got mushrooms and gravy, yeh, man have you heard of red beans and rice, baby. You know, this is this scene, it's these changes. It's this whole scene, you know. And so this cat say anything you want there, you know different strokes for different strokes, you know everybody got their thing they want to do. If I had it all over again I wouldn't go to nothing but a black university and will send my kids to nothing but a black university because I went to a white school and at least if I had it over again, I know at a black university I can love any girl on campus without it affecting my grades. If a cat called me a nigger and he ain't calling it to me because he thinks I'm inferior to him, he calling it to me because that's just the slang among black folks. And we got up tight when we hear a white man say nigger not because we don't like to be called nigger, hell, you ever been around a lot of black folks and notice how much we use the word nigger. We use the word nigger more in a day than all the white folks put together could use in a lifetime. We ain't mad at you using the word nigger we just mad cause you ain't learn how to say it pretty. Like we do. That's what we mad about. Just say igger with poise. My old lady wakes me up in the morning she says, ah, hello pretty nigger got up, I say yeh, baby.

- Q- A young black lady has decided to run for beauty queen, Miss St. Petersburg, when is the festivities, March 7th, who votes for her, you don't know, well who decides who's going to be the beauty queen, the Jaycees, yeh. Let me ask you this here, do they have a big parade and all of
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that? Huh, well look let me tell you what happened to me when I was in college, we got tired of always looking at that white beauty queen but at night we couldn't find none of our customers, cause the white boy was trying to make it with her, so we figured you know somebody must be beautiful over here the way, but when it comes to a vote can't no black broad get no vote so we decided that that homecoming we were going to have a black queen too. So we went in town and found the ugliest black broad we could find, an old wineo, and the black folks got together and we voted her in and we couldn't put her in their parade but we took our float and put it at the tail end of their parade and after their parade was over we had our queen, the crowd was still there we blew horns, we carried that old ugliest looking broad, she was so ugly man she upset me, and we carried her out to the football game and during halftime we celebrated this old ugly broad around so whitey could see her, she was so ugly the next year he gave us one of them. Yeh, cause we threaten to get one uglier than her the next time. So what ya'll do ya'll get together and vote ya'll a queen in. You understand. You go through them changes and have your a celebration and get you a parade permit and take her all through the streets and just go on and have your thing, you don't have to wait on him to approval to decide if you're beautiful or not or if you should be the queen or not, you know any queen. Got the garbage queen and let the garbage collectors vote on one of ya'll. You understand, St. Petersburg Garbage Queen. Now so go on and do your thing, get you a garbage can and go all through town.

That will be the biggest thing that ever happened, ya'll have a garbage queen and get garbage cans and get a parade permit, they will cover it and send it all over the world, St. Petersburg Garbage Queen, and if they ask you why did you name it a garbage queen, say I think that if we don't get a black queen next year the whole town is garbage. You know they'll get up tight. You go on and do your thing, ya'll be cool. They've got to do PR game here because a lot of people want to retire here, so ya'll if you decide its getting about time you had one, how old is this town? I say how old is the town, don't anybody know? How long they been picking queens then? Ya'll go ahead and do your thing, have her crowned the same day they crown theres. Just go ahead and do your thing.

Q- That the young people have to make changes but the biggest problem that she finds is the white liberal and the apathetic attitude they find on the white college campuses today and what can you do to change that into a workable force?

A- Well one, the way you young kids is taking care of business you don't have to worry about that liberal at all. You see the only times black folks worried about Uncle TOMS was when we wasn't doing nothing and after we started taking care of the business, we didn't worry about no TOMS because a TOM couldn't offset what we did anyway. Anytime cats running around talking about MARTIN LUTHER KING was non-violent and all that cause he wasn't doing nothing. They used to come to me, man I don't dig you being non-violent, nigger you ain't, you must not be too violent I ain't read where you blew up nothing. You understand, ain't nobody got no patent on you. You want to violent get you a march and go on downtown and tear up something, and then, this is this thing but you don't have to worry about that. You don't have to worry about this apathy on college campuses. You just do your thing and just be sure your thing is pure, honest, ethical and descent and the whole world baby, them Russians are shook up all over the world cause one kid didn't wait in Czechoslovakia and laid down in the middle of the street and burned himself to death and the first time they ever had a shooting at meators over there in modern times, they made you think they were shooting at astronauts in Russians; you know ain't no earth people going to be shooting at no astronauts, they might get shot at, them moon folks, they shooting at them leaders, them young kids in Russia got upset about them young kids being upset in Czechoslovakia, so you got people all over the world and see you got to understand the liberal. The liberal, the word liberal, the word liberal is a very groovy word, what do it mean, if I told you I'm liberal with my money what does that mean, I'd give up a whole lot right, if I say I'm a liberal drinker that means I don't drink much, so what the hell is liberal. You know it can be anything at any time and black folks cannot say liberals didn't bring us up to where we are, but see liberals can only go so far and then you got to turn me over to the radicals and thank God for the liberals they carried me to the stage where I need a radical today. But if the liberals want to continue to be a liberal then they got to get up on the Indian reservation. They got to

got out there and help my Mexican brothers, they got to help my Puerto Rican brothers, so that's the problem you see the pony express was good in its time but don't put my airmail letter on a mule's back today. Put it on that Boeing 707. So we feel the same way about the liberals, the liberal served its usefulness as far as we're concerned but if he go up on the Indian reservation and help the Puerto Rican and the Mexican and if he do as good a job for the Indian as he did for us he'll become obsolete with them so I got to leave you, let me say to you youngsters, I hope you think, and I hope you really get into your thing and challenge everything, you know the Kerner Report on civil disorders in this country. The Kerner Report said that to solve the problems in the black community today is going to cost America \$80 billion dollars and I say to you I hope you don't bring no \$80 billion dollars down to my ghetto cause all you going to get is the damnest four day crap game you ever seen in your life. Say if you want to solve the problems in the black community today there's something that you've got to do first that won't cost you one nickel, as far as black folks are concerned, that's simple, your going to have to create an atmosphere in America for the first time where black folks trust white folks. How do you do that you going to have to get my Indian brother off that reservation, you going to have to free my Puerto Rican brother, you going to have to free my Mexican brother, and last but not least cause my Jewish brother plays a lot of games with himself but he should paint his face as black as mine and see what that Gentile say to you about you, say to us about you everyday in the week and then you realize you in that same bag we is, so what we saying to you is short and sweet, free my Jewish brother, my Indian brother, Puerto Rican brother, my Mexican brother and then for the first time we'll look around and say to America for the first time I trust you, come into my black ghetto and together we will solve our problems. But if America thinks she is going to solve her problems and keep all those other folks hung-up, we say to America today take that \$80 billion dollars and buy yourself some of the biggest guns money can buy cause you damn sure going to need them. That comes out of your history book too, it's called, we gonna PATRICK HENRY you something pertaining to give me liberty or give me death. So again thank you, God bless you, may nature have fun with you."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 15, 1969, Pinellas County Deputy Sheriff [redacted] said that on February 24, 1969, [redacted] for Radio Station WSUN, St. Petersburg, Florida, obtained a tape recording of a speech delivered by Richard Claxton Gregory at St. Petersburg, Florida, on that date. He said that he, [redacted] was present when [redacted] made the tapes. The recording was made at the WSUN studios, 210 2nd Street North, St. Petersburg, Florida, [redacted] pointed out. He continued by saying that WSUN, on that day, had prepared a direct line between the St. Petersburg Coliseum, where Gregory spoke, and the radio studio.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537**

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
Director.

The following FBI record, NUMBER **796 519 E**, is furnished FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Police Department Birmingham Alabama	<u>Dick Gregory</u> #119457	May 6, 1963	parading without permit	4-1 b6 b7C
Police Department San Francisco California	Dick Gregory #190584	March 1, 1964	J-14270 Section 166.4 Penal Code (criminal contempt disobey law ordered by Court)	dismissed
Police Department Selma Alabama	<u>Dick Claxton</u> <u>Gregory</u> #11178	February 16, 1965	disorderly conduct	
Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	<u>Richard C.</u> <u>Gregory</u> #361540	June 8, 1965	12-3 193-1	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Richard C. Gregory #104815	June 8, 1965	disorderly	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	<u>Dick C.</u> <u>Gregory</u> #104815	June 11, 1965	battery	
Police Department Chicago Illinois	Dick Gregory #104815	finger- printed August 2, 1965	disorderly	200 and no 200 and no on charge of disorderly
House of Correction Chicago Illinois	Dick Gregory #65-13150	November 15, 1965	193-1 disorderly conduct	Breach of Peace 2 cases \$200 fine \$200 total \$400 fine

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	Richard Claxton Gregory #50126	February 15, 1966	unlawful use of set net for fishing for game fish to-wit steelhead in two counts (Nisqually River)	
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington 307	Richard Claxton Gregory #50171	March 1, 1966	aiding and abetting in setting a gill net capable of taking a game fish	
PD Milwaukee Wis	Dick Gregory #108750	10-8-67	disorderly (civil rights)	\$100 & costs 11-22-67
PD Chgo Ill	Dick Gregory #104815	8-29-68	dis	

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Date: 4/21/69

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
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4-26-69

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-198) (P)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT QUINCY COLLEGE  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS  
4/19/69  
RM

Re Springfield airtel to Bureau, 4/3/69.

Enclosed herewith are the original and 10 copies  
of a self-explanatory LHM regarding captioned subject.  
Also enclosed are two copies of an FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have been disseminated locally  
to USA, Springfield; Secret Service, Springfield; OSI,  
Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; 113th MI Group, Evanston;  
NISO, Chicago, Illinois.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Springfield, Illinois

April 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT QUINCY COLLEGE  
QUINCY, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 19, 1969

Quincy College,  
Quincy, Illinois, advised on April 19, 1969, that Dick  
Gregory did not speak as scheduled at Quincy College on  
that date due to the incarceration of Gregory in Cook  
County Jail, Chicago, Illinois.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 21, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)

DIRECTOR, FBI

4/30/69

SAC, CINCINNATI (100-17860)(P)

THE NEW PARTY  
IS - MISCELLANEOUS

Re WFO airtel to Bureau dated 2/20/69 captioned as above and WFO airtel to Bureau dated 3/15/69 captioned, "MOCK INAUGURATION DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR 3/4/69 BY THE NEW PARTY, IS-MISCELLANEOUS."

[redacted]  
Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, who is currently being considered for development as a Confidential Source and whose reliability is yet to be determined, advised on 4/22/69 that JAMES P. DIXON, President of Antioch College, is the Co-Chairman of The New Party.

[redacted] stated that DIXON [redacted]

[redacted] stated that DIXON will [redacted]

[redacted] but he [redacted]

- 4 - Bureau (RM)
- (1 - 100-440423) (DICK GREGORY)
- 2 - Chicago (RM)
- 3 - WFO (RM)
- (2 - 100-48195)
- (1 - 157-1121) (DICK GREGORY)
- 2 - Cincinnati

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[redacted] advised that an individual named [redacted]  
[redacted] whose first name is unknown but who is related to  
the [redacted]  
is [redacted]

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Cincinnati is preparing a Letterhead Memorandum  
suitable for dissemination containing the above information  
as well as background data concerning DIXON.

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100-440423-474

May 5, 1969

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[Redacted]  
Acton, Indiana 46259

Dear [Redacted]

I have received your letter of April 30th, with enclosures, and your offer to be of assistance is appreciated.

With respect to your comments about Dick Gregory, the FBI has conducted a considerable amount of investigation regarding his activities and the results of our inquiries are furnished to the Department of Justice which has the responsibility for determining whether prosecution is warranted.

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I am enclosing some material relating to our work in the internal security field which I hope will be helpful to you.

Sincerely yours,

MAILED 10  
MAY 5 - 1969  
COMM-FBI

Enclosures (4)

An Analysis of the New Left: A Gospel of Nihilism  
Turbulence on the Campus

Director's Testimony 2-23-68, Re Communist, Racial and Hate Groups

Director's Testimony, 9-18-68, Before National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence

1 - Indianapolis - Enclosures (4)

Attention SAC: On basis of available data, [Redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles.

NOTE: Dick Gregory is on the Agitators Index. Dr. Hovde is on the Special Correspondents List.

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April 30, 1969

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

We, like a lot of other dedicated Americans, have been concerned with the circumstances in our country, especially our schools and colleges.

We are attaching some correspondence pertaining to Purdue University, one of our state colleges, in regard to a speech made by Dick Gregory on March 25, 1969 at 8:00 p.m.. With the attached correspondence with the college is a letter we have been sending to some officials.

We thought this information might be of benefit to you as we feel that you ~~as we feel that you~~ are trying very hard to combat this sort of thing.

Sincerely,

Acton, Indiana 46259

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3 ENCLOSURE

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CORRESPONDENCE

While [redacted] and I were in the Lafayette, Indiana area recently we attended a public meeting in the Music Hall at Purdue University at 8:00 p.m. on March 25, 1969 at which Dick Gregory was the speaker. Our purpose in attending the meeting was not to condone or condemn but to see and hear in person just what he was saying to those over six thousand students plus a few other non-students and adults at our State University of which we and many other Hoosiers are very proud. We are personally interested because our daughter graduated there in 1965 and was homecoming queen in 1963.

It was difficult for us to believe what we were hearing from Gregory that evening. It was for this reason that we wrote a letter to President Hovde asking for a copy of this speech. We are attaching a copy of this letter together with the reply which stated that there are no copies of the speech but there was a tape of it taken by the local radio station but it could not be used by them or released to anyone without Gregory's permission which he would not give, which I understand is in accordance with the law. We would appreciate knowing how to obtain a copy of this law.

Since we do not have a copy of the speech we cannot quote from it but substance of it was in part as follows: The constitution is a piece of paper that is a disgrace to the country and should be resisted by the young people whose duty it is to change things; the American flag is nothing but a rag, if the capitalists weren't making money out of selling it they would quit having one; the students should not listen to their damned old fool parents; they have a big job ahead of them to rise up against them, the Universities' teachings, the laws and constitution; the text books should be disregarded as they only brain wash them and they should go to college only to learn how to live and pay no attention to the text books; it is their duty to change all this and run America in their own way.

The speech was littered with slang, swearing, Unamerican, disrespectful and disgraceful remarks about our country, our officials and the adult and older people in our nation. He mentioned "when the riot season comes in July", etc. in a manner which projected it to be a perfectly legitimate and normal event. Also he was listed as a speaker, not a comedian, in the newspaper publication on the coming meeting, but he used his reputation as a comedian to get the applause of the students on very inflammatory remarks regarding our Presidents and other high officials in government and Universities who are very dedicated officials.

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URDUE UNIVERSITY  
CONVOCATIONS AND LECTURES  
LOEB PLAYHOUSE  
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

MARK P. HUBER, DIRECTOR

April 10, 1969

[Redacted Address]

Acton, Indiana 46259

Dear [Redacted Name]

President Hovde asked me to answer yours of April 8 regarding a copy of Dick Gregory's speech.

I'm sorry to say that no printed text exists. This is not to say I believe that his talk was extemporaneous, but only that it is unlikely that the speech ever has been committed to print in its entirety, even though it has been given in one form or another a good many times.

A tape of the speech exists, but we have been unable to get a release from Mr. Gregory for its use - in class, on the University radio station, or for any other purpose. The need for a release is a legal one and we must comply with the law in this matter.

If the situation changes, I will be glad to so inform you.

Sincerely yours,

*Mark P. Huber*

Mark P. Huber, Director

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April 8, 1969

President Hovde  
Purdue University  
West Lafayette, Indiana

Dear President Hovde:

I would like to have a copy of the speech made  
by Dick Gregory at the music hall  
March 25, 1969.

I have been hearing a lot of comment, pro and  
con, on the speech, therefore am eager to read it.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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Encl.: Env.

Acton, Indiana 46259

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5-15-69 EMS

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 1P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA RM 00: CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT HE HAD

INSTANT

AND LEARNED THAT GREGORY

INSTANT.

GREGORY INDICATED TO SOURCE THAT

SOURCE UNAWARE OF GREGORY'S PROPOSED ACTIVITIES 5 MAY 20 1969

CHICAGO WILL FOLLOW ACTIVITIES.

USA, SS AND MILITARY ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE SOURCE IS

INTERESTED AGENCIES ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY, NO LHM BEING  
SUBMITTED.

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REM FBI WASH DC

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
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DIRECTOR, FBI

5/9/69

SAC, WFO (100-48195) (P)

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Re WFO tel, 4/30/69, and WFO airtel, 5/3/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

The confidential source referred to in attached LHM is [redacted] - R(PROB).

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The LHM has been classified "Confidential" to protect a source of continuing value whose identity might otherwise be compromised and because it indicates FBI interest in an alleged political party, i.e., The New Party.

SA [redacted] observed the activity in the vicinity of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.

Copies of attached LHM are being disseminated locally to the 116th MIG, OSI, NISO, USSS and the AUSA.

Re WFO tel noted that [redacted] - R(PROB) advised on [redacted]

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On 5/1/69, Detective [redacted] MPD Intelligence Division, advised that the above press conference had been cancelled and had not been rescheduled.

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- 2 - WFO  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Washington, D.C. 20535

May 9, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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On April 30, 1969, a confidential source, who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised that The

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The New Party has been publicly described as  
building an "Exile Government" in WDC to  
"further the politics of participation."

During 1968, Dick Gregory, Negro comedian,  
campaigns as an independent write-in candidate  
for the "Presidency of the United States" and  
was also on the ballot in several states as a  
candidate for the Peace and Freedom Party and The  
New Party. In a book published during the  
campaign by Bantam Books, entitled "Write Me In",  
Gregory stated in part; "the creation of a new  
party, a party based on the magnificent dream  
of peace and freedom, exposes the shallow aspirations  
of the two party system. Such a party offers a  
public forum for the expression of moral concern  
and provides a means of organizing those whose  
dream of democracy will not submit to or be  
stifled by current political realities."

On May 3, 1969, the White House Police, WDC, advised  
a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
that The New Party had obtained a permit to picket in front

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of the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., WDC, between one and two p.m. on that date. The permit was issued in the name of [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WDC, [REDACTED] The New Party.

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At approximately one p.m. on May 3, 1969, a representative of the FBI observed [REDACTED] accompanied by two unknown white males, appear in the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. They were subsequently joined by another unknown white male and two unknown white females.

They proceeded to distribute hand-outs to passers-by which depicted Gregory on the front and set forth the problems that The New Party had been founded to deal with, for example, starvation, housing, education, wages, war, injustice, and discrimination. In addition, the hand-out urged people to take a role in changing these conditions by lending their support to The New Party and set forth an application for membership in The New Party.

The above activity continued in an orderly manner until approximately two p.m. at which time they dispersed. There were no incidents noted during this activity.

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May 23, 1969

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REC-15 100-440423-476

To: SAC, San Francisco

From: Director; FBI

~~S. DALE~~

RETAILERS CREDIT ASSOCIATION  
OF SAN FRANCISCO

15 STOCKTON STREET

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE & TOURS)

BUDED 6/2/69

Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory communication from captioned individual.

Mr. Dale should be promptly contacted. Receipt of his communication to the Bureau should be acknowledged and he should be advised that information he requested cannot be furnished to him due to the confidential nature of Bureau files.

For your information, Dick Gregory was released from the Cook County Jail at 12:01 a.m., 5/15/69 after serving 45 days of a 5 month sentence on charges of Resisting Arrest and Battery arising out of a demonstration during June, 1965. It is believed that he may go on a speaking tour. His home address is 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60615.

Furnish Bureau results of your contact with correspondent.

Enclosures (2)

NOTE: On the basis of available information, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. Answer correlated with Domestic Intelligence Division.

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No further action necessary  
all follow-up bulletins  
San Francisco letter 5/28/69  
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RETAILERS CREDIT ASSOCIATION  
OF SAN FRANCISCO,  
RETAILERS' BUILDING 15 STOCKTON STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94108

May 19, 1969

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

RE: Dick Gregory (comedian)

We are attempting to locate the above  
named individual in connection with a  
number of unpaid bills. Our last  
report was that he was in the Washington  
D.C. area. *pd*

A letter to the Chief of the Washington  
Police has been unanswered for the last  
3 months.

Since Mr. Gregory is quite often in the news  
and is very active in Civil Rights we feel  
that you would possibly know where we can  
reach him. Would you be so kind as to supply  
us with an address where he can be reached?

Thank you.

*S. DALE*  
S. DALE  
YUnit Manager

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25 MAY 27 1969

airtel to San Francisco

5/23/69

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CORRESPONDENCE

FBI

Date: 5/21/69

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka;  
RM  
OO: Chicago

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Re Chicago teletype to Director, 5/15/69.

For the information of the New York Office,  
[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the  
past, advised on [redacted]

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On 5/20/69, this same source reported that GREGORY

[redacted]

[redacted] Source  
or GREGORY's

[redacted] (U)

Chicago will advise New York if the specific infor-  
mation concerning GREGORY's plans be received.

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- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - New York (157-1093)
- 2 - Chicago

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DATE OF REVIEW 5-21-89



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/28/69

FROM : *cur* SAN FRANCISCO (94-1444) (RUG)

SUBJECT: S. DALE  
RETAILERS CREDIT ASSOCIATION  
OF SAN FRANCISCO  
15 STOCKTON STREET  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA  
RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE & TOURS)  
BUDED 6/2/69

ReBuairtel to SF 5/23/69.

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The Retailers Credit Association of San Francisco, 15 Stockton Street, is a branch office of Credit Bureau Metro, Inc. at San Jose, California. On 5/27/69 contact was made with [redacted] of Credit Bureau Metro. This office has dealt with [redacted] in connection with credit checks for several years. [redacted] advised that the name S. DALE is a fictitious name used by the Collection Department of Retailers Credit Association and he could not immediately determine who in that department had directed the inquiry dated 5/19/69 concerning DICK GREGORY to the Bureau.

[redacted] was advised that the information requested could not be furnished to the Retailers Credit Association due to the confidential nature of the Bureau files. He stated he understood this and that he would determine who had written the letter in question and so advise them.

No additional action is contemplated by this office.

② - Bureau  
1 - SF  
DET:hko  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN  
OTHERWISE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

On 6/5/69, \_\_\_\_\_ advised that subject will

\_\_\_\_\_ GREGORY advised PSI on \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

GREGORY indicated to the \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Subject may remain  
abroad until early July, 1969. (U)

Before \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ GREGORY will  
probably \_\_\_\_\_ (U)

After \_\_\_\_\_

GREGORY indicated to \_\_\_\_\_

Any additional pertinent information from PSI will  
be immediately furnished as received. (U)

- (4) - Bureau (RM)
- (1 - 176-63)
- (1 - 105-189927)
- 4 - Chicago
- (1 - 176-31)

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1 - Mr. S. Panich

1 - [REDACTED]

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APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP(S) BY  
DATE 1-30-80

TO LEGATS BONN  
LONDON

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FROM DIRECTOR FBI (100-440423) - 480

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RACIAL MATTERS.

STATE DEPARTMENT PASSPORT RECORDS INDICATE THAT GREGORY  
WAS ISSUED PASSPORT NUMBER K 761916 ON JUNE FIVE LAST FOR A  
PROPOSED THREE-WEEK BUSINESS TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND. SUBJECT  
IS A WELL-KNOWN NEGRO ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST  
BORN OCTOBER TWELVE NINETEEN THIRTY TWO, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

CHICAGO SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (U)

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[REDACTED] THEREFORE, NO REQUEST FOR COVERAGE IS BEING  
MADE OF SOURCES OF LEGAT, BONN OR LEGAT, LONDON. (U)

COPY FURNISHED CHICAGO BY AIRMAIL.

1 - CHICAGO (BY AIRMAIL)

NOTE TO SAC, CHICAGO:

Consider placing Immigration and Naturalization  
Service (INS) F-3 stop on subject. Any advance information  
you receive concerning subject's reentry into this country

1 - Foreign Liaison (Cleared Telephonically with [REDACTED])

MAIL ROOM [ ] TELETYPE UNIT [ ]

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DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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CABLEGRAM TO LEGAT, BONN  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
100-440423

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NOTE TO SAC, CHICAGO CONTINUED:

should be promptly furnished to the office covering port of his reentry in order that check of his luggage might be made for intelligence purpose. ~~(S)~~ (U)

NOTE:

Subject is well-known Negro entertainer who is on the Agitator Index. He has been traveling throughout the U.S. speaking on various college campuses. He was released from jail on 5/15/69 after serving 45 days of a five-month sentence growing out of resisting arrest during street demonstration in June, 1965. Above information has been

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

VIA TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

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FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 2P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM.

PASSPORT OFFICE, CHICAGO, ADVISED GREGORY, N/M,  
DOB OCTOBER TWELVE THIRTY-TWO, OBTAINED PASSPORT  
NO. K SEVEN SIX ONE NINE ONE SIX, JUNE FIVE LAST.  
PROPOSED TRAVEL PLANS ON APPLICATION DISCLOSE JUNE  
SEVEN LAST DEPARTURE DATE FOR LONDON, ENGLAND, FOR  
TWO - THREE WEEK BUSINESS TRIP.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT IN CONVERSATION  
WITH GREGORY [REDACTED] SUBJECT ADVISED

SOURCE HAS NO FURTHER DETAILS. (U)

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LHM FOLLOWS WITH INTERESTED AGENCIES BEING ADVISED.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

RE WFO TEL TO BUREAU JUNE SIX LAST, AND BUREAU  
CALL TO CHICAGO THIS DATE.

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MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D

FBI

Date: 6/17/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

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DATE OF REVIEW 6-17-89

Re Chicago teletype to the Bureau dated 6/13/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) and for New York two copies of an LHM reflecting proposed travel itinerary for GREGORY.

Source utilized in the LHM is [redacted] (U)

The identity of the Agent conducting [redacted]  
was SA WALTER A. BOYLE.

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Copies of this LHM are being furnished to the USA, Chicago, Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

This LHM is designated "Confidential" to protect the identity of the source, whose disclosure would jeopardize future potential as well as affect the internal security of this country.

- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)  
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3 - Chicago  
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AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SEC. SERV., State

DEPT: ISD, CDD, HAO, [redacted]

HOW FORW: [redacted]

DATE FORW: 6/20/69

BY: [redacted]

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OFFICIAL [redacted]

Approved: [signature]  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

RETURN To BUREAU

TO : SAC, Chicago (Your file 157-347) DATE: 6-9-69FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile and Serial 100-440-423) ☒ Post in file and destroy 0-1 (For SOG use only)SUBJECT: Richard Claxton GREGORY  
RM  
Re Chicago 6-6-69

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1. Bufiles indicate this case is delinquent. Give specific reason for delinquency.

☒ Submit LHM re travel by airtel expeditiously

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2. DATE
- ☐
- airtel
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- letterhead memo
- ☐
- submitted
- ☐
- report
- ☐
- letter
- ☐
- 90-day progress letter
- ☐
- will be submitted
- in view of pending departure from the United States

Reporting employee LHM submitted 6/12/69

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3. If valid reason exists for not submitting report at this time, state reason specifically and when report will be submitted \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Status of
- ☐
- Appeal
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- Inquiry
- ☐
- Investigation
- ☐
- Prosecution
- 
- ☐
- airtel
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- letterhead memo
- 
- ☐
5. Submit
- ☐
- report
- ☐
- letter
- ☐
- 90-day progress letter by \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

(Place reply hereon and return to Bureau. Note receipt and acknowledgment on top serial in case file.)





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
June 17, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on June 13, 1969, that Richard Claxton Gregory, better known as Dick Gregory, was intending [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] advised the following itinerary was filed for Richard Gregory and his wife on first class accommodations:

Depart John F. Kennedy Airport, New York, via KLM Flight 666, scheduled to depart 11:00 p.m., on June 14, 1969.

Arrive Amsterdam at 11:15 a.m., June 15, 1969.

Depart Amsterdam, via KLM Airlines Flight 141, scheduled to depart 8:00 p.m., June 16, 1969.

Arrive London, England, Heathrow Airport, 8:55 p.m., June 16, 1969.

Depart London, England, via Polish Airlines Flight 246, scheduled to depart 1:10 p.m., June 19, 1969.

Arrive East Berlin, Schoenfeld Airport.

KLM Airlines records failed to disclose any additional information concerning proposed flights for Gregory.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The above mentioned source previously advised on  
[redacted] that Gregory had indicated that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois.

United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois.

Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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VIA TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) AND NEW YORK

NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM.

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP  
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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
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Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED INSTANT

SOURCE

FLIGHTS

ON VARIOUS AIRLINES CG TO NEW YORK LEAVE AT HALF HOUR INTERVALS

DISCLOSED FOLLOWING

ITINERARY FOR GREGORY AND WIFE ON FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS:

LEAVE NY, JFK AIRPORT, KLM FLIGHT SIX SIX SIX,

ELEVEN PM, JUNE FOURTEEN NEXT

ARRIVE AMSTERDAM ELEVEN FIFTEEN AM, JUNE FIFTEEN NEXT.

LEAVE AMSTERDAM, KLM FLIGHT ONE FOUR ONE,

EIGHT PM, JUNE SIXTEEN NEXT.

ARRIVE LONDON, ENGLAND, HEATHROW AIRPORT, EIGHT

FIFTY-FIVE PM, SAME DATE.

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LEAVE LONDON, VIA POLISH AIRLINE FLIGHT TWO  
FOUR SIX, ONE TEN PM, JUNE NINETEEN NEXT.

ARRIVE EAST BERLIN, SCHOENFELD AIRPORT.

NO ADDITIONAL ITINERARY AVAILABLE FROM KLM  
RECORDS. KLM REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED GREGORY HAS  
PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKET FOR ABOVE TRIP AND  
SHOULD PRESENT THEM TO PAN AM TICKET COUNTER, NY,  
FOR TRANSFER TO KLM.

FOR INFO OF NY, ABOVE SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED]

SOURCE, [REDACTED]

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

REGTEL TO BUREAU, JUNE TWELVE LAST, AND BUTEL CALL  
TO CG INSTANT DATE.

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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DUE TO NUMEROUS FLIGHTS BETWEEN CG AND NY INVOLVING  
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SEVERAL AIRLINES, CG NOT ATTEMPTING TO VERIFY DEPARTURE  
FOR NY.

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Date: 6/6/69

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Via TELETYPEURGENT

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423) AND SAC, CHICAGO

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, RM - BN,  
OO CHICAGO.

PASSPORT OFFICE, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, ADVISED JUNE  
SIX INSTANT THAT PASSPORT NUMBER K SEVEN SIX ONE NINE ONE SIX  
ISSUED TO SUBJECT AT CHICAGO PASSPORT OFFICE, JUNE FIVE LAST, VALID  
FOR FIVE YEARS ALL COUNTRIES EXCEPT CUBA, MAINLAND CHINA, NORTH  
KOREA AND NORTH VIETNAM. GREGORY INTENDS TO LEAVE CHICAGO VIA  
AIR JUNE SEVEN NEXT FOR THREE WEEKS BUSINESS TRIP TO LONDON, ENGLAND.  
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CHICAGO CONTACT PASSPORT OFFICE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, AND  
REVIEW GREGORY'S APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. ALSO  
CONTACT LOGICAL SOURCES WHICH MAY HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF DETAILS  
OF TRAVEL. NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED. RUC.

- ② - Bureau
- 3 - Teletype Unit
- 2 - WFO

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MR. TRAINOR  
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Approved: *[Signature]*

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Per \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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Date: JUN 12 1969

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Via A I R T E L

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO: CHICAGO) CLASS. & EXT. BY 2842 PVDIPB  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 10-12-89

Re Chicago airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/69; WFO teletype to Chicago dated 6/6/69; Los Angeles teletype to Bureau dated 6/5/69 and New York airtel to Bureau dated 6/6/69 both entitled "World Peace Council, Berlin, East Germany, 6/21-23/69."

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a LHM reflecting information concerning proposed travel plans for RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY.

Enclosed herewith for Los Angeles, New York and WFO are two copies each of this LHM for information purposes.

**ENCLOSURE**

- 2 - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 2) (RM)
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  - (1 - 100- (RICHARD C. GREGORY) 100-440423-485
- 2 - New York (Encs. 2) (RM)
  - (1 - 100-149099)
  - (1 - 100- (RICHARD C. GREGORY) 20 JUN 14 1969
- 2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
  - (1 - 100- (WORLD PEACE COUNCIL, BERLIN, EAST GERMANY 6/21-23/69)
  - (1 - 100- (RICHARD C. GREGORY)
- 4 - Chicago
  - (2 - 157-347)
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Approved: *[Signature]*  
Special Agent in Charge

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Sources utilized in LHM are:



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LOS ANGELES AND NEW YORK DIVISIONS

Maintain contact with established sources for any information concerning alteration or knowledge of GREGORY's travel. ~~(U)~~





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

June 12, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On June 5, 1969, two sources, both of whom have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that information had been received indicating that Richard Claxton Gregory, better known as Dick Gregory, [redacted]

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On June 6, 1969, Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised that Richard Gregory's passport, K761916, was issued at Chicago, Illinois, on June 5, 1969, valid for five years, to allow travel in all countries except Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam.

On June 11, 1969, Passport Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory, Negro male, born October 12, 1932, residing at 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, Illinois, filed proposed travel plans indicating a two-three week business trip to London, England with scheduled date of departure set for June 7, 1969.

On June 5, 1969, a third source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned that Richard Gregory [redacted]

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On June 12, 1969, this third source indicated  
that he learned that Gregory [redacted]

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stated that [redacted]

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Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service,  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th Military Intelligence  
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Date: 7/3/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

On 7/3/69

Chicago Police Department, advised that GREGORY was scheduled for a hearing on 7/2/69 in connection with the charge of disorderly conduct arising out of the National Democratic Convention in August, 1968 at Chicago, but the hearing was cancelled and rescheduled for 7/17/69 at Chicago.

The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau and no dissemination being made nor LHM submitted. Chicago will follow and report results of hearing as well as activities of GREGORY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

Re Chicago teletype to Director dated 7/17/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of  
an LHM concerning court appearance at Chicago for GREGORY on  
7/17/69.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished to the USA  
and U. S. Secret Service, Chicago, and Region 1, 113th MI  
Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Chicago following activities of GREGORY and Bureau  
will be advised.

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② - Bureau (Encls. 11) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois  
July 18, 1969

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. CG 157-347

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On July 17, 1969, [redacted]  
[redacted] City of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), that on the afternoon of July 17, 1969, Richard Claxton Gregory appeared before Magistrate Samuel Shamberg on three charges arising out of arrests by the Chicago Police Department during demonstrations prior to the Democratic National Convention in August, 1968. These charges against Gregory were two counts of disorderly conduct and one of resisting arrest.

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[redacted] advised that Gregory, through his attorney, [redacted] presented a "Draft Order" wherein by mutual agreement the Judge granted that the three charges against Gregory would be continued until 30 days following the final disposition of a case entitled "The City of Chicago vs. Peter Weiss". [redacted] explained that the Peter Weiss case was recently adjudicated in Municipal Court in Chicago and is presently on appeal to an Illinois Appellate Court. [redacted] stated that it is anticipated that the Weiss case will be a landmark case concerning a factual situation surrounding arrests during demonstrations and this case is expected to be appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court, so in effect, the ruling by Judge Shamberg postponed any further court action in the three charges against Gregory for a period of between two to three years. [redacted] advised that no restrictions had been placed by Shamberg on the travel of Richard Gregory.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago  
U. S. Secret Service, Chicago  
Region 1, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois

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4:00 PM

July 14, 1969

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. DE LOACH  
MR. SULLIVAN  
MR. BISHOP

While talking to the Attorney General on another matter, he mentioned that he had responded to my memorandum on the Black Panthers and he wanted me, if I would, to look it over closely as I know what the problems are and see if their recommendations are going to be too onerous because we always have the ultimate action of dropping prosecutions if the situations get too bad and, of course, as far as Bobby Seal is concerned in that Chicago rioting business, he would like to hang it on him but if it too materially affects internal security, it is something that could be done and to keep that in mind. I told him I would personally look into it. He asked that I do and to keep in mind we have this ultimate judgment after we present the illustrations in court.

I commented that they are trying to select a member of the Black Panthers to go over and receive these prisoners of war; that they have not decided upon a Black Panther member, but they have decided upon a member of the Students for a Democratic Society; a teacher at Sarah Lawrence who is active in the anti-draft; and the third person may be the comedian, Dick Gregory, or a member of the Panther organization, but it is going to be decided today by Dellinger in New York. I said it is unfortunate such a group would receive these prisoners of war and try to brainwash them before they are in the hands of the American authorities. The Attorney General agreed, plus the adverse publicity coming out of this against the country all over the world and it is a little ridiculous.

Very truly yours,

J. E. H.

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (88-19435)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (88-4720) (f) u

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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WFA: IN - [REDACTED]

OO: CHARLOTTE

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau 7/3/69 and Bureau  
teletype to Chicago 7/3/69, both captioned "GONO". (U)

Information copies of this airtel are being  
furnished the office of origin in instant matter, Charlotte,  
and to the New York Office where subject may re-enter the  
United States. u

- ① Bureau (RM)  
(1 - 105-189927) Hd.  
(1 - 100-440423) (DICK GREGORY)  
1 - Charlotte (88-4570) (Info.) (RM)  
1 - New York (Info.) (RM)  
3 - Chicago  
(1 - 157-347) (DICK GREGORY)  
(1 - [REDACTED]) (GONO) (U)

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For the information of Charlotte and New York,  
[redacted] recently learned that RICHARD GREGORY, nationally  
known comedian and supporter of black militant causes.

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[redacted]

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Referenced Bureau teletype advised that subject  
is still a Federal fugitive and apparently still [redacted]

[redacted] Referenced Bureau teletype stated it is  
known that subject [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago was instructed to  
have informant remain close to his source of information  
so that the Bureau would be immediately advised if subject  
re-entered the United States. Chicago was instructed to  
submit future information under instant caption with  
copies to office of origin and other interested offices. ~~(U)~~

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[redacted] was advised of the Bureau's  
keen interest [redacted] and of the need to keep the  
Bureau advised of any pertinent developments. At that  
time [redacted] stated [redacted]

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[redacted] advised [redacted]

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New York and Charlotte should take no action  
which might endanger the security of [REDACTED] Additional  
information will be furnished as received by Chicago. ~~U~~ ~~S~~ (U)

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VIA TELETYPE

JUL 17 1969

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

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URGENT 7-17-69 BCK

TO DIRECTOR (100-440423) PLAINTEXT  
FROM CHICAGO (157-437) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. OO: CHICAGO.

GREGORY APPEARED THIS DATE BEFORE MAGISTRATE SAMUEL SHAMBERG, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, ON THREE CHARGES, TWO DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND ONE RESISTING ARREST ARISING OUT OF CHICAGO ARRESTS DURING DEMONSTRATIONS PRIOR TO DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION IN AUGUST NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT. GREGORY REPRESENTED BY ATTORNEY [REDACTED] WHO PRESENTED A "DRAFT ORDER" WHEREIN BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT THE THREE CASES WERE CONTINUED UNTIL THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE FINAL DISPOSITION OF THE CASE ENTITLED "CITY OF CHICAGO VERSUS PETER WEISS" A CASE INVOLVING A IDENTICAL FACTUAL SITUATION CURRENTLY BEFORE AN ILLINOIS APPELLATE COURT. [REDACTED] ADVISED THAT THE WEISS CASE IS EXPECTED TO GO ALL THE WAY TO THE US SUPREME COURT SO THAT IN EFFECT TODAY'S DECISION IN THE GREGORY MATTER PROBABLY DELAYED ANY FURTHER ACTION FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO-

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THREE YEARS.

MILITARY ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

USA AND SECRET SERVICE TO BE ADVISED BY FOLLOWING  
LHM.

NO RESTRICTIONS PLACED ON GREGORY'S TRAVEL AND CHICAGO  
SOURCES CURRENTLY ATTEMPTING TO ASCERTAIN GREGORY'S EXACT  
TRAVEL PLANS TO NIGERIA.

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WA...JDR

FBI WASH DC

MR. TRAINOR  
ROOM 836 9&D

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Date: 7/23/69

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
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DATE 7-16-80

Re Chicago airtel to the Bureau dated 7/3/69,  
entitled "GOHO". ~~(U)~~

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eleven (11)  
copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting  
information concerning proposed travel plans of GREGORY.

Copies of this LHM are furnished the USA and  
Secret Service, Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

Source utilized in this LHM is   ~~(U)~~

Chicago continuing through sources to obtain exact  
travel plans for GREGORY and Bureau will be immediately  
advised of the receipt of any more specific information.

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AGENCY: ACSI, <sup>OSI</sup> ~~SEC. SERV.~~, CIA

DEPT: ISD, ~~INDUSTRY~~, STATE

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BY: CH/E/aml

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois

July 23, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on [redacted] that it had been determined that Richard Claxton Gregory, better known as Dick Gregory, had been [redacted] but that a conflict resulted in [redacted]

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necessary [redacted] and it would be

[redacted] source stated that he does not have specific information but that he believed that Gregory had [redacted]

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This same source advised on [redacted] that it appeared that Gregory [redacted]

[redacted] on approximately [redacted]

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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the following agencies:

United States Attorney  
Chicago, Illinois

United States Secret Service  
Chicago, Illinois

Region I, 113th MI Group  
Evanston, Illinois

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VIA TELETYPE

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

PLAINTEXT

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 1P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. RM. 00 CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THAT

SOURCE STATED THAT

AND WILL REMAIN

IN CHICAGO TO ACCEPT ANY SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATIVE ~~(S)~~ (U)

RE MY AIRTEL JULY TWENTY THIRD LAST. SOURCE IS

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES BEING

ADVISED BY FOLLOWING LHM. CHICAGO FOLLOWING AND WILL REPORT

TRAVEL PLANS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Date: AUG 6 1969

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, NEWARK (100-49194) ☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
GENERAL INVEST. DIV.Subject: BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP) ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.

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☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF ☐ E  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
☐ Klan ☐ Organization

## Summary of Complaint:

Re Newark teletypes dated 7/31/69 and 8/1/69.

① Bureau (105-165706-Sub 31) (Enc. 11) (RM)  
 ② 100-440423 (RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY)  
 (1- ) (DONALD COX)  
 2-Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
 4-New York (157-3639) (Enc. 3) (RM)  
 (1-100-181999) (BPP)  
 (1-157- ) (D. C. COX)  
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 (1-157-1611) (MAJOR URBAN AREAS)  
 (1-157-1835) (BERGEN COUNTY)  
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## ACTION: UACB:

- ☐ No further action being taken and  
☐ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Agent in Charge

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NK 100-49194

NK T-1 is identical to [redacted]

[redacted] was  
conducted by SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

The identity of the Special Agents who were present  
and observed DICK GREGORY on [redacted] were SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] and JAMES W. BARROW.

SA JAMES W. BARROW utilized a concealed recording  
device per Bureau authority. The quality of the transcription  
is poor, many of the words and phrases are questionable leaving  
much to the interpretation of the listener, which not be  
accurate. No inflammatory remarks were recorded. The tapes  
have been made exhibited in the Newark DICK GREGORY file.

In view of the nature of the invitation to DONALD  
COX and the identification of [redacted]  
[redacted] affiliated with the [redacted]  
no further action is being recommended concerning him pending  
the receipt of further information that would indicate he  
is a member of an organization or active in affairs deemed  
against the best interests of the U. S.

The LHM is classified "confidential" to protect  
the identity of [redacted] whose information may tend to  
disclose his identity. Such a disclosure would adversely  
effect the internal security of the U.S.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Newark, New Jersey

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

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ON 2/16/81

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)  
RACIAL MATTERS

NK T-1, who has furnished reliable information in  
the past, [redacted] advised that [redacted]

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A characterization of the BPP is attached  
hereto.

On July 17, 1969, Detective Captain [redacted]

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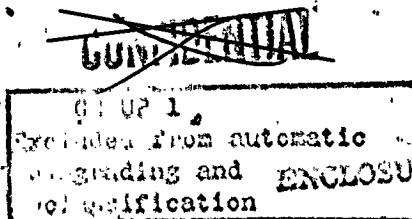
[redacted] identified [redacted]  
[redacted] as identical to [redacted] a Negro male,  
16-17 years of age, residence [redacted]  
New Jersey, and [redacted] individuals who organized and  
are members of [redacted]

These [redacted] individuals, all of whom are high  
school teenagers, with the backing of the City of Englewood,  
applied for and received a \$16,000 grant from the State of  
New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for a seven week  
program ending August 30, 1969. The teenagers in their  
application cited past violence in the City of Englewood and  
forsaw a continuance in the future "until some cohesive work  
was done in the community." The committee with the money  
allotted have outlined a summer program of recreation to  
include picnics, entertainment and speeches by prominent  
individuals to alleviate the alleged lack of unity in the  
city.

On July 28, 1969, Detective Captain [redacted] advised  
that information had been received that Dick Gregory, the  
Negro comedian dedicated to the Black Nationalist movement,  
had been scheduled to speak on August 1, 1969 at the  
invitation of the Community Togetherness Committee. His  
speech and ceremonies would be held at Depot Square in  
Englewood, New Jersey.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

On July 30, 1969, "The Record", Hackensack, New Jersey daily newspaper, page B-15, carried an article indicating that both Dick Gregory and Donald Cox, a national field marshal in the BPP, would appear in Englewood's Depot Square Friday, August 1, 1969, from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m. The article indicated that their appearance will be the first of a projected series of "Speak Outs" sponsored by the Community Togetherness Committee.

Chief of Police Thomas Ryan, Englewood, New Jersey, Police Department, advised on August 1, 1969, that he with the City of Englewood's Information Officer held conversations with members of the Community Togetherness Committee on that date concerning the advisability of Donald Cox being invited to speak in Englewood. An agreement was reached to cancel the invitation to him. Donald Cox was reportedly advised and agreeable to cancelling his appearance.

On August 1, 1969, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) determined by means of a

[redacted] that Donald Cox had been cancelled as a guest speaker citing the fact that he had a conflict in engagements. This individual stated that Dick Gregory would appear as scheduled.

On the evening of August 1, 1969, Special Agents of the FBI observed Dick Gregory who appeared as scheduled and spoke for approximately one hour and thirty minutes before an assembly of approximately two hundred people, the majority of whom were teenagers. His remarks were concerned with a desire for "moral rights" for the Negro as opposed to "civil rights". He stated that the future of the Negro lay in the hands of the youth of the country.

Donald Cox did not appear and no announcement was made on his absence.

No disturbances occurred and no arrests were made by the Englewood, New Jersey, Police Department.

The offices of the Secret Service, United States Attorney, and the 108th Military Intelligence Group, all located in Newark, New Jersey, were advised.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, Also Known As  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/12/69

FROM : *mwj/rp* SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau, 8/8/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of an lhm reflecting information concerning cancellation of proposed travel plans by GREGORY.

Copies of this lhm are being furnished to the USA and Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

Source utilized in this lhm is   ~~(U)~~ (U)

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Chicago will continue to follow activities of GREGORY and report same to Bureau.

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DATE & AUTHORITY 8-12-89

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-347

Chicago, Illinois  
August 12, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On August 8, 1969, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he learned that on [redacted] Richard Gregory [redacted]

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Source indicated that his only knowledge of present speaking obligations for Gregory to speak in Glen Ellyn, Illinois, on the evening of August 19, 1969.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois,  
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois,  
Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (157-844) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed are six copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies of the LHM are also enclosed for Chicago.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Boston, Massachusetts  
September 10, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On September 10, 1969 [redacted]

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[redacted] Massachusetts, furnished the following information:

On September 3, 1969, Dick Gregory, whom he described as being a noted civil rights activist and social satirist, appeared at the college on September 8, 1969 by invitation in connection with the college's freshmen orientation program. Approximately 850 persons listened to Gregory who told the audience that he was not there to impress them but to inform them. He gave his age as 37 and he told the freshmen that they would have to deal with the problems his generation has left. He suggested that they examine America rather than eulogize it. He urged the students to organize nationally and use the purchasing power of their group to lobby for what they want. He also talked about unrest in Northern Ireland, last year's Democratic National Convention in Chicago and made satirical comments about the American Democracy that forces Indians to stay on reservations and housing people who are poor in Appalachia. He said the most important thing for them to do was to make democracy work right for the first time.

After his talk there was a discussion period in which questions were raised about the War in Vietnam and the black and white racial issues.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-253)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

On 10/1/69, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a flier that has been circulated at Syracuse University (SU), Syracuse, NY, disclosing that DICK GREGORY is scheduled to speak at SU on 10/10/69.

It is noted that SU Student Government is sponsoring a conference from 10/8 - 11/69, and GREGORY's scheduled appearance is part of this program.

Albany will attempt to cover GREGORY's speech through established sources and LHM will be submitted.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (88-19435)

DATE: 9/19/69

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (88-4720)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] aka -

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Re [REDACTED] teletype to Bureau dated [REDACTED] .u

On September 15, 1969, [REDACTED] reliable,  
advised he had contacted telephonically [REDACTED]

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In an effort to locate subject for an [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] stated that subject was not in at  
that time and that [REDACTED] should call back later. Several  
hours later, [REDACTED] telephoned [REDACTED] from [REDACTED] advising  
that he had just discussed with subject the possibility of  
subject [REDACTED] Subject told

[REDACTED] that he had recently received a [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] subject's attorney [REDACTED] had advised subject  
against any public appearances until he appeared before the  
[REDACTED] indicated to [REDACTED]  
that [REDACTED] reacted favorably to the possibility of [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] and said it would probably be possible to arrange  
such an appearance after [REDACTED] (U)

[REDACTED] then discovered that both he and [REDACTED] had a  
[REDACTED] mentioned  
that he hoped subject might be able to arrange such a trip. At  
this point, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that the individual with the  
best contacts for getting into China is DICK GREGORY of  
Chicago. (U)

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1 - Charlotte (88-4570)  
1 - Detroit (88-4247)  
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This statement surprised [redacted]  
[redacted] GREGORY and was not of the opinion that  
GREGORY had the "best possible contacts". ~~(S)~~ (U)

[redacted] attempted to telephonically contact GREGORY  
on [redacted] and determined that GREGORY was  
out of town, scheduled to return to Chicago on September 18,  
1969. ~~(S)~~ (U)

[redacted] intends to [redacted]  
[redacted] upon his return to Chicago and the  
Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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DIRECTOR, FBI

8/22/69

SAC, CHICAGO

NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLES PARTY (NSWPP)

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(BUFILE 105-70374)

(CHICAGO FILE 157-3)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

RM

(BUFILE 100-440423)

(CHICAGO FILE 157-347)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 8/19/69,  
entitled, "NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLES PARTY (NSWPP),  
RM."

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of a  
letterhead memorandum (LHM) reflecting information  
concerning captioned matters. One additional copy  
is furnished the Bureau because of the dual caption.

Copies of the LHM are being furnished United  
States Attorney, and United States Secret Service, both  
Chicago, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston,  
Illinois.

Chicago will continue to follow both matters  
and keep the Bureau advised.

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Chicago, Illinois

August 22, 1969

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File No. CG 157-3  
157-347

NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLES PARTY

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

James Hill, Chief of Police, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, advised on August 19, 1969, that Richard Greogry, Negro comedian and militant civil rights activist, was scheduled to speak to the Glen Bard West High School, Glen Ellyn, Illinois, at 8:00 PM on August 19, 1969. This speech was sponsored by a group of young college and high school students known in the Glen Ellyn area as "Change Through Understanding." Hill advised that on August 19, 1969, he received a telephone call from [redacted] identifying himself to Hill as a member of the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP). [redacted] questioned Hill concerning any local ordinances which would prohibit picketing by the NSWPP of the speech to be given by Gregory. Hill stated that he informed [redacted] that picketing was not illegal but if any disturbances resulted, there would be immediate arrests.

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A characterization of the NSWPP is attached to the appendix section of this communication.

On August 20, 1969, James Hill advised a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that on the evening of August 19, 1969, five white males, all in their late teens or early 20's and associated with the NSWPP, picketed outside the auditorium of Glen Bard West High School as individuals attending the speech arrived at the auditorium. The only individual identified by Hill was [redacted] and all pickets carried various signs calling

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

for "white power," "black Africa for Africans," and  
"down with Dick Gregory."

Hill advised that the pickets were peaceful and after all of the individuals attending the speech were inside the auditorium, the picketing stopped. Hill also advised there were no arrests or incidents accompanying the picketing or following the speech by Gregory which was attended by approximately 1,000 people. The speech was described by Hill as a long speech calling for black unity, black power, and defining the roll of the Negro in America as well as the world. Hill advised that Gregory did not make any militant statements and the speech did not appear to create any great enthusiasm on the part of persons attending.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished the following agencies:

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois  
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois  
Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,  
Evanston, Illinois.

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APPENDIX

NATIONAL SOCIALIST WHITE PEOPLE'S PARTY, Also known as The American Nazi Party, Chicago, Illinois

A source advised on November 14, 1960, that on that date a meeting was held in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of organizing a Chicago Unit of the American Nazi Party (ANP) which maintains headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL, National Commander, ANP, took charge of this meeting.

On May 22, 1966, [redacted] self-identified as [redacted] advised that the ANP in Chicago is to a degree autonomous although it remains subject to the final authority of GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL and ANP national headquarters.

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A second and third source advised in December, 1966, that a directive was received from the national headquarters in Arlington during December, 1966, advising that the official name of the organization beginning January, 1967, would be National Socialist White People's Party (NSWPP).

During November and December, 1968, the second and third source advised that the Chicago unit of the NSWPP has no headquarters in Chicago. At this time [redacted] mentioned above appointed [redacted] and [redacted] for the NSWPP in this area. Several meetings have been held recently in Chicago to develop a program of activity.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 6, 1969

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822) P

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS  
OO: Chicago

An article in a local Negro-oriented newspaper reflects that subject is scheduled to come to St. Louis, Missouri to make a speech at Forest Park Community College at 2:00 P.M. on November 4, 1969. Program is being sponsored by an official college organization and will be open to the public.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Will furnish details of subject's itinerary when known.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Albany airtel 10/1/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are appropriate  
copies of an LHM concerning subject's appearance at Syracuse  
University (SU), Syracuse, New York, on 10/10/69.Speech was covered by SA [ ] and  
SA [ ]LEAD:ALBANY OFFICEAT ALBANY, NEWYORKWill cover subject's speech at Siena College,  
Albany, New York, on 10/14/69. REC-82

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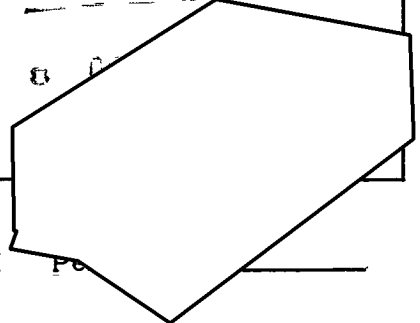
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Copies of LHM furnished to 108th MIG, Albany,  
OSI, Secret Service, Syracuse, and NIC.



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

October 11, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as  
Dick Gregory

On October 10, 1969, at 3 p.m., GREGORY delivered a speech from the steps of Hendricks Chapel, Syracuse University (SU), Syracuse, New York. He was one of several speakers in connection with the "Timebrook-On-Campus," a university-wide conference on SU problems sponsored by the Student Government from October 8 through 11, 1969.

The following are the highlights of his presentation, which lasted about an hour:

In discussing the death of his father in World War II by a German soldier, he said that these Germans are permitted to come to the United States to live and that "before we ever stand by and let you treat your enemy better than you treat your citizens, we'll burn this country down to the ground."

He observed that the "October 15 Vietnam War Moratorium is one of the most important days in the history of America." In fact he said that "it might be the largest demonstration in the history of the world." President NIXON's statement that the October 15 moratorium would not have any affect on him was "a damn lie."

He stated that the "system keeps lying to you 24 hours a day." For example, it is said that the number one problem in the United States is air pollution. This is not true. The number one problem is moral pollution. He stated that the United States is the "most morally polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of this earth, bar none."

GREGORY noted that the Chicago demonstration during the Democratic National Convention was the greatest thing that ever happened to young people. He cited the importance

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of 15,000 hippies and yippies coming to Chicago "to change the system."

Youngsters must organize across the country. They do not have to take over Administration buildings. More effective results can be obtained through the use of the boycott and he illustrated this by stating that there would be quick results if youngsters boycotted the meat and record industries.

He stated that "I do not advocate destroying the capitalist system, but I do advocate beating it back into its rightful position--behind the U.S. Constitution, not in front of it."

He stated that "if democracy is as good as we tell to others, why are we roaming all over the world ramming it down people's throats with guns."

Academic institutions are too busy indoctrinating students. Academic institutions must be changed. All they do is "program your youngsters." If the presidents of institutions lived up to commitments, they would make the necessary changes. They are "too damn busy traveling all over the country. The educational system in the United States is corrupt and the Board of Directors are the cause.

He stated that black folks do not hate white folks-- "we hate your stinking white racist system." He said that we are "sick and tired of the white racist system."

In discussing the educational system he stated that Negroes are forced to live in the ghetto and Indians are forced to live on reservations. Therefore, they cannot

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pass the white man's tests. If white folks were required to take Indian tests they would not be able to pass. It is not a fair system. He said that you must "teach us black studies." He noted that "man without knowledge of himself is like a tree without roots." He stated that it was amazing that the President of the United States in going to pick a Supreme Court Justice out of 200 people decides to select "that slimy degenerate HAYNSWORTH." He said that "that damn NIXON says he is going to back him all the way. I'll bet that if he was a Jew he would have dropped him a long time ago."

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/20/69

FROM : *esa* *DEC/20* SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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VIETNAM MORATORIUM COMMITTEE  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 19 copies of an LHM concerning subject's speech at Siena College, Loudonville, N. Y., on 10/14/69, sponsored by the Student Senate. Two copies of the LHM are enclosed for Chicago.

The confidential source utilized in the LHM is [redacted] who requested that his identity be concealed.

This LHM is being disseminated locally to the USA, NDNY, Albany, N. Y.; U. S. Secret Service, Syracuse, N. Y.; 108th MIG, Albany, N. Y.; OSI, GAFB, Rome, N. Y.; and NIC.

The Albany, N. Y., Police Department and the New York State Police have also been orally advised.

This LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as unauthorized disclosure of its contents might identify the source of information thereby precluding his future use and jeopardizing the national defense.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York

October 20, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 5, 1969, an article appeared in the "Times Union", a daily newspaper published at Albany, N. Y., stating that captioned individual would speak on "The Civil Rights Crisis in America Today" on October 14, 1969, at Siena College's Gibbons Hall, Loudonville, N. Y. The Student Senate was sponsoring this lecture which was to be open to the public.

On October 15, 1969, this newspaper contained another article captioned "Siena Students Hear Gregory". The article stated that GREGORY said he admired the honesty and moral commitment of youth today, that is, their commitment to end war, hunger and capital punishment. The highlight of this talk, according to this article, was when GREGORY told the audience to copy the Declaration of Independence on a sheet of paper and during the next riot have their parents watch television so that they could see all the looting and killing. While the parents were viewing the television, the young people should turn off the sound and start reading the Declaration of Independence to them. GREGORY received a standing ovation at the end of his speech.

On October 15, 1969, a confidential source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised that in his speech, GREGORY described former President LYNDON B. JOHNSON as the worst tyrant since JULIUS CEASAR. He said that this country is not a democracy but is controlled by the capitalists who do not care about the Constitution.

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The capitalists only like the American flag because they made it.

He agreed with Mayor DALEY of Chicago, Illinois, about shooting all the looters but said that the guns should be given to the Indians and let them shoot the looters. The Indians have been repressed and left on reservations, which is typical of America, which is the only country that lies about conditions in its own country. He described America as a morally polluted degenerate nation. On the other hand he encouraged youth all over the world to fight the Communist rulers and to end war, hunger and capital punishment.

Throughout his speech, GREGORY also emphasized the white racist system prevalent throughout the country. President NIXON is out of his mind if he thinks the Viet Nam Moratorium would not affect him.

This confidential source estimated that there were 1500 people in attendance. There were no disorderly incidents before, during or after the speech.

On October 15, 1969, an article appeared in the "Knickerbocker News", a daily newspaper published at Albany, N. Y. This article indicated that after the above speech, RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY opened an all-night vigil protesting the War in Viet Nam. He told the gathering, estimated to have been 200 people, that he was pleased to be among the first to help to give a moral commitment not only against the War in Viet Nam but against man's insanity against man. He repeatedly called for an end to racism, bigotry, the draft and the War in Viet Nam. He said that the Viet Nam Moratorium could be a turning point for the entire world. It would show American young people they have a moral obligation to bring

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about change. He was also sharply critical of President NIXON's denial that anti-war protests would have any effect on his policies.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~  
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FROM : SAC, COLUMBIA (157-5443) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka;  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago who is office of origin in this matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau is the original and one copy of FD-376.

Copies of the LHM are also being disseminated locally to U. S. Secret Service; 111th MIG, both Columbia, S. C.; NISO, Charleston, S. C.; and OSI, Robins AFB, Georgia.

The confidential source in the LHM is [REDACTED]

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The enclosed LHM is being classified confidential to protect the identity of the source who is furnishing valuable information to this Bureau and if his identity became known, it could affect the defense interests of the United States Government.

No additional investigation is being conducted by the Columbia Division since there is no indication that the subject was involved in any activities during his visit to Columbia that might be considered detrimental to the best interests of this country.

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Columbia, South Carolina

November 3, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on October 30, 1969, that Dick Gregory, the noted comedian and author, would speak at the Capstone House, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, on the evening of October 30, 1969. Gregory was sponsored by the University of South Carolina Student Union Lectures Bureau, and his contract called for the payment of \$900 to Gregory for his appearance at University of South Carolina. The contract also specified that his appearance would be strictly along the lines of comedy although he would be allowed to make statements regarding his civil rights activities.

This same source advised that Gregory attempted to break his contract claiming that he had legal problems elsewhere in this country and it would be a hardship for him to appear at University of South Carolina; however, the Student Union Lectures Bureau held Gregory to his contract although he was docked \$200 because he appeared in Columbia, South Carolina, several hours late. His total payment for

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the appearance at University of South Carolina was \$700. Gregory arrived in Columbia on October 30, 1969, via private airplane and his destination after leaving Columbia following his speech was unknown.

Gregory spoke to an overflow crowd at Capstone House and whereas he made several comments regarding the civil rights movement, his talk was sprinkled heavily with a comedy routine.

An article appearing in the Columbia Record, a daily newspaper in Columbia, South Carolina, on October 31, 1969, stated that Gregory made the following points:

"The racists and rednecks have been hollering about law and order so the Supreme Court gave it to them." This referred to the recent Supreme Court decision, ordering an immediate end to segregated schools in Mississippi. He also stated that, "You may free all minority groups, blacks, Puerto Ricans, Indians," but a horrible mistake will be made "if you don't include your poor white brother." Gregory emphasized the importance of human rights over other rights saying, "Ninety percent of those upset about the assassination of Martin Luther King would not be if George Wallace was assassinated...all assassinations are bad." Gregory stated, "I'm not against the capitalist system...you have to put capitalism behind the constitution instead of in front of it ...We are not governed by the constitution but by the capitalists. The greatest defense against communism is not the bomb but making democracy work."

The confidential source referred to above also advised on October 31, 1969, that there were no incidents during Gregory's speech at University of South Carolina.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535  
Columbia, South Carolina  
November 3, 1969

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential-protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) 1) (RM)  
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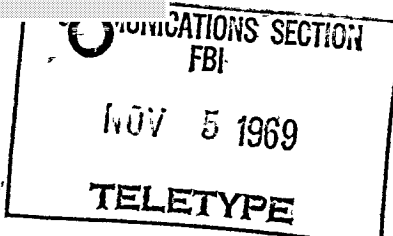
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FROM ST. LOUIS (157-5822)



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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM

(OO: Chicago)

DATE: 11/10/69

Re Minneapolis letter and LHM dated 10/23/69  
captioned Vietnam Moratorium Committee.

Referenced communication indicated subject had  
spoken at Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, during  
the 10/15/69 Vietnam Moratorium and a separate LHM would be  
submitted.

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are eight  
and two copies respectively of an LHM concerning GREGORY's  
appearance.

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

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November 10, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The Mankato State Reporter, student newspaper for Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, issue for October 8, 1969, carried an account of a meeting of the Student Senate held October 7, 1969. At this meeting a motion was approved to ask the Allocations Committee of the college to approve spending student activity funds for the purpose of bringing Dick Gregory, comedian and civil rights leader, to the Mankato State College for an appearance on the evening of October 15, 1969. Subsequent issues of this publication indicated that Gregory's appearance had been arranged.

The October 16, 1969 issue of the Mankato Free Press, daily newspaper, Mankato, Minnesota, contained an article concerning the appearance of Gregory at the Highland Arena, Mankato State College, at 8:00 PM, October 15, 1969 to top off the anti-war moratorium activities here for that day. In his talk, Gregory vented his fury at the injustices he claims to have seen perpetrated against racial minorities, Indian as well as black, in the United States. He commended the students on their moratorium and said the young people do have the power to bring about change if they organize.

The article stated Gregory went on to say that "black folks don't hate white folks. We hate your white racist institutions and stinking white racist system. We hate it and we're holding all white folks responsible for it." He likened that concept to the owner of a dog being held responsible should his dog bite anyone.

Gregory said shortly after the start of draft card burning, the government passed an anti-draft card

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burning law, but "in a hundred years we haven't been able to pass an anti-lynch law." He related that the white system had forced him to grow up among cockroaches in a ghetto.

Gregory criticized the hypocrisy of white attitudes in housing and started off by telling he had lost his father in World War II. "The German who killed my daddy 27 years ago can come to this country and live in a neighborhood that the boy of the man he killed can't live in", he said.

The article states that on another aspect of white inhumanity to blacks, he told how the man who developed the use of blood plasma, a black, bled to death at an Atlanta, Georgia hospital following an accident because the hospital did not accept blacks. The trouble with the United States, according to Gregory, is that it is controlled not by the constitution but by capitalism. "As long as it is", he said, "Americans will always put emphasis on property rights rather than on human rights." "The only reason capitalists wave the flag is because they made it", he stated.

Youngsters have to start asking questions about their system, Gregory emphasized. "If democracy is as good as they say it is why are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with the butt of a gun?", he asked. "Anything good you don't have to force on people. They will steal it."

Gregory told his young listeners, estimated at 3,000, that they are faced with problems not of their making but left to them by "us old fools." America's number one problem is not air pollution but moral pollution, he said. "This is the most morally degenerated, polluted nation there ever was and you folks have the job of getting its sanity back", said Gregory. He said he hoped young persons realized how powerful they are and predicted that what was happening in America on the moratorium day would have an effect on the whole world.

On the matter of young men having to enter the service before they are old enough to vote, he said, "If

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you got to go to war and die at 18, you better fight to vote at 17. If you get to vote at 17 then there won't be no wars when you get to be 18." Through their power, young people can stop not only the war in Vietnam but also capital punishment and poverty, according to the speaker. But, he added, they have to organize. Localizing that point, he proposed a solution for the community where students spend a lot of money caring little for them. "Boycott the town!", he said. "An then see how good they treat you. Address all your grievances to capitalism." In the same vein, he suggested the most effective way of propelling businessmen into ending the Vietnam war would be a buying boycott during the Christmas season.

On the business of going to college, he advised, "We are so busy learning to make a living we forget to learn how to live. Don't make that mistake." "Kids talk about going away to college to be somebody", he said. "Hell, you were born somebody. I hope someday these institutions bring out what nature put into you and not what they want to put into you." "If you want to change this system, make the colleges live up to the name of education", he continued. "They have been too busy indoctrinating. And there's a difference." Students have a big job to make education serve their needs of today, not of yesterday. "If college presidents were doing their jobs they would be making these changes", he said. Instead, they're too busy making speeches and raising funds, Gregory charged. "Ninety-eight percent of board of directors are the cause of the problems in the world", he continued. "They are on college boards because they have made a lot of money and nobody asked how they made it."

The heavy impact of the talk was lightened frequently as Gregory relied on his entertaining skill of comic timing and situation to draw laughs from his audience as he drove home a point. "Whites come up to me and ask why we didn't riot last summer", he said. "We got tired stealing all them no good products", he continued in mock seriousness. "This summer we went underground with Consumer Report. Next time we riot we ain't taking no Motorolas, baby."

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Gregory, however, described himself as nonviolent and challenged white Americans who claim they are nonviolent to prove it. Dragging skeletons out of white history closets, he indicated how blacks could have little respect for the people that "shot and murdered" their way across the continent to California.

On the discovery of America, he said, "You have nerve enough to call blacks hoodlums and you came to these shores and found this country already occupied." He related that to finding an attractive car occupied and "discovering" it for one's own use.

Gregory also challenged whites to admit that their number one "hangup" concerning race is seeing a black man with a white woman. That situation is the white man's own fault through his use of white women in commercials and movies which kindled that desire, he contended. "Niggers were not born wanting a white woman", he said. "You have done a good job of programming.", The only black women he ever saw in a commercial were Beulah and Aunt Jemima, Gregory continued, and he didn't especially want them. "I hope it makes you so mad you'll quit programming us."

Concluding, Gregory promised that if young people see to it no one in America goes to bed hungry, the children of "your hillbilly brothers" get an education, and blacks are treated justly, the National Guard won't have to be called out again.

James Zwickey, assistant director, Student Union, Mankato State College, Mankato, Minnesota, on October 24, 1969, stated Gregory was paid \$1,000 for his appearance here on the evening of October 15, 1969. He said the funds came from student activity fees entirely. Zwickey said Gregory had spoken at Mankato State College a year or more previously and much of what he said during his most recent appearance had been heard the first time. He said the college has a policy of tape recording the talks

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of all speakers such as Gregory and these are maintained in the college tape library.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI 100-440423  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822) RUC  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: CHICAGO

Re St. Louis letter to Bureau, 10/6/69, and St. Louis  
tel to Bureau, 11/4/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for  
Chicago two copies of a self-explanatory LHM reflecting  
GREGORY's speech in St. Louis, Mo., on 11/4/69.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally  
to U. S. Attorney, Secret Service, and 113th MI Group III.

This LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL because  
it contains information from \_\_\_\_\_ a racial informant  
of continuing value. This informant is the only confidential  
source utilized in this LHM.

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File No.

St. Louis, Missouri  
November 5, 1969

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Gregory spoke to an audience of approximately 1500 individuals, the majority college age, at Forest Park Community College, St. Louis, Missouri. His speech was open to the public and was an official campus event sponsored by the Speakers Bureau, paid for by the Student Activities Fund. His speech was arranged and scheduled by the college's Cultural Committee, and given November 4, 1969.

Gregory addressed his racially mixed audience on numerous subjects and attacked the United States as a "sick, degenerate country run by a bunch of insane, fool maniacs". According to a confidential and reliable source who attended this speech, Gregory devoted the majority of his speech to attacking the "white racist establishment". He stated that while Negroes do not necessarily hate whites, they do hate the system and Negroes are going to hold the "honkies" responsible for what's happened in this country. Gregory also attacked the United States military system and American involvement in the Vietnam War. His remarks appeared to be fairly well received by the college age audience.

An article appearing in the November 5, 1969, issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, contained an article on page 12A relating to the above speech. In this article it was reported that Gregory was paid \$1250 for his talk.

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The article further related that GREGORY urged his audience to buy copies of The Black Panther which some students were selling for 25 cents. Gregory was quoted as saying, "It's the only paper around here that tells the truth."

The Black Panther is a newspaper which is usually published on a weekly basis by the Black Panther Party (BPP) in California. A characterization of the BPP is attached.

There were no racial incidents or arrests in connection with Gregory's speech.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY,  
Also Known As  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM

DATE: 11/14/69

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM regarding the appearance of captioned subject at John Carroll University (JCU), University Heights, Ohio, on 10/29/69. Two copies of this LHM are also included for the Chicago Office.

The source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] JCU, University Heights, Ohio (by request).

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Cleveland, Ohio

November 14, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article concerning the scheduled appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, more commonly known as DICK GREGORY, on the campus of John Carroll University (JCU), University Heights, Ohio, on October 29, 1969, appeared in the October 10, 1969 issue of the "Carroll News", a weekly student publication published and circulated on the campus of JCU.

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

# Dick Gregory, Black Leader To Address Carroll Campus

By TONY-ISABELLA

Dick Gregory will speak in the Kulas Auditorium on October 29, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets will be \$1 for fee card holders, \$1.50 for all other students, and \$2.00 for other attendees.

About thirty years ago, you could have seen Dick Gregory on

almost every street corner in the United States. You could tell he had rhythm by the way he snapped his cloth as he shined your shoes. Happy little black boy as he grinned and snatched your quarter out of mid-air. Then he would run off to buy a Twinkie cupcake, a bottle of Pepsi-Cola, and a small pocketful of caramels. You didn't know that was the

little black boy's dinner. And you never even thought of following him home.

Richard Claxton Gregory was born on Columbus Day, 1932. He came from a family that "wasn't poor—just broke!" At Southern Illinois University, Dick was a member of the marching band and the track team. In 1953, he was S.I.U. Outstanding Athlete of the Year.

In the late fifties and early sixties, Gregory was a fast rising comedian. As the sixties progressed, he became more involved in the civil rights movement. "I began taking more and more time off from being a funny man to help our people." This would become a full time job.

In 1964, he published his autobiography, *Nigger*. The dedication to Dear Mama reads: "Wherever you are, if you ever hear the word 'nigger' again, remember they are advertising my book." *The Shadow That Was Me* and last year's *Write Me In* followed. (In 1968, Dick Gregory was a write-in candidate for President.)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article appeared in the October 30, 1969 edition of the "Cleveland Press", a daily afternoon newspaper of general circulation published at Cleveland, Ohio.

## Gregory Says Boycotts Will Stop Vietnam War

By IVOR WALKER

"Don't eat on Thanksgiving Day . . . Boycott Christmas . . . Quit getting haircuts . . . Quit shaving. . ."

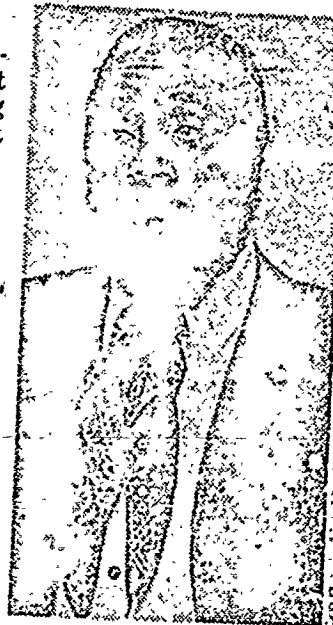
This regimen to end the Vietnam War was prescribed to American youth by Dick Gregory, comedian, and Civil Rights militant, as he addressed 900 persons at John Carroll University last night.

Such concerted action by youth would send the nation's grocers, merchants, barbers, industrialists — up-tight and screaming — to the White House, Gregory said. "President Nixon will have to listen to the people."

The plea made by bearded Gregory at JCU called not only for swift troop withdrawal from South Vietnam but an abrupt halt to "American police tactics abroad."

"THE VIETNAMESE people are capable of handling their own affairs," he said, "and should be allowed to. If America really wants to police other countries, why don't they go to South Africa?"

Gregory used the occasion



Dick Gregory  
"Don't eat . . . quit shaving."

to predict that Mayor Stokes will be re-elected, saying, "The Stokes administration has an outstanding record."

And he spoke of Fred (Ahmed) Evans, under death sentence for the Glenville police slayings of July, 1968.

"The world knows that Fred (Ahmed) Evans was not involved in the riot in Glenville," Gregory said. "The insanity of this nation was shown at the Evans trial."

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The October 30, 1969 edition of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer, a daily morning newspaper of general circulation published at Cleveland, Ohio, contained an article which is set forth below:



# Quit Playing, Students Chided

Comedian - turned - civil-rights-activist Dick Gregory last night called on John Carroll University students to organize with youth across the country and solve the problems he said were "eating away at American society."

"Quit playing games,"

Gregory said in a tour which has reached 310 campuses across the nation. "You say you want to end the war. You can. You have the power."

"Quit getting haircuts until the war is over. Watch the barbers become pacifists. Quit shaving. Watch

the industries affected push for peace.

"DON'T EAT Thanksgiving Day. See the turkey farmers and grocers get uptight."

"If you really want to challenge the system, call for a boycott of Christmas."

"If Nixon says student protest will have no effect on him, just have him call the LBJ ranch to see what affect it can have on a President."

Gregory lashed out at everything from industry to Agnew in a speech laced with humor and invective.

"Your mama and papa have written a check which is going to bounce in 20 years," he told the students.

"And you're going to have to live up to the debt."

"YOU HAVE A big job ahead of you, to make this democracy work right for the very first time."

He suggested students might begin on their own campus.

"Take 98% of the board of trustees of colleges and universities and you'll find that they're the cause of most of the problems around the world. Their qualifications to be on the boards is that they have money—and no one is asking them how or where they got it."

GREGORY SAID that the establishment calls youth irresponsible because they fear that youth wants to change the system.

"For 10 years they were staging panty raids, swallowing goldfish and stuffing phone booths," he said. "People simply said boys will be boys. But today it is different, because youth wants to change this sick, racist, morally-polluted society."

Gregory also endorsed the candidacy of Mayor Carl B. Stokes.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 3, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised DICK GREGORY appeared on the campus of JCU on October 29, 1969 and addressed the group primarily composed of students, approximated at about 900. He stated there were no incidents, violence, or any demonstrative action as a result of GREGORY's appearance on the campus of JCU.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

On 11/14/69, GEORGE W. D'ARTOIS, Commissioner of Public Safety, Shreveport, La., advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY is scheduled to speak at Centary College in 2/70. Commissioner D'ARTOIS is interested in obtaining any arrest record of GREGORY. He is also desirous of any info re violence at places where GREGORY speaks or after his speaking engagements.

On 11/14/69, [redacted] (SAC contact) [redacted] Shreveport, La., who is [redacted] Centary College, advised that GREGORY has been invited by the "Student Forum" a school-approved student group, to speak 2/1/70. [redacted] is also desirous that any pertinent info be furnished Commissioner D'ARTOIS.

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AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Requested to furnish New Orleans any known arrest record of GREGORY and any info as to his speaking engagements where there has been violence during or after his speeches. Expedite.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/19/69

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-64492) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: Chicago

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) containing information concerning captioned individual. Two copies of the LHM are being furnished Chicago, office of origin.

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November 19, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Richard Claxton Gregory is a nationally known  
Negro entertainer and civil rights activist.

The October 24, 1969 issue of the "Mountaineer",  
Mount San Antonio College, Walnut, California, newspaper, page  
3, carried an article entitled "Comic Dick Gregory Addresses  
Convocation". The article reflected that Gregory spoke on  
October 16, 1969, at a convocation at Mount San Antonio College  
on topics ranging from the status of the black man in society to  
the responsibility of the generation he was addressing.

On the Afro-American struggle in society, Gregory  
commented "The biggest breakthrough for Black people happened  
in Texas a few years ago when they named a hurricane Beulah.  
He then related that when a newspaper reporter accosts him in-  
quiring as to why the Black people did not riot last summer, he  
replies, "Well, that's because all the Black leaders were in  
Ireland acting as technical advisors."

Referring to the conception that instigators cause  
the Black people to riot, Gregory stated, "The system don't  
even want to give credit to the niggers for getting mad on  
their own".

"Adults lie to you every day, and when you catch  
them, they call it a generation gap," commented Gregory when  
speaking of the role of the young adult in society. He  
stressed the point that this generation is faced with a situation  
unique in the history of the American nation.

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On foreign involvement, Gregory commented, "If democracy is as grand as they tell us, why in the hell are they (U.S. Government) trying to ram it down foreigners throats with guns?"

[redacted] California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California, advised that Richard Gregory spoke before an assembly of the student body at California State Polytechnic College on the evening of October 16, 1969. [redacted] made available a taped recording of the speech, a transcription of which is as follows:

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Interested in giving them a ride, you might meet them at the back door there.

We have a wooden floor here so no smoking, I mean no smoking and so without further adue on behalf of a college program speakers form, I would like to introduce to you, Mr. DICK GREGORY.

A lot of clapping.

I would like to say thank-you very much. I don't know how I can really stand here with a straight face and honestly say its a pleasure to be in San Luis Obispo. (A lot of laughing and clapping).

If you really want to have some fun you should go to Chicago one day and try to book yourself here. After about three or four hours after they really decide to really not trying to put them on, you know.

Well I am here, I ah, I stayed up late last night deciding, you know that I would get some sleep on the plane, because actually I don't need to much sleep to survive and I got on the plane this morning and I rushed to my seat to sit down and there was a white cat sitting next to me so naturally I check him out. In all fairness let me say this, it was a time I did not have to check out

white folks, as of about 11 months ago. Well let me tell you why. In Chicago I was walking downtown, in the loop of Chicago, about ten o'clock in the evening and I'm walking and a white cat is walking towards me and he sees me and he jumps off the sidewalk and gets in the gutter, you know. I kind of checked the situation out a little bit, you know, he is very nervous, he says listen your not going to hurt me are you? No my man, I'm just GREGORY, I'm dedicated to committee to non-violence. (A lot of clapping). At that point he recognized me and he quit shaking and he said you mean you are thee DICK GREGORY. Thats right my man. He said you don't carry no gun or no knife. I say thats right. You don't do no cutting or shooting. I said thats me, he said well then stick them up nigger. So ever since that day I've been checking out white folk. So like I said I checked this white cat out on the plane this morning and he was pretty groovy so I doze on off and go to sleep. Well about 15 minutes after I get to sleep the white cat decides he wants to strike up a conversation with me, right. So he did it the usual way, wake up boy and I woke up, only to find out he really didn't have anything



to talk about. No he wanted to talk about Negro progress in America and I tried to inform him that I did not want to discuss black progress in America because there is to few people in America that really understand what areas we really made a tremendous amount of break through in. A lot of people think we made tremendous progress in jobs, in housing and education, no, you know the biggest break through for black foks in the history of America happened a few years ago in the State of Texas, we got our first colored hurricane, BULAH (a lot of laughing). So I guess little by little if you looking in the right places, I guess we are doing pretty good, but you have to look in the right places like television, no we are doing alright on television. Every time you turn that channel you get something black and its abouttime and its those damn \_\_\_\_\_ of that white \_\_\_\_\_ of that white womans kitchen. Everytime I turn on the television there she goes, Oh MARGE there is a white dove in your kitchen. If there is just one time I can see my black sister run through yelling, BULAH baby there is a black crow on the biscuit. So like I said little by little we are doing alright.

Last year television gave us our first black cowboy. Didn't any of you ever see that series, the ah, what did they call it, the ah, The Outcasts, dam right. You can tell by the name of it it was us. I understand this year we are going to get another black cowboy so the first black cowboy have somebody to kill. I don't mean it like that. No, they let him kill, they let him kill white cowboys, but you see the problem is whenever it becomes the black cats turn to kill a white cowboy, the stunt riders really has to go through some changes because you see they have to dirty up that white cat so bad that when the black cat gun him down every body will except it. I remember the last time I watched it they showed a black cat kill a white cowboy. This white cat had just finished raping a blond \_\_\_\_\_ (laughing) salvation army worker right.

You know traveling back \_\_\_\_\_ across country we have many press conferences and its amazing how you know the press seems to ask the same questions all over the country. All the press asks me now, Mr. GREGORY how come you all didn't riot this summer? How in the hell

I know, you know, but if you say that they think you are being militant, right? But you got to give them an answer and now I reached a happy medium with them. Now they ask me why do you think your folks didn't riot this summer and I go its simple. All the black leaders was in Ireland this summer serving as technical advisors. Ya they doing their thing over there, them cats feel proud of themselves, they did shooting at one another and carrying on and you know. I'll tell you something interesting about riots. It don't make no difference who it is, or where it is, all cops react to riots the same way. Catholics and Protestant are raising hell and the Irish Police have been blaming it on outside agitators, BILLY GRAHAM and the Pope. (A lot of clapping). I don't know, when you top and think how many religious conflicts there are going on in the world today, Catholics and the Protestants, Jews, and the Arabs and it kind of makes you wonder what great secret the atheists have that makes them act so God like. Of course I understand the right whingers in Ireland is blaming the problem on the Arab extremists \_\_\_\_\_ O'BRIEN, ELDRIDGE CLEAVER. I don't know how many Irish Catholics we have

in the house, but if we have any in the house and you have loved ones in jolly ole Ireland, then you are going to be getting in touch with them any time soon, tell them that Brother GREG says they want to overcome their problem with the protestants, they are going to have to start acting more like black folks. They are going to have to quit all that damn looting and burning and pull themselves up by their boot straps, go out and get themselves some jobs, learn how to be patient. They are moving to damn fast, damn right Holland wasn't built in a day baby.

~~Then let me say its a pleasure to be with~~  
you youngsters this evening. I guess I can thruthfully say I spent about 98 per cent of my time on college campuses and for a reason. The simple reason is that you young folks in America today is probably the most \_\_\_\_\_ dedicated, honest committed group of young people thats ever lived in the history of this country bar none. I hope you young folks don't have to continue to read these old right wing cracker controlled newspapers to find out who you are, or what your all about. (A lot of clapping.) The average established newspaper in America

is to immoral to even discuss with you young kids, but yourselves. What do they call you? Hippie-yippie irresponsible bearded smelly kids, whatever that means. My reaction to that is always because you have a beard why does that mean you have to stink. They don't say nothing about ABRAHAM LINCOLN, he didn't only have a beard, he was ugly to. You know as I travel around the country and speak with young folks, I think the thing that kind of embarrasses me the most is not only do I have to say to you young kids, that all of the problems confronting America today, you youngsters are going to have to solve. The embarrassing thing is that I have to say to you that not only do you have to solve the problem confronting America today but you have to solve the problems that you had nothing to do with creating. All the problems confronting this country tonight were here before you got here, thanks to us old fools, they will not be here when you leave. I say thanks to us old fools because you see we put you young kids in a situation today that no youngster in the history of America has ever been in. The generation of us fools had passed just ahead of you, not

only did we not solve the problems confronting America today, but for the first time in the history of America we used up all the tricks. So you youngsters have all the problems and no tricks and us old fools wonder why you react the way you react, hell you got to react that way because you haven't got no tricks. I remember when I was a kid, my mother, my father, the whole community to teach me, boy your going to grow up one day and a white man is going to call you a nigger and don't get mad when he calls you a nigger because God don't like no ugly and thats the way it works. Sure enough I grew up one day and a honky did call me a nigger and I didn't get mad because God don't like no ugly. I got seven little black kids at home right now and me and my ole lady ain't teaching them nothing, ( a lot of laughing and clapping). One of \_\_\_\_\_ they ever make a mistake to slip and call one of them a nigger, I'll be damned sure bet you its going to surprise them. So I say to you youngsters today, you have all the problems and no tricks, you got a big job. Let me say to you at this point I did not come here tonight to impress you, but only to inform you. When I leave here this evening I couldn't care less

of about what you think about DICK GREGORY, because I will always have the one constellation of knowing that whenever we wake up, this year, next year or 20 years from now, you will always be able to say atleast Brother GREG didn't lie to us. Now I think thats one of the biggest problems confronting you young folks tonight. Twenty-four hours aday the establishment lies to you and then when you catch it we say generation gap. (A lot of clapping). Now the generation gap is a moral gap, we just didn't start lying to you, we started lying to you way back in that baby crib with that Santa Clause boy. First letter I ever wrote in my life went to a cat that didn't exist, Dear Santa. Thats not funny because when your mommy lied to you damn then anybody is qualified to lie. So that Santa Clause boy, he goes over better in the white community then he goes over in the black community, not that we don't need him, we just know damn good and well that no white cat coming in our neighborhood after midnight. (clapping).

The number one lie we tell you youngsters today; well I don't have to tell you, you know what that is.

Twenty-four hours a day we try to convince you the number one problem confronting America today is the problem of air pollution. The number one problem confronting America today is the problem of moral pollution, this is the most \_\_\_\_\_, polluted, degenerate, insane nation on the face of this earth baring none. Whether you like it or not you young people have the all important job of giving America her sanity back, I hope you don't make the mistake that these old right wing crackers keep making, they are so damn busy \_\_\_\_\_ this country, America the Beautiful, when any old fool know \_\_\_\_\_ are for dead things. Thanks to you youngsters America is not dead yet. I hope you do not make the mistake of \_\_\_\_\_ this country. I hope you young people will examine this sick nation and find out where the cancer is and cut it out. You got a big job, America the Beautiful.

Let me tell you something. If you ever run across any body in this country anytime soon that beleives America is a beautiful country with your Indian brother still locked up on that reservation, tell them I said they are sick, sad and insane and out of their damn minds. This



will never be a beautiful country as long as one Indian is kept up on that reservation and if it can be beautiful to you then you are not out of your mind. We march our funky filthy Army 10,000 miles away from home to guarantee some danm foreigner protection against the communist, who is going to guarantee this Indian protection against you. (A lot of clapping).

So I tell you youngsters tonight you have a big job. I think the most embarrassing thing to me about this country is America. It is the only country on the face of this earth that lies about what she is all about. \_\_\_\_\_ don't pretend to be anything else other than a communist and a revolutionists. Of course \_\_\_\_\_ and therest of them damn fools would knock over Russia \_\_\_\_\_ anything else other than a bunch of communists. HITLER, as big as he was, atleast he was honest enough to let the whole world know that they felt them Nazis was superior to everybody else on the face of this earth. Right tonight in South Africa, they don't pretend that they love them niggers. America is the only country on the face of this earth that lies about what she is all about. She says one thing but she is all together about something else.

So I say to you youngsters tonight you have a big job and I hope you understand how strong you are of course you proved that last year at the democratic convention. 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago to change the system in the whole establishment went stone crazy. (clapping). Do you understand that it is very important words showed up to Chicago to change the system that \_\_\_\_\_ about. They would have you believe that everybody got up tight because those kids were coming to Chicago to tear up the town but that don't upset white folks, you know better than that for the last ten years you young white kids every spring break going to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, getting drunk tearing up the whole town and it ain't upsetting anybody. Everybody say well boys will be boys (speaker laughs). 15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago to upset the whole system. I was tickled to death over the democratic convention because it woke up a lot of you young folks. To me there is nothing any worse than a young fool becuae you got so long to be one. The whole establishment woke you up three days after the democratic convention was over. The whole establishment tried to convenice you that you did not see what you saw on television.

And if they say it didn't happen, the press created it, you know \_\_\_\_\_ and the rest of them damn fools in Moscow was dealing with the world as insane as America, you know that they defeated Czechoslovakia rap. Just get on world wide television and say, ah, you didn't see it, you all. It didn't happen that we admit we sent little minature tanks to the Czech border for the kids to play with and the damn cameras blew them up to make them look like real live tanks. You know what happened in Czechoslovakia, know what happened? Them old Russians made the same mistake in Moscow, these old damn fools are making in America. They plot their little stinking strategy and when they plot their strategy they only take into consideration the reaction of the old fools and they never consider what you young folks reaction is going to be. I'm sure those Russians knew when they hit that Czech border what them Russian tanks, them old Czech were going to take off and run like hell bent, you all be cool we can live under any kind of government, but it never dawned on them Russians that them young Zxechs were going to run alright, but not from the tanks but to the tanks and

met them at the border and had a world wide confrontation you looked at them putting swap stickers on them tanks and it gave people courage all over the world. The same mistakes these fools would make here in this country Sunday morning if you woke up and they put tanks in front of every church with loud speakers saying anybody get caught going to church Sunday morning will be machine gunned to death, they would know the reaction of your mommy and daddy, you can just hear them now. Well JESUS is everywhere we can stay home and pray. (clapping). What these old fools don't know is they put tanks in front of churches Sunday mornig. in America, young folks that have never been to church in their lives on Sunday morning would decide to go.

Take NIXON, he under-estimated you about seven days ago in his press conference when he said the October 15th Vietnam Day wouldn't have no effect on you. He is a damn liar, if he really believes that he is a damn fool to. (clapping). I suggest to \_\_\_\_\_ NIXON that if he want to know how much if effects you young kids can have on a President, that he just makes one call

to the LBJ Ranch and ask that boy how much effect you can have on a President. Because it was you young kids in America that ran LBJ back to the ranch you can run any body back. LBJ is probably the number one power to walk the face of this earth since JULIUS CEASER. If NIXON lived to get 10 million years old he could never get as slick as LBJ. I think that NIXON had better hurry up and realize that you already ran the boss home. You got a big job.

The 15th was a beautiful day, the biggest demonstration in the history of America. They didn't use no fire bombs, they didn't use no bricks, they didn't use no napalm, they came out across this country with the strongest weapon ever been known in the history of man, pure \_\_\_\_\_ ethical, honest, dedication, thats all you need. (A lot of clapping).

So you have a big job, you haven't got to much time to do it in. I hope you understand that the situation this country is in today. I think NIXON expresses it better than anybody, a nation with two hundred million people in it and he would have to look around to pick

them all ethical american to put on the supreme court and he can't find nobody else but HAYNESWORTH, and then say that the most \_\_\_\_\_ ethical guy I know and he ain't lying, it is. That lets you know what shape NIXON is in and lets you know what the state of this nation is in. The President of this country can't find nobody else any morally dedicated, ethical and honest than HAYNESWORTH. You young kids really got a problem. I understand how sick and vicious this country is, you see right now you young kids still playing games with this \_\_\_\_\_, can't play no more games with this country. Sure you have been reading about that government project where they are putting all the whole \_\_\_\_\_ the federal government got this thing called operation intercept. If you just think about, I bet if you really knew what was going on you wouldn't laugh, most of you wouldn't want to believe that this stinking government can be that dirty. You know what they are doing with operation intercept? They are stopping all the marijuana from coming into America, but they are not stopping the heroine from coming in. Now you figure it out for yourself.

Anytime a country would stop the marijuána and not stop the heroine cause they want you young white kids to start main lining so you will leave this damn system alone and as dirty as HITLER was he never tried to put them young Nazis on dope. (clapping). And your mommy and daddy are to damn busy trying to make money and save them notes and to damn degenerate to even see what this damn country is fixing to do, then when you end up on narcotics they are going to be the first ones raising hell. I'd like to raise hell now, always so damn busy putting narcotics down and then bring me another drink honey. They are to stupid to even realize that narcotics and alcohol to the, deperment to your body. May be if you young kids freak out for narcotics and want to get that heat off of you, maybe you got to do like the old folks did. We justified drinking out the bible, you all got to read the bible to find some way you can justify your rights. (laughing). If they go through the bible again, they would be there \_\_\_\_\_ and they tell you guit. The bible says right here, A little wine is good for the stomach man \_\_\_\_\_ drinking vodka and scotch and burbon and cognac and so maybe they will put you youngsters \_\_\_\_\_ you got to look through that

bible and see if you can find out what \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus boy was doing \_\_\_\_\_ thing, you know. You don't have to actually pin point it because most people just use the bible and do what they want to do with it. Just one of them trips when he went off into the wilderness you can use that you know. (clapping). Come back healing folks and all of that, you know. Take a loaf of bread and feed 4,000 people with it, you know something was going on (audience and speaker laughing). He was in good shape wasn't he \_\_\_\_\_ he see one cate and thought he saw 4,000.

Ya you youngsters got a big job. I hope you understand how strong you are. I hope you understand what you did October 15th. You not only proved to the world that you are going to end that war in Vietnam, with that strength you showed you can also do away with capital punishment in America. You can do away with poverty in America and you can bust the back of the military industrial complex, thats how strong you are. (clapping). Of course all of us old fools try to make young kids think that never in the history of America has there been more ill-responsible youngsters in America then you and thats right, but we are trying to say is no youngsters has ever tried to change the system. Oh we did little things when we was in college. We didn't take



over the administration building, we had panty raids.. Nobody got up tight, they said boys will be boys. We went in the girls dormitory and wiped out all the drawers kicked the door in, jumped through the window, man for ten years in America we had panty raids. Not once did J. EDGAR HOOVER get on television and say panty raids is communistic and is barred. But I tell you what, tonight you leave here and go up on the Indian Reservation and try to liberate your Indian brothers and see if that slick, slimy, degenerate that heads the FBI won't be on television and say the Indian movement is communistic and barred. Something is so sick about this white racists country that it really wants itself to believe that it takes some ole white communists to go up on the Indian Reservation and inform the Indians that America has had him on a reservation.

Then there was the civil rights movement. People dumb enough to want to believe that some ole white communist had to come over here from Moscow to let me know that this \_\_\_\_\_ has had his foot on my back for 300 years. I didn't know it till the communist told me. (Clapping).

For some reason this old sick nation don't even want to give a nigger credit for getting made on his own. So for ten years in this country we had vandalism.

Let me ask you which is the mark of a sick insane degenerate mind of a group that goes into the girls dormitory & steal all the drawers open or the group that takes over the administration building. Which is the sick mind? For ten years nobody put us down for it, go back, all you youngsters go back and get them old papers and read see if you see any editorials, then you will say well its all in growing up, ha ha ha ha. Then one day we got tired of stealing bloomers so we decided to see how many goldfish we could swallow remember that? They didn't raise no hell, they let you swallow a whale if you want to. Young kids got tired of swallowing goldfish and they tried to see how many they could get into a telephone booth. Oh ya you picked up the front of the newspaper and turn over on the back side and there it was. University of Arizona set new record - 500 kids stuffed in one phonebooth, then turn to the center page where they got the pictures of some old freakish looking cat from Bell Telephone bringing a brand new phone booth saying well boys will be boys, ha ha ha ha.

If you want to know if boys will be boys, don't take 500 kids downtown and get in a phone-booth, just take five kids downtown one day, don't get in the phone booth, picket outside the phone-booth with picket signs and AT&T, about those anti-trust violations and how absorbent long distance phone call rates and see how long it takes the cops to come there and bush you and throw you in jail. (Clapping). Then see if anybody from AT&T will show up saying boys will be boys.

You youngsters got a big job and I hope you understand why us old fools are reacting to you youngsters the way we react. You youngsters are doing some things to us thats truly upsetting us. All at once you kids are going to say to us old sick degenerates that morality will no longer be a brooks brother suit, and a clean shaven face and a hair cut once a week and commit all the abortions and adultrey you want, you still Mr. so and so. You youngsters stand us old fools the morality will no longer be the latest fashions from Paris and bathing in Chanel No. 5 and doing anything you want to do and you still Mr. so. and so. Do you understad how much that up set us old fools. You youngsters got nerve enough to tell us morality will no longer come from without, but will come from within. You got nerve enough to

tell us we can't buy our morals no more in America. Damn right we upset. We got a little saying in this country here that you youngsters talk about you aren't going to shave and not going to get no hair cut, how in the hell can we look at you and tell if you are a upstanding morally dedicated citizen. (Clapping).

15,000 hippies and yippies showed up in Chicago. Let me ask you, who do you think was the most immoralist in Chicago last year? The hippies and the yippies or the shriners when they come to town for their convention? Who do you think committed the most adultery in Chicago last year? The hippies and the yippies or the shriners? Who do you think spent the most money on whores and prostitution in Chicago last summer? The hippies and yippies or the shriners when they came to town? Nobody got uptight over the shriners. The shriners didn't come to change nothing, just to buy something. (Clapping).

You youngsters got a big job and whether you like it or not us old fools have left you youngsters a mess to clean up.

Last year after the assassination of Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING everybody got, oh they killed Dr. KING and then they gunned down BOBBY KENNEDY, oh they assassinated BOBBY. A couple of years ago they assassinated the President and everybody got up tight but you know, nobody got upset in this country when they assassinated LINCOLN ROCKWELL and MALCOLM X. This is not a nation that gives a damn about assassinations until you kill somebody we like. Ninety-eight per cent of everybody in America that got up tight over MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassination is GEORGE WALLACE was assassinated in the morning, they would not be upset. There is a sad comentary on in this country. You youngsters got the all important job of making this country that gives a damn about all assassinations regardless as to who it is or we not going to give a damn about none of them. You got a big job & the biggest job that you youngsters have, I do not advocate destorying the capitalistic system but I tell you you young folks tonight, you better work like hell to beat the capitalist into their rightful position which is behind the United States Constitution and not in front of it. (clapping). This country is not governed under the democratic process, this country is not controlled by the United

States Constitution. This country is controlled and governed by the capitalists and the sad thing with the capitalists are here to \_\_\_\_\_ means in America. We put emphases on property rights instead of putting emphases on human rights. So you got a big job of moving the capitalists behind the constitution. And the way you do that is you got to address all your grievances to the capitalist, don't be marching down the street on the constitution because the capitalist don't give a damn about no constitution, matter of fact the only reason they care for the flag is because they make it. If you want to see how much the capitalist like the flag, you get a bill pushed through in the morning that the all American flag will be made from here on in by the Blind Jewish Welfare Mothers Association, see how many of them fools quit flying that flag. (clapping).

Well they proved to you last year what they think about you and your rights. Millions of Americans last year came out and peacefully protested and peacefully assembled for strong gun legislation, remember that? The capitalists that manufacture the guns saw to it that you didn't get a strong gun legislation. And a nation so insane we demand that you get a prescription to get your medicine, but you don't need one to get your gun. I can't hit you in the head with my

appeals and kill you, nor can I injure you by shooting you with my cough syrup (laughing). I'm not trying to stand here tonight and say Americans should not have guns. The United States Constitution says all Americans have a right to bear arms. All Americans have a right to get well and if this country is going to make me go through some changes to get my medicine then damn it, it ought to make me go through changes to get my gun. (clapping). So I say to you youngsters tonight if you want to change the system, ah don't take over the administration building. You got to organize and address your grievances to the capitalists.

Unions didn't get an eight hour work day in this country by throwing fire bombs in the boss's office, although they threw some fire bombs now and beat up some folks, but they organize, the said thing about the unions the, the unions organized to help the \_\_\_\_\_ land to overcome capitalistic tyrant after they got organized and over came the guy, the unions is America now is more degenerate and more corrupt then the guys they organized for it to begin with. So you got to deal with the unions to (clapping).

Ya you have a big job. I tell you youngsters

that once you get organized and address your grievances to the capitalists and we're living in a country today that says to you 18 year old boys, at 18 years old you old enough to go to war and die for your country but you not old enough to vote is that sick? (clapping). If it was happening in Russia, if they say the Russians have to go to war before they can vote we would say thats communism for you. Nothing upsets me no more than to see thise young kids running around \_\_\_\_\_. I got to go to war and die at 18, I want the right to vote at 18. Don't be no damn fool if you got to go to war and die at 18, you better fight to get the right to vote at 17. (clapping). As groovy as you young kids are today if you got the right to vote to be at 17, there wouldn't be no wars when you got 18. (clapping). Since 1900 man has killed 90 million people in wars, 1900, and then wonder what you youngsters go on your mind. Thats why I went out with the Presidential candidate last year. I let the whole world know had I been elected to the presidency I wouldn't want to end the war in Vietnan. I just would have passed a bill that say we could draft these old fools up to 75 years old and send them over there and let them fight. (clapping). If I had been the



President would no more yelling, you kids got to kill and then you would have all of them old folks over there. Sure would have saved us a lot of money on medicare. So I say to you youngsters today if you want to solve these problems, address your grievances to the capitalists.

Next month we are going out for two days against Vietnam. They don't give a damn about you marching. Oh its a beautiful thing because it gives courage to the whole world but next month you young folks got to develope your program and let these fools know if we still in Vietnam in November we going to boycott thanksgiving. We not. We not going to eat a thanks giving meal and you get that turkey form up tight for the first time in this country. (clapping). You youngsters have to organize across this country and let these capitalists understand that if we don't get it out of Vietnam by November you young folks are going to stop getting hair cuts till the wars over. Them damn barbers will go to the white house with their razors and they will get us out of Vietnam. (clapping). When the American barbers got to understand that us being in Vietnam is going to affect his house note, going to affect his kids going to school,

you would be surprised. We don't have to come out in the street no more. Them barbers will take care of it for you. (laughing), but are you willing to make a supreme sacrifice, thats what we are talking about now, thats what it gets down to. You strong enough, you proved you was strong enough to do that thing but are you willing to do that other thing now. Young men in this country if you decide till the war is over that you not going to shave gillette blue blades, got to get out in the street with a picket sign. Some ole woman 95 years old that don't give a damn about Vietnam, but she owns 83 thousand shares of gillette blue blades, ya, she got to come out with you on the 14th and the 15th, Bring the boys home. You young people get organized across this country, let the capitalists know that you are not going to affect NIXON. Let the capitalists know that if we are not out of Vietnam by thanksgiving, you are going to call for a nation-wide boycott of Christmas this year. Then you going to some \_\_\_\_\_. Thats what you got to do to this country. (clapping). Then when the capitalists understand that you are going to paralyze this country on Christmas, you would be surprised how quick ole \_\_\_\_\_ got to come out of Vietnam. Ya Christmas is a big day, you youngsters got to

let your mommy and daddy know and your friends know that if they give you a Christmas gift or cook a Christmas meal or expect a gift they can't do nothing but insult you. You bring that pressure down. I'd like to get out here and go to jail, you don't have to get out there throwing no fire bombs. You youngsters organize & put that pressure on these capitalists and you would be surprised. Capitalism, you'll never make him a moral man, but what you do, you put that pressure on him because he thinks about property baby, or human rights and when you become a threat to his property, you would be surprised how nice he can react. You youngsters want a right to vote, 17 years old, you can get that right. All you got to do is organize and after you get organized go to the record industry in America and tell the record company that they do not go to the Washington D.C. and lobby to get a bill pushed through to say that 17 year olds can vote. You are going to call for a nation-wide boycott of buying phonograph records in America for two years. (clapping). What do you think the record industry would do? Boy they would sit back and watch you wipe out a multi-billion dollar year industry, when they got through, 16 year olders could vote.

So I say to you youngsters today that you got a big job to beat the capitalists behind the constitution so

for the first time we can put emphases on human rights instead of the property rights. Mayor DALY of Chicago was a good example of how we emphasized property rights when he made that statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill never said to shoot a murderer to kill, never said shoot a dope pusher to kill because murderers and dope pushers deal with human rights and looters deal with property rights. Matter of fact when DALY made that statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill is the first time I ever agreed with him on anything. I hurried up and sent him a telegram. I said; Dear fool, your statement pertaining to shooting all looters to kill, I agree with whole heartedly if you just make one stipulation, lets first make it rectoactive and lets first put the guns in the Indian hands. (clapping).

So I say to you youngsters this evening you got a big job. Keep your eye on all of us old fools in particular watch your mommy and daddy because you got to sleep with them. You ask them a lot of questions, oh you know somebody come by your house today and knock on your door, my father, Who is it? Ah say government inspector. Say, ya what do you want? We want your dog or your cat. What do you say \_\_\_\_\_ ya we just got a bill pushed through we are sending pets to Vietnam.

I don't have to tell you tonight how much hell your mommy and daddy would raise if somebody tried to drag that dog off to Vietnam. (clapping). There would be a shoot out on the front lawn, it sounds funny but its very frightening when you youngsters got to realize you are living in a nation tonight where your mommy and daddby would raise more hell over the dog going to Vietnam than you going to Vietnam. So you got a lot of questions to ask? One of the most important questions you have to ask and you have to ask it loud and clear, its a simple question, but an important question and that question is. If democracy is as good as we tell you it is and why in the hell do we run it all over the world trying to ram it down peoples throat with a gun? (clapping).

Today you youngsters work to make this democracy work right, thats the day we can bring the guns home because you see anything good you don't have to force on people, they will steal it. (clapping).

Probably the most important thing I will say to you young folks all night is what I am about to say to you now. I hope you young folks at this institution or any other institution do not make the mistake us old fools made when it was our turn to go to these colleges or universities.

You see when it was our turn to go to college and universities in America we were so damn busy trying to learn how to make a living we forgot to learn how to live. Don't make that mistake, please. (clapping), You spend your four beautiful years at this or any other institution, you will find out that if you learn how to live making a living and this is the simplest thing for you to do on the face of this earth. I meet so many young folks that say I am going away to college now to learn how to be somebody, hell you were born somebody. If you dumb enough to let somebody teach you how to be somebody else, then that makes you two people. How to live and eat is very simple. The damn gorilla proved that every day. The damn gorilla eat more food in one meal than you eat in six weeks have you ever know a gorilla to go away to college so he can get him a job so he can get him some food. (clapping). When was the last time you ever heard of a gorilla starving to death? The first time we can teach a gorilla how to make a living thats the day we are going to have to have colleges for gorillas to. I hope you youngsters understand how strong you are and I hope you youngsters understand who you are? One day I hope these educational institutions will only bring out of you youngsters what nature put in you

it would solve all of the problems then. Do you know who you are? There is nine planets to the Universe you just happen to have nine holes in your body do you think thats an accident? Thats because you are the Universe, you are nature. You got twenty-six thousand billion cells in your body, sixty-two thousand miles of blood vessels in your body that blood makes a complete cycle every thirty seconds which means your blood travels 104,000 miles a minute. You know how strong you are? Do you know who you are? I hope you youngsters understand nature. Let me show you how strong nature is. Those of you in here this evening that understand Chinese raise your hands would you please. one-two-three- four- five-six-seven-eight. In this huge audience only eight folks understand Chinese. I said that to prove to you how strong nature is, you all aware that right this moment in China dogs in China do understand Chinese and never been to college. Dogs in Russia understand Russian. Dogs in Germany understand German. Do you? I say that to say that to nature you born with all the wisdom you need to get human dignity to fight your way out of one of these tricks and get to your dinner. Don't nobody have to teach you that. (clapping).

So you youngsters got a big job. I hope you know how strong you are. As you youngsters work to change this system I hope you dedicate a lot of your energy and a lot of your efforts to those educational institutions. I hope you make them for the first time in the history of America live up to their name. I hope you make them educate because the average school in America do not know how to educate. They've been too damn busy in doctrinating and there is a difference between indoctrination and education. (clapping). Why are we so busy programing you youngsters. You come to school and we give you books and here is your class assignment. Read the book. Oh we don't get you with the book we \_\_\_\_\_ after you finish reading the book we give you what we call the test and if you didn't read the book the way we want you to read the book, you can not pass the test. That's programing. (Clapping). That's why young folks in America will stoop to the lowest depth they ever stooped in their life to steal the test, because you know once you get the test you don't need the book. (laughing). We do not grade the book we grade the test and after we get through grading the test we put it on that ole fragile thing called a transcript and I don't know when you



youngsters are going to get hip to that transcript. That transcript is not for you \_\_\_\_\_ don't mean you know thats the way the system checks on you, thats all a transcript is for. If you think that transcripts important to you - you graduate from college one day and ten years from now meet somebody you want to marry and see if they ever ask to see your transcript. (laughing). You graduate from college and you get a dipolma and to to apply for a job and they say well we got to check your transcript don't check my transcript I didn't ask to check your damn books did I? (clapping).

You youngsters got a big job. Changes in these educational institution so for the first time they can be relevant to your needs in the year of 1969 not that old \_\_\_\_\_ stuff we've been teaching in these colleges and universities. You all got a big job, hell somebody going to stand in front of you in class and flunk you, who has the power to flunk you? Nature, its like flunking a hurricane. (laughing and clapping). The most they can do is give you incomplete and give you the rest of your life to complete it, that makes sense. (laughing and clapping). That ole nonsense grading system, you made

a 100, you made now, who gives a hell what you got a pass or incomplete its just that simple, just that simple. What does a 100 mean? Because you made a 100 on every test that going to make you a better daddy? Because you made a 100 on that that makes you a better citizen? Nine time out of ten with that old system we don't do nothing but make a damn fool out of you. Check the records \_\_\_\_\_, they own their own business, they ain't working for somebody. You youngsters really got to overhaul this system and I hope you do it before my kids get here. (clapping). Because I know my kid is not going to be as patient as you all was. They aren't going to take over the administration building, they would be standing out there marching where the building was. (laughing and clapping). Sad thing about what is going on on college campuses today, that everybody is upset over young folks get the president of these institutions would live up to their jobs and their committments they would raise enough hell to make all these changes you need. Hell if the president really thought anything of you youngsters, (clapping), he would be so busy making these changes if you wasn't with him he

would to take over the student union so you couldn't get in it. Come to your dormitory and steal your records. The average president of these institutions so damn busy out making fund raising pitches and keeping his finger in somebody's eye and so damn scared of that board of directors now thats where the problem comes from on the colleges is that board of directors. (clapping). You want to have some fun, you write down the names of every college in America and then do some research and look up all the board of directors in America and you will find out that 98. per cent of them is the cause of the problems all over the world and the only thing that qualified them to be on the board of directors is the fact they made some money and nobody even asked them how they made it. (clapping). Look at the ROCKEFELLER family. How many college boards and university boards of directors they are? Can you imagine ROCKEFELLER is going to tell you young kids how you suppose to mold your life when it wasn't for his damn Chase Manhattan Banks them black brothers in South Africa could breathe a breath of fresh air and if it wasn't for that damn standard oil the whole continent in South America could get free and that slick, slimy, degenerate ROCKEFELLER family going to tell

you youngsters how you suppose to pattern your life, is that a disgrace? You got a big job and thats what black folks is talking about in this country today. Let me say to you tonight that black folks in America do not hate white folks, course you got some niggers hate turnips. (laughing). Basically in America black folks do not hate you white folks, we hate your stinking white racists system and your stinking white racists institutions, thats what we hate in the free society. We got to give a man the right to be an individual racists. Individual racism do not hurt me its just the damn institutional lies racism that we are going to bust, thats what is choking us to death. (clapping). As an individualist you got a right to believe our \_\_\_\_\_ your hang-up, but you haven't got a right to keep people moving, anyway I won't move in my country. (clapping).

The white folks you not our problem. I guess its just your ego that wants to make yourself believe you our problem. (clapping). When you really stop and think about it you really insignificant in as far as my problem is concerned and to prove that, all you white folks could disappear from America tonight and leave nothing here but

Indians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Black folks and Asians and if we had to take these same old trick tests you made us take now, we still couldn't get into college and you wouldn't even be here. (laughing and clapping). So I say to you tonight Black folks in America, do not hate you white folks, we hate your stinking white racist system and your stinking white racist institutions but we want you to know we are going to hold all white folks responsible for it. You do know what I mean don't you? (clapping).

Like if you came to my house this evening as my friend and brought your daughter with you and my dog attacked your daughter, who you going to sue? My dog or me? I'm responsible for my dog. We saying to you white folks in America you responsible for this dog ass racists system that keeps attacking us. (clapping). Both of you came by my house this evening as my friend and brought your daughter with you and my dog lunged for your daughter and I got in the way and that dog damn near killed me, you ain't got no law suit right? Matter of fact our friendship can get a little tight alright? Same thing we say in the white folks of America, either you get

in a position to stop your racist dog from attacking me or get in a position where everytime he attacks me he will grab you and if you ever do that you'd find out we ain't got no problems, (clapping). We tired of this racist system that keeps black folks locked in the black ghetto all their life. I was forced to live in a black ghetto, over crowded, rats and roaches and I had to develop a new \_\_\_\_\_ to survive and then I break out of it and go to a white school and you didn't ask me the ghetto test, you didn't ask me a damn thing about the rats and roaches, you asked me about the \_\_\_\_\_ tower, no baby you've given us the wrong test, we're black kids and we said get rid of these tests. Thats your test, don't give me your test baby, not after you forced me to live in a black ghetto all my life. You \_\_\_\_\_ enough decency after you forced me to live there to give me a test that I know about, then get rid of all the tests. (Clapping). That Indian brother, he is not on that reservation because he wants to be there, he is there because we forced him up there and if he got away tonight and wanted to come to this institution you not going to ask him a damn thing thats relevant to the reservation. First thing

you want to do is we got to give you a test \_\_\_\_\_.  
(laughing). Oh what was ABRAHAM LINCOLN's mother's name?  
What the hell that Indian give a damn about ABRAHAM LINCOLN's  
mama? May be we would understand it a little bit better if  
all Americans had to take an Indian test before we could go  
to college. May be that Indian throw you up on that  
reservation and ask you what was sitting Bull's great  
grandma's name? We are insane enough to not only put him  
up on the reservation but to control his educational  
system and we got nerve enough out of all of the people  
on the face of this earth we got nerve enough to teach  
that Indian that COLUMBUS discovered America. (laughing  
and clapping). So we say we tired of this white racist  
system. I never will forget I lived in that black ghetto and  
developed me a ghetto culture and I got ready to go to one of  
them white schools, see I didn't have to take the test  
because I was a good athlete. Come here boy, ya I got passed  
that. I'm sitting and I was doing my thing, you understand?

I never will forget one day I'm sitting in the  
math class and this white instructor walks over and says  
how you doing boy? I say well I think I got it mastered  
if I just figure out this one formula and he says, What  
is it on your mind? I say, well let me break it all the

way down. I say two and two is four. He say what? I said two and two is four. He said what did you say? I said four white boy four, one-two-three-four. He said my God you colored folks do talk different. Ya, five-six-seven-eight-nine we do talk different don't we? You white folks better check your thing out \_\_\_\_\_. You run around here thinking that you talk english language and black folks can't speak the english language. I say to you, you better get on a plane and take one trip to London, England and listen to that englishman talking.. You would find out you white folks in America can't speak english neither. (clapping). Ya you ain't doing nothing but \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. Thats why a trip every now and then, a good trip is good for your \_\_\_\_\_. Ya thats right, you learn a lot you know, you white folks got us pinned in the black ghetto, you give us that little piece of land, little small piece, to small over crowded, rats and roaches and we dirtied it up because we dirtied it up white folks in America want to say we was niggers for dirting it up. Them black folks was so silly want you to make yourself believe we didn't even get nothing dirty. \_\_\_\_\_ we ain't dirty. You know white folks knows what dirt looks like. You know there is a lot of



black folks in this country silly enough to believe that if you don't see us eating watermelon you assum we ain't eating them. You know damn good and well if you see us

\_\_\_\_\_ truck loads of watermelon to haul \_\_\_\_\_ and the truck come back empty. You know what we doing with them melons don't you? (laughing). So I guess we just have to start getting honest with you and admit that we did get in that little ole piece of ghetto you gave us that was over crowded, rats and roaches and we did dirty it up. Now because we dirty it up that makes us the nigger and tonight I am willing to admit we the nigger for dirting up that little piece of land. We got to be the nigger for dirting up that little ghetto you gave us. \_\_\_\_\_ admit you who dirtied up all your rivers and your oceans, polluted your air and left all that junk on the moon. (clapping). So if we got to be niggers for dirting up that little piece of land after looking at your dirt record you got to be the super nigger baby. (clapping).

So I say to you tonight you black folks we tired of this white racist system and these white racist institution. Thats why black kids on these college campuses

today say teach us black studies. Damn right we not your nigger no more, we want to know who we are, we know our history goes back further than slavery and you know damn good and well that a man without a knowledge of himself is like a tree with no roots. We also demand that these institutions teach you white kids my black history because if you white kids ever learn my black history instead of what your mommy and daddy taught you about me, you find out your mommy come close to being that nigger than me. (clapping). We tired of this white racist system \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ newspaper reporter asked me, Mr. GREGORY, what do you think about black separatism? You white folks shouldn't be permitted to utter the word separatism as long as that Indian is on that reservation. Thats a pure example of separatism, but its OK as long as you doing it. Oh that Indian hold a press conference in the morning say me like reservation, don't want no more white folks on reservation. You would send your army up there tomorrow night and run him off.

Three years ago had I gone around the country speaking that the way we can solve the problem in the black ghetto we need black capitalism every body was sayin that was

racism but that old white board thinks NIXON talks about black capitalism, thats not racism because he a white boy. We tired of this white racist system, its a white racist system that permits my jewish brother to get upset when he found out Black \_\_\_\_\_ existed in the black ghetto. In fact every jew in America over 15 years old know another jew that hates niggers, now you find out some niggers hate jews. What the hell you so upset about? I tell you what you upset about in the white racist system the aggressor will never permit the oppress to be as sick and degenerate as he is. Thats what is upsetting you in this country. (clapping). I'm so damn glad that the black \_\_\_\_\_ is out. \_\_\_\_\_ an ugly \_\_\_\_\_ because as long as it was here, could nobody deal with it. We tired of this white racist system. You ever see that television show called the Dating Game? You see that ole racists show because if ain't racists because the system is doing it. Anytime a black contestant shows up, the three other guests just happen to be black. (laughing and clapping). But if I had to go to work that show next week and If you found out I said I wasn't going to work that show if you got a white lady on I want three black soul sisters, you would say I was a racists, wouldn't you?

So we saying we tired, tired, tired, of this white Racist system. Everytime I look at my American passport I look at this racist piece of thing they gave me to travel all over. You never got a passport? Check it out one time. Look at those four countries the Americans can't visit, Cuba, Mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam. You think its an accident they just happen to be non-white communist countries? You aint afraid of communism as long as its white communism and you sick enough to believe that them little non-white commies in North Vietnam is a bigger damn threat to your security then them white honky communists in Moscow, Russia. You got to be sick and out of your mind. (clapping). But all know Moscow, Russia is not off limits everytime an American boy gets killed in North Vietnam, he was killed with a Russian bullet. Everytime an American plane gets shot down over Hanoi it was with a Russian missile, but you ain't mad at them white Russians whose firing after your slaughter, you still bring that damn Russian Ballet over here, you still bring Russian exchange students over here, man the whole world got hip to your game and you run around talking about you trying to protect the world from communism. You trying to protect the world

from non-white communism. We tired of this white racist system. Oh there is a lot of white folks in America that is sick enough to believe to be born black in America you inherit certain criminal tendencies. Say well look at all the, look at the crime rate in Washington, D.C. with the colored folk. Let me tell you something if you took them niggers crime rate in Washington, D.C. and multiply it by ten million you wouldn't equal the crime rate them white folks got up on the hill in Washington, D.C. and you know it. (clapping). Take all the nigger criminals that ever lived in the history of this country, take the pimps, the whores, and the hustlers and put them in one big pot and melt them down to come up with one nigger hoodlum and you still wouldn't end up with one ALFONSO CAPONE, you still wouldn't come up with one FRANK JAMES or JESSIE JAMES and you still wouldn't come up with one BABY FACE NELSON or PRETTY BOY FLOYD or what you call them little ole freaks that freaks out over in the \_\_\_\_\_. Little ole BONNIE and CLYDE they your folk heroes, a bunch of damn bank robbers and a bunch of cop killers and you go to movies, freak out over them cause they white folks. (clapping).

But I would like to ask you youngsters to do me a favor one day next week. One day next week go by the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence, don't read it, just copy it. You know how to copy without reading don't you? (laughing and clapping). Sure you do. Here is the favor I would like for you to do for me. When you copy down the Declaration of Independence keep it with you 24 hours a day, never be caught without, your Declaration of Independence. Here is the favor I want you to do for me, when the riot season opens up again (laughing). Ya this system even gave us a riot season, July through August. This July through August we didn't show up and the whole country got upset, where were you? We had the tanks waiting for you. (clapping). There was GEORGE WALLACE, how come you didn't \_\_\_\_\_ riot this year? Say ah you know them niggers is lazy and shiftless and they just got tired. (laughing and clapping). I tell you where we was this riot season, we got tired of stealing all of them old bad no good products so this July through August we decided to go underground and study the consumer report. (laughing and clapping). So when the riot season opened up again we aint stealing no more motorolas baby (clapping).

Here is the favor I would like for you to do for me. When the riot season opens up I would like for you to get home, go home with your parents. I'm talking to you black kids to because you got some black folks living in them houses which \_\_\_\_\_ more degenerate and more corrupt then the Ku Klux Klan could ever think and you do know what I am talking about. (clapping). When you get home I want you to take your television and put it in the middle of the room and then turn on the evening news because they going to show them niggers looting and riding and socking it to the times. Turn on HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY because they get close ups (clapping). HUNTLEY and BRINKLEY get such close ups you can recognize your kin folk. Look at that \_\_\_\_\_ I didn't know he was in Detroit, get it baby, get it. (laughing and clapping). After you get the evening news on showing them black folks rioting and looting and at that point I want you to run upstairs and get your parents and bring them fools down and put them right in front of the television set so they can see them niggers looting, burning, socking it to the town. While they looking at it I want you to listen to them, listen to their comments, you heard them before, just listen to them and the favor I would like you to do for me after you heard enough of their comments, go up to the television

set and turn the sound off so they can't here nothing  
just look at them black folks burning the town and at that  
point I want you to get way back behind them fools and  
take out your Declaration of Independence and while they  
looking at them niggers burning the town I want you to  
read your Declaration of Independence as loud as you can  
read it and may be for the first time them old fools will  
understand what they are looking at. (clapping). We  
hold these \_\_\_\_\_

and all Negroes created equal \_\_\_\_\_  
with certain eligble rights that we \_\_\_\_\_  
rights are destoryed over long periods of time \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ it is our duty to  
destory or abolish that government. (clapping). I know  
at first them old fools will assume that was some message  
MALCOLM X left for RAP BROWN, but I'm sure with a  
minimum amout of pursuaian you will be able to teach  
them old fools that that was there beloved Declaration  
of Independence, that one with the mistake on it, ya that  
one where they forgot to write for whites only. (laughing)  
Don't you know black folks is dumb enough that if we read  
that Declaration without you putting white only we dumb  
enough to believe that that met all Americans. We know



its not for us because when we deal with the Declaration they do want to run get their Army like a damn fool. So we would appreciate it if you would get this white board Declaration of Independence out of my black ghetto and then right after you get that out we would appreciate it you get your trampy lily white American history book out of my community because ain't no way in the world you can expect a nigger to behave after reading your history. So you get me your history book that tells me you landed at Plymouth Rock and shot and murdered your way all the way across to California. Now you want to (clapping), now you want to, a nigger behave. You really that sick? Are you really sick enough to believe in still drafting niggers into your Army to say send them to Fort Benning, Georgia and teach them how to be \_\_\_\_\_ send them to Vietnam to kill foreigners to liberate another foreigner and think that nigger ain't going to come home one day to kill you to liberate his mama. You out of your mind. (clapping). Ya we would really appreciate it if you would get that white board history book out of my community and when you get it out, read it because may be if you read your history you would understand me. Nerve enough to talk about niggers being a criminal in your history

book tells me how you came to those shores and discovered a country that was already occupied. Now who is the criminal? Are you going to discover a country thats not only occupied but being used at the time (laughing and clapping). Thats like me and my old lady walking out of here tonight and you and your lady sitting in your brand new automobile and my lady saying, gee baby I really love that beautiful car, sure wish it was ours. I say well baby lets discover it. (laughing and clapping). Can't commit no crime because thats the way white folks got America. Ya your history book is something else. Give me liberty or give me justice, who said that? RAP BROWN didn't he? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_. Don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes. Ya your history is something else. You got nerve enough to tell black folks we should have respect for the police. Hell when I read your history book I see that you didn't have no respect for the police. Its in there. In the early days when the British was the police (clapping), a white boy by the name of PAUL REVERE rode through the white community and said get a gun white folks the police is coming. (clapping). Ya you sure understand them white panthers don't you? (clapping). You got nerve enough to get upset when the

riots start and the niggers steal a television set and take it home, you want to call him a hoodlum, you still outrageous white boy \_\_\_\_\_. Tell me how you white folks got on that strange ship and dumped all of his tea in the water. What the hell you mad at us for because we got enough sense to take it home with us. (clapping).

So as I leave here tonight I say to you black folks in America, have an attitude. Briefly let me discuss Black attitudes. Oh we have an attitude and thang God its about time we finally got one. Let me say to you I don't know what it is that us black folks have been doing in America for the last two years to alienate you white folks the way we alienate you, but we got news for you, whatever it is we've been doing we going to keep on doing it. We look around and we see more intergration in the last six months in America than ever in the history of this country. We don't know what it is about your nature and your chemical physical make up that as long as niggers was marching and singing we shall over come the \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus boy you couldn't get enough dynimite to blow our churches you couldn't assassinate our leaders fast enough, but all it was \_\_\_\_\_ talking that way no more for,

some reason you behaved it, they gave me a list in America in two years we don't know what it is that makes you behave when we start typing you up, but we got news, we won't type you all the way up baby. (clapping).

We tired of these white racist insults. I hope you white folks understand we got enough sense to know we will never get strong enough to keep white folks in America from insulting us and we hope white Americans understand you never get strong enough to keep black folks from reacting to your insults. White folks got nerve enough to tell us to be non-violent. You know how insulting that is coming from you? The only country in the history of the world that had dropped an atom bomb on another human being. Go out and drop your napalm every morning on women and kids and then walk around telling us to be non-violent youth, you got to be joking. White folks in America shouldn't never be permitted to use the word non-violent as long as your indian brother is on that Indian Reservation because you can't be no more non-violent than the Indians have been in America for the last 75 years. What happened to your appetite for non-violence. See non-violent is nonthing but a cheap whitey \_\_\_\_\_

Oh if that Indian wants a better way of life in the morning he got to realize he is dealing with such a racist insane nation that till you make this country \_\_\_\_\_ muzzle of a gun she is going to keep your nigger. Oh that Indian wants a better way of life all you got to do is get out on the \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow or Monday morning in Arizona and catch white folks driving down the expressway and start shooting at them, Pow, and yelling red \_\_\_\_\_ whitey go home when that Indian tells you to go home he talking about the big trip baby. (laughing and clapping). Just as sure as that Indian is going to raise hell Monday morning I'm just \_\_\_\_\_ Monday night those stinking reds. As long as that Indian is kept running up that reservation and looting and burning, getting him some blonde sclaps and raping some of you white ladies, Oh you listen to him then, oh it would upset you but you would listen, Oh you know that the Indian raise enough hell this year next year you would have a Indian here talking to you. (clapping).

I say to you youngsters there is a sad comentary on America. You youngsters got to create an atmosphere in this country where America will become as ashamed of injustices at home as she is afraid of communism abroad.

You got a big job, you got to say a man can march and demonstrate and re-address his grievances and don't need a fire bomb.

So I say to you tonight we tired of these insults. We tired of non-violence nobody knows how insulting that word is to me because I'm one dedicated to non-violence. I had to become a vegetarian because \_\_\_\_\_ shall not kill as far as I'm concerned means animals to, but that's my hang up. Non violence is my thing now. I don't go around teaching non-violence vegetarianism my thing. I would never knock a steak off your plate. I will never let you put one on mine. I will never tell you about how you suppose to behave or react. All I can say to you about my life I would find more pleasure in being killed by a man than killing a man myself and I hope somewhere down the line (clapping).. I hope somewhere down the line you youngsters in America create an atmosphere where man will have to solve all of his problems sitting at a table and not with a pistol in his hand. The word non-violence I don't even like it anymore. I would like to see you young folks develop a new philosophy. Damn non-violence, develop a different philosophy. I will not violate you, that's the new philosophy. I will not violate you and you will not violate me. You can hate me and I can hate you. We

dedicated to not violating one another and my hate will only affect me and your hate will only affect you.

You youngsters got a big job. All we saying is we tired of these insults.. A lot of people come to us now and say, How come we can't call you all colored no more? How come you all don't want to be called Negro? Let me be honest with you. You can call us anything you want to call us. I'm just saying its safer to use the word black. (clapping). We don't mean to put you white folks in no imposition but we looked around and we noticed you don't play no games with yourself, why play them with us? But you leave Isreal today to come to my country. Here is a Jew in Isreal, he stays a Jew when he gets here. I'm going to tell you to leave Italy to come to America, he is an Italian over there, he stays an Italian when he gets here. The jolly ole Irish leave Irishman, they was Irishmen in Holland and when they got to America they stayed Irishmen. We looked around to see you haven't played no games but yourself, why do you insist on playing them with us when we both made the same trip across that Atlantic. We left Africa and when we got here we got to be Nigras and \_\_\_\_\_

and colored folks don't play no more games with us.  
Call me colored nothing you want to play some games,  
call yourself clear folks. (laughing and clapping).

So as I leave here tonight I say there is a  
new day in America with Black folks. Twenty to  
thirty years ago black folks in America had an empty  
stomach, today black folks have a full stomach but  
a hungry mind. A hungry mind will not tolerate the  
same thing a empty stomach did, empty stomach deals on  
\_\_\_\_\_ and hungry minds deal on sound and all at  
once this country don't sound right to us anymore.

Five years ago four white boys burned up  
their draft cards and in two weeks time the Senate  
and Congress had passed an anti-draft card burning bill.  
We haven't been able to get them to pass an anti-  
lynching bill in a 100 years. (clapping). When America  
passes anti draft card burning Bill but will not pass an  
anti lynching bill my country just said it to me that she  
thinks more of a piece of cardboard then she thinks of  
my black mama and I well bring her to her knees for that.  
(clapping).



If I was in Vietnam right this minute and got killed by a Viet Cong this country would give my black wife \$10,000 and she couldn't take that \$10,000 and buy herself a house in any neighborhood in America she would want to buy here, hell I got killed shooting at the wrong folks. (clapping). The only insulting thing if I got killed in Vietnam tonight and a red

\_\_\_\_\_ Mississippi racist white boy got killed with me, the Vietcong would push both of us in the same grave and bury us together, but if our dead bodies were shipped home we would not be permitted to be buried in the same cemetery in America. Its a sad day in hell when I got to stand up and admit that my enemy can treat me better dead than my country can treat me alive. (clapping).

So we say we tired of these insults. Stop and think America say well you all get a fair house \_\_\_\_\_ get a fair house and live only where in my country I want to live. What kind of animals are you? That old \_\_\_\_\_ Russian \_\_\_\_\_ STALIN's daughter, known communist and a known Russian, you ain't suppose to like neither one of us. You didn't

make her get no better housing bill to come to, come to my country and live anywhere she wants to live. Why in the hell do I \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ Russian exchange students that comes over here, they don't want to be your citizen. Matter of fact you got to watch them for four years so they don't steal no secrets. You don't make these Russians \_\_\_\_\_ exchange students get no fair \_\_\_\_\_ bill to come to my country and live anywhere they want to live. These ole \_\_\_\_\_ why do we need them? We saying we tired of these insults. Oh there is a lot of white folks that believe a nigger is the stinkingest, smelliest thing that walks the face of this earth. Thats a \_\_\_\_\_ hang up as long as you keep it in your head. I'm not here this evening to convenice you that niggers don't stink. I say do your own research, (laughing and clapping). You better check the records at the college industry and see how many \_\_\_\_\_ billions of dollars a year you white folks in America spend on deoderants. (clapping). \_\_\_\_\_ them deoderant commercials on television, see if you ever see a \_\_\_\_\_.

Just figure it out for yourself, black folks is doing all

the drinking and white folks is buying all the deoderants,  
who really stinks in my country?

So we saying we tired of these insults, oh  
there is a lot of white folks believe because I was  
born black I'm inferior to them again I say \_\_\_\_\_  
hang up as long as you keep it your \_\_\_\_\_ the  
\_\_\_\_\_ thing to say \_\_\_\_\_ is  
to tell you I'm inferior to them because I'm black. I would  
be the first one to tell you that if I was \_\_\_\_\_  
leave tonight with a Japanese girl \_\_\_\_\_ Jewish women  
tell you \_\_\_\_\_. I could go to bed with  
any one on the face of this earth and give \_\_\_\_\_  
be the first one \_\_\_\_\_ baby going to be a  
nigger. My sister can go to bed with anyone on the face  
of this earth and \_\_\_\_\_ the baby going to be  
her \_\_\_\_\_ inferior stop \_\_\_\_\_.

We saying we tired of these insults and all we  
doing is reacting \_\_\_\_\_ while white folks  
tell us that education is our problem, that ain't nothing  
but \_\_\_\_\_ white \_\_\_\_\_. Hell if education  
is our problem, the jews would \_\_\_\_\_ this  
country. (clapping). \_\_\_\_\_ the problem how come

you got \_\_\_\_\_ in Vietnam cities \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ school teachers. (Clapping). Education is  
the problem, then how many of you has wondered who was  
\_\_\_\_\_ millions of people would be dead \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ on the face of this earth \_\_\_\_\_  
blood plasma. Are you aware of the fact that a black  
American by the name of \_\_\_\_\_ invented blood  
plasma? Don't take my word for it, check it out in your  
library. Are you also aware that \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ waiting room after \_\_\_\_\_  
accident cause they \_\_\_\_\_ except niggers.  
Education \_\_\_\_\_ my problem, the man with \_\_\_\_\_  
knowledge to give blood plasma to the entire world, died  
from the lack of his own blood plasma in America \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. Damn thing \_\_\_\_\_  
with it. (clapping).

So we saying we tired of these unsults. All we  
have to \_\_\_\_\_ black women in America have 20 per  
cent illegitimate babies we not going to \_\_\_\_\_  
ghetto baby. (clapping). White women in America have  
two per cent illegit. We tired of these insults you  
little white boys want to run around because your white

sister got two per cent illegit and my black sister got 20 per cent you want to put halo around your head and make yourself believe that morally and spiritually you better than I am. No baby if we ever get our hands on you white folks abortion credit cards we will show you how to knock a rate down. (clapping).

We saying we tired of these insults. White folks come to us and insult us, How come you colored folks have all them babies in the ghetto, you can't take care of them? We know that. We make a deal with you today this white racist system learn how to harm black boys and give us good jobs like it gives you white boys so we could afford all them whores and prostitutes like you, we'd quite having all them babies \_\_\_\_\_. Now we don't have to ask you about that whore because it is my sister remembering she do talk when she comes home, so we do know what you doing.

So we saying we tired of these insults. When I stope and think that that German kill my daddy during World War II, had a German killed my daddy in 1942 I was 10 years old, I'm now 37 years old, now that means I would have gone 27 years without a daddy which is no insult because when daddy's go to war, they go to kill or be killed. The insult is the same

German that could have killed my daddy during World War II in 1942 and made me go 27 years without a daddy, that German tonight can come to my Daddy's country, and live in the neighborhood that my Daddy's boy can't live in and you all make like you all don't know what we're talking about. We're saying \_\_\_\_\_ before we ever sit back again and watch you treat your enemies better than you treat your citizens, we will burn this country down to the ground. That's what we're talking about.

So tonight as I leave you I say no more games, no more civil right legislation, we don't want our rights on no civil rights. We want our rights on the same piece of paper you get yours one. No, No, I take it back. We'd like for you to play one more game with us before you quit. We'd like for you to get together and give us what we call a honest white folks deal. Don't none of you get up tight cause it ain't got nothing to do with white folks. Matter of fact we'll give it a good name, we'll call it the Concerned Honky Law. (laughing). Oh I'll bet that will go over big in the ghetto and it will just be a simple bill that reads all five year olds, black male baby boys, haven't got nothing to do with white folks, matter

of fact it don't even cover my black sister. All five year old Black male baby boys will be forced to go to a government camp for one year from the age of five to six. Will also stipulate in this law that those black boys will be able to sleep for eight hours a day and for 16 hours a day for a soild year the government will teach them and thats where the honest white folks come in. Sixteen hours a day the government will teach them little black boys, nigger when you grow up don't never fool with a white lady, don't never date a white woman, don't never go to bed, and let me tell you something before we leave here tonight we can not believe that nothing upsets you no more than to see a nigger with a white woman and you ain't got guts enough to talk about your number one hang up. Just who in the hell do you think you are? One day if you ever get up enough man hood to talk about your number one hang up you might find out its something you doing to make us want that broad if you ever have enough sense to quit doing it you find out no body wants that white woman but you (clapping). But the mistake you made with me everytime your new cars come out you can't help but drive a new car without that white woman so I feel I need me a white lady to make my gears shift right, O.K.? (clapping).

I am sitting on that airplane the other day reading and minding my own business looking at a Life magazine getting to page 35, there big ole picture of a white woman with a big bottle of pepsi-cola in her fist talking about thirsty honey, have a pepsi. Ya I'll have a pepsi, you to you ole white broad (laughing). I go home to my black ghetto, walk into my black house and get in my black living room with my black wife and my black kids and turn on my black television and there your white sister running across half naked talking about my playtex living bra. Ya you damn right I'll buy a living bra for my old lady and I'll buy you some meat. You know this might come as a surprise to many of you but you know niggers wasn't born wanting a white woman. All my life I've been told the most gorgeous thing God ever put here on the face of this earth is a gorgeous blue eyes blond white woman and when I get ready to check you out cause you know I ain't going to take your word for it, he wants to get upset.. I went to see my first movie I was four years old. I didn't know nothing about no white lady. Never see no body making love in my life, four years old and my mind was pure and ready to be programed. I couldn't



even go to Downtown fo the white movie I had to go to the black movie and you sent that white woman out to my black movie just what in the hell did you have on your mind? Four years old, who I see making love, AVA GARDNER and ALAN LADD. I didn't know what they was doing at four years old, but I had enough sense to know one day I was going to grow up and do it, I went to movie every day. Next thing I knew I'm eight years old and been going to movie everyday for four years looking at that white lady make love. I never will forget one night, I was eight years old, AVA GARDNER and ALAN LADD (nothing on tape). (clapping).

The mistake you made with me was \_\_\_\_\_ only black woman who even showed me in the movie when I was being programed was BULAH. The only black woman you let me see advertised \_\_\_\_\_ your mama and for some reason I just thought you white folks were hip enough to know that I ain't never ever in my life wanted to make love to BULAH nor Aunt JEMIMA (clapping).

So as we leave you tonight I tell you you youngsters got a big job, you got an important job changing the system. Let me say to you young white kids tonight thanks for changing the civil rigths movement into a human rights movement before you made it a human rights

we never talked about the Puerto Rican brother, the Mexican brother, the Indian brother across this country there are white kids that has never seen a Mexican in their life other than on television and in the movie. For two years now they have been standing in front of their supermarkets holding a picket sign saying don't buy California Grapes. Its a hell of a movement, its hell of a tribute to you young kids and you won that Mexican boycott up until 9 weeks ago when tricky DICK NIXON bought 89 million dollars worth of California grapes and shipped them to Vietnam, most of the people in America don't even know he did that, but he did. Next year when the Mexicans start blowing up the grape vineyards let him sell the dirt to Vietnam. (laughing and clapping). Le me say white kids got a movement and you young folks got a movement going on thats going to solve all the problems, but to you young white kids let me tell you you making one mistake for the first time you talking about the black problem, the Mexicans problems, the Puerto Ricans problems, the one mistak you making and I hope you'll quit is a boy, white hill billy brother of yours in this country that up till now nobody gives a damn about. I hope you include your

movement to cover that poor white boy to. (clapping).  
I hope you talking about a movement that is going to  
wipe out hunger in America regardless as to what color  
it is. I hope somewhere down the line you find some  
concern for that white hill billy brother of yours when  
you get down in his ghetto and get the \_\_\_\_\_  
to his kids so they can come to these colleges and  
universities to. You got a big job. You know a lot  
of people write me for tapes of my speeches and ask me  
do I have it printed, well I am very happy to inform you  
that not only is my lecture record which is called Hit  
GREGORY's Light Side and Dark Side, has been on the national  
chart for the last six weeks, but that aint no big threat  
to the Supremes or nothing like that but (laughing) but  
TINY TIM had better watch out so those of you that are  
interested in lecture record its two albums record in one  
package about an hour and fifty minutes so if you interested  
you can pick it up at record shops. Let me say that those  
of you that have to get to work and those of you that got  
babysitters to relieve we going to take about a three minute  
break so those of you that have to run can run and then we  
will come back and deal with some questions and answers, but

right now let me say to you youngsters that thank you very much for October the 15th because I got seven little kids at home in Chicago that I'm sure after October 15th that you is going to make this a better world for young folks to grow up in so let me personally as a father say thanks to you and hope you keep on doing what you are doing and God Bless Nature, have fun. Good night. (clapping).

On behalf of the associate students I want to thank Mr. GREGORY and we found a red purse here we would appreciate who ever lost it to come and collect it, thank you all for coming here. (clapping).

If you think its stupid or you think its silly so I would really take it as an insult that if somebody asked the question regardless of what you might think the question who hiss them or gible, if its funny and it deserves to be laughed at, I'll start to laughing off first, O.K.? hahahaha, o.k. At this point we ready to entertain your questions. Yess maam, would you stand up.

What I think of your Governor REAGAN? (laughing) Well I don't know if it ever dawned on you lady but are you aware of the fact that REAGAN spelt backwards is nigger (naggar). You slow readers figure it out sometime tomorrow. (laughing). I was kind of hoping he would behave himself so

he could get elected to the presidency of the United States so we can boast we got a backward nigger in the white house (laughing and clapping). Now let me say this about your Governor. I think that California is probably moving further ahead today in dealing with your problems then ever in the history of this country because you have a REAGAN in office today but this \_\_\_\_\_ didn't happen with REAGAN. It was here during the whole PAT BROWN administration and them cats never dealt with it. They never touched it, REAGAN didn't say we was going to have segregated schools in California, they was segregated before PAT BROWN got in and as liberal as he was he never did anything to intragate them so at least REAGAN is in and everybody seemed to rally behind so I say give me more REAGAN maybe we can get it over with in the morning. The same thing about BARRY GOLDWATER, only problem I found wrong with BARRY GOLDWATER was LBJ and he was honest. (laughing and clapping).

Yes brother?

What would I do about the draft. Well lets assume that I was the President of the United States.

Oh you mean if I was 19 years old what I would do about the draft? Well its very difficult for me to suggest that because you know they got laws now that say I can't stand up here and suggest that, you know? hahaha (laughing and clapping). It might get me in jail but it damn sure won't be in a crowd of people thats infiltrated by the FBI and CIA. He is telling you what he is going to do with the draft, let me say this personally I think number 1. You got to live up to your own convictions and I think somewhere down the line ah if you decide that you not going to kill, that you shouldn't kill, now personally I believe every country needs an Army to clean up after earthquakes, after a tornado, after a flood (clapping). So in all sincerity with this principle in mind if I was 19 and got drafted and thought the way I think now I would go into the Army on one condition that they would send me to the front line immediately without a gun because you know whats going on in America now. I can truthfully say America is worth dying for but I ain't never in my life worth nothing worth killing for and if it is I'm sure going to be that Mississippi Sheriff that kicked my old lady in the belly when she was nine

months pregnant before it ever be some Viet Cong so I feel, thats my hang up. I don't believe in killing and I would be willing to go to the front because I think a country should have an Army to do things with you know I don't mean to be killing but I think America is in that kill bag the rest of that world is in that kill bag, we are not going to wipe out the army overnight. I think what we got to start doing is working on a long range program to do away with not just Armys here but all over the world I think that before We can every consider of talking about living in a world with no hostility and where man is not going in for some cheap phoney manhood we got to first start talking about feeding people all over the world and we strong enough to do that. We rich enough to do that, to see to it that no man has to go to bed hungry. Now you know if people all over the world go to bed hungry tonight because there is no food they have one attitude, but if they knew it was food, but them government officals wouldn't let them get the food, man them government officals would be in trouble because this is different thought a mans mind knowing there is food but the folks just won't let him get to it. So I think, Number one, we got to talk about feed people. Number two, we got to talk about sitting up a whole

world wide medical program, and its a damn shame we got a cure of vaccine for polio in America and we haven't distributed it all over the world. I mean what difference do it make what the kid is, there is no such thing as a communist kid \_\_\_\_\_ do admit you know we got a cure and we haven't spreaded it out all over the world. I'll tell you whats funny, I was in Moscow, Russian this summer, my wife and I and we was just horrified over the fact that we will not share our medical advances with everybody and the communist won't share theirs, but you know there is whiskey all over the world. There is dope all over the world, prostitution all over the world, there is cigarettes all over the world, ain't nobody \_\_\_\_\_ you not going to drink my \_\_\_\_\_ because thats communistic inspired and the Russians say alcohol is capitalistic habit. \_\_\_\_\_ man alcohol and all the bad habits is all over the world, anything that would hurt your health it has no hassle getting around the world. But when he talk about up lifted and keeping a man healthy, then we get into these political hassles, so I again I say three things, food program, medical program and the third one is an important one, see to it that we work to ban capital punishment all over because when man knows his



State will not kill him, he takes on a different behavior pattern. So In think those are the three most important things, fourth is controlling this thing at home and you young kids \_\_\_\_\_ going to have to build you an independen t political force you can talk about that democrat and that republic, the democrat and republican party is to immoral, to insane to rule you youngsters. Now you talk about that stuff you going to join it, change it, thats like you going to go into a lions den and put a diaper on him. Believe that if you want but you are going to go into that old lion and that lion is to slick baby to have you run in there, he will eat you up alive, so if you youngsters can move into an independent political rank even if you going to vote democrat or republican, register him and get your independent movement going and put up a black form where statesman can run. Now we keep telling you that you ought to come in the system, well you young kids thats to young to vote, you ain't got nothing to do but stand out side because you the one thats dying. \_\_\_\_\_ RUSSELL's son been out of college five years and ain't never left Washington, D.C. DUPONT's boy and \_\_\_\_\_ boy ain't none of them fools goint to no war getting killed and if any-

body should die they got a whole lots to die for

\_\_\_\_\_ because they own it all, so some kind of way you know that when we keep telling you youngsters to move into the political arena, we trying to trick you in there. If you looked at the elections in November and looked at the returns coming in man, its a damn shame man, here we put astronauts up in the air or on the moon so they say, I don't know where they sent them, but I have my doubts about America, she can't feel a safe \_\_\_\_\_ or want me to believe she went to the moon, you know. I don't know, you know, may be she has, may be she just thinks that about people down here, but when you sit and look at astronauts out in space we know what his pulse rate is, we know what his conversation is, we know what his temperature is, we know if he feels bad, we know if he sneezes, but yet still in America it takes sometimes two days to count the votes. Now you know that these sick degenerates you give them two days of counting votes and it ain't going to do you no good to vote. You youngsters got to talk about a political system where America immediately goes out and electronic all the polling places so when that polling place closes at 6:00 o'clock, one-tenth billion of a second that electronic polling booth will count that data

and you don't get \_\_\_\_\_ fools time juggled them votes and put in who they want to put in regardless as to who won. Now its very interesting, we did a little re-search in Chicago and we found out that in Chicago to have an election in Chicago it costs the citizens of Chicago a \$1.87 per citizen of Chicago thats what it got for them to hold a election. If we had electronic polling places in Chicago it would be 22 cents per citizen to hold elections, not only is this cheaper its more convenient and millions of dollars we spend storing them being bulky voting machines, electronic voting machines wouldn't take that much space, so there is all types of reasons why we should have electronic polling places, but this system can not afford to get a fair count because then they don't have ways of jumping it their thing. Now once you youngsters can get into their political game from independent standpoint then you got to start working on some hip \_\_\_\_\_. You got to talk about war, you know damn good and well this country ain't about to get out of that war game in the next 30 to 50 years. So now you got to paralyze as much as you can, you got to start pushing bills through that says anytime America goes to war the industry that makes war material by law can not receive more than two percent profit more during war time then they receive during

peace time, then you take that profit out of that war game and there would be a whole lot of them folks not won't be interested in wars then. You got to pass laws that say any time in America that an American soldier gets killed in hostile action now if an american gets killed we get \$10,000 this is the same thing we gave them in World War II which means the only thing that they haven't increased in value is a dead American soldier since 1942 and so what you got to do is pass a law saying every American that gets killed in war in hostile action this government will not only give their familys \$50,000 cash immediately, but that family becomes the ward of the federal government for the rest of their life and then when you start talking about putting a price on that war game baby, then you had \_\_\_\_\_ you would be surprised how good peace tables will look to them over there on one of them battle fields. (clapping).

The question is, she is interested in the hippies that reject the system and drop out and the question is am I asking for staying in the system and not drop out? No I am not. I think you know the most beautiful thing about hippies I wish more black folks could be as beautiful as the hippies, they don't get involved with the civil rights movement, but

they always making comments against what is happening  
there is one beautiful thing about the hippie, he drops  
over there and he leaves it alone , he don't play no games  
with it, so he is no problem, he is no hang up, you know  
you can't run and put a camera in front of his mouth and get  
him to put down \_\_\_\_\_ DAVIS or nothing like that,  
so I think you know a man got a right to say you know I want  
no part of it, you know he got a right to believe than no-  
thing can save this system you know he got a right to believe  
I mean thats human nature you know they say a rat needs a  
ship three days before it sinks, but where did he go out  
there in that water and die three days earlier. (laughing),  
but ah I think you know for some reason we might can save it,  
but If I had to bet, be honest, if I had to bet tonight  
could we save the system I would bet that we couldn't, thats  
from where I stand from the research I've done I don't believe  
we favor system, but I think, I got enough faith in young kids  
that may be you might slip through, but you see you got to many  
bad fractures facing this country today. You got the one frac-  
ture that the system might swing these young kids into that  
far left bank, we \_\_\_\_\_ into the far left bank this  
country is coming down to the ground or we might get a \_\_\_\_\_  
with the CIA over-throw the government because they would see  
which way it was going, I think the likelihood if we going to

get over-throwing the government within the next two years. I think the last election that we had in this country as far as I can see it I think it would be the last election on this, you know unless something very drastic happened cause when you look at the CIA we've let this monster get out of control. I don't know have you been following this case of General TURNER, about these guns \_\_\_\_\_ does it strike you funny that nobody in Congress asked him are you all familiar with \_\_\_\_\_ strike you funny that they've been holding that investigation for two weeks and nobody asked him who he sold the guns to? He sold the guns to the CIA \_\_\_\_\_ whole big stink. I don't know if \_\_\_\_\_ hip enough to know what he is doing and kind of scared and want to slip it out easy or I don't know if they just trying to cover it up, but you know damn good and well man that as many guns as that man has been selling somebody got to ask the question. Thats whats wrong with this sick degenerate newspaper in this country, not one newspaper reporter has asked who did he sell the guns to? Ya whose bought them? Somebody had to be buying them, the CIA is buying them. Hell did you see what happened with the Green Berets trial? They had to cancel that murder trial because the CIA is not going to testify if the President of the

of the United States involved in the murder trial he got to testify so if the CIA don't have to testify that means they are the president, ya its just a matter of time, thats what MALCOLM X meant when he made that statement that upset everybody, when KENNEDY was assassinated. He said, the chickens is coming home to roost, you know he was hip along time ago because what he was saying is we paid that stinking stupid CIA big money to go all over the world assassinating leaders and toppling down governments now they coming home to get ready to do the samething with yours, and thats the way I see which way its headed myself or they might push these kids into the far left. Now let me explain something to you about the far left. America do not now anything about the far left, only thing she knows about is the new left, the right wingers try to make the new left believe you the far left, the right wingers going as far as they can go to the far far left is much more vicious than the far far right could ever be and if this country ever gets pushed into a far left bag you might as well pack your bag and get out of this town, get out of this country cause see any time the far right gets ready to kill me they hold a meeting in some ole smoked filled room \_\_\_\_\_ the money. (laughing). Then one day I could be standing

here talking to a thousand of you, I could be with my wife, I could be with my kids, I could be on a balcony like KING was, I could be in a bubble top car ain't nobody going to die but me, thats when you the right put the \_\_\_\_\_ down. The left decided I got to die, they hold a meeting, how we going to get him? He goes to the football in

\_\_\_\_\_ lets blow the stadium up (laughing).

So I think thats why I say to you youngsters you really got to work fast its not to late if we haven't gone beyond the point of no return but to finalize your question, I have no \_\_\_\_\_ one way or the other about \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ they got out of there they stayed over its really, but let me say this I hope, especially you young fellows, you know that everytime we have a peace rally there is sometimes more women out there than men, you know the one thing the women don't have to worry about is going to war being killed and somewhere baby we can say thanks to them for the first time by seeing to it after we get this smoked cleared and start cleaning up this system see to it for the first time women will start getting their rights in this country which they've never had and which we keep putting things ahead of them, we keep talking about everybody's thing except their



thing and some kind of way I hope you young women you know get off this ole silly womens attitude thing and start asking a whole lot of questions you see because there is no woman in America thats going to \_\_\_\_\_ make a position to put America in war but when these old fools put us in war we come back and get your babies, when you young women start teaching your baby at the crib that you did not bring him in here for somebody to stick a gun in his hand and for him to go around shooting at people then thats the day us old fool men we ain't going to quit fighting wars but we going to find another way to fight them cause you see when you can't get people we can fight a war with a chess game, you know, winner take all which is \_\_\_\_\_.we \_\_\_\_\_ . I'm not dead, least all I got to do there is learn how to speak Russian. (laughing). But somewhere you girls got to ask a lot of questions somewhere you young fellows cause I think us old folks is to committed and to sick in our heads to look at a woman as keeping her in a place, but I figure you youngsters got to shake that thought off of your head, you got to see to it that she is a human being first and a woman second and qualified to get all the rights and benefits of any human being regardless that she wears a skirt, not, I can't stress to you young ladys that a lot of

questions you got to answer a lot of questions you got to challenge you know, I don't know how you women let us put you up on them high heel shoes, hell if high heels were good for you, we would be wearing them (laughing). We never had anything out here that we didn't wear that wasn't good for you because how silly it looked, you know well that cause we \_\_\_\_\_ pocket books is pretty hip but now you cats getting them ole big purses now, hanging on them, you understand? Keeping pockets free so can understand how these world wide conferences all these old men get together and talk about the worlds to over populated you know, and after they get to talking about it they run out and buy some whore in the corner, they talking about how over populated the world is, but they ain't doing a damn thing to stop it. Then after all the men get upset about how over populated the world is I have never met a woman that is upset over population explosion is noting but men and after we get upset over it we make you take the pill, now you got to be stupid. I mean it takes two to tango baby. If that pill was any good we would be taking it and that birth control pill is one of the dangerous and most dangerous thing that man has ever invented. Its more danerous than the atom bomb believe me because least every-

body is hip to the atom bomb. Any of you know how, raise your hands if any of you know how \_\_\_\_\_ birth controls are made out of, anybody? You know they made from male horse sperms, thats right, horse sperms under the theory of nature is so beautiful you can't trick nature, you can not put all in water in a glass and mix it, it will not mix this sick fool decided that a horse sperm and a male sperm in a woman's body would not mix it, thats the principle the way them damn birth control pills work. I don't how many of you, let me ask you to raise your hand, any of you familiar with any of you ever been around a man that has been taking cancer treatment where they give him female hormones, have any of you? You know the way his breast develops just like a woman, well thats the same thing that is happening to women with them horse sperms after about three or four years of you using it \_\_\_\_\_ start getting big like a horse. They, and its not really funny, its dangerous man, their belly starts dropping like a ole horse and the government already knows that in (laughing). I guess about 15 years of using them things a broad won't be able to sleep unless you put some horse manure under the pillow. (clapping). Hay man where your lady? She outside racing around the block, you know

above and beyond the human point'. I sincerely hope that you women, you know, do something about what we doing, in my book and I don't say this for you to buy, check it out of the library, write me and did any of you ever read 'Write Me In'? You see the point I dealt with birth control pills now I wrote that book two years ago, long before anybody in this country ever started talking about the harm of birth control pills, cause we was able to get hold of a government research paper from the surgeon generals office where the government, the federal government been know for ten years that birth control pills are going to be fatal to 98 per cent of all the women that use them after \_\_\_\_\_ didn't know it \_\_\_\_\_ but they still refuse. England, London, England is taking them off the market and you know what they used to take them off the market this government report here \_\_\_\_\_ they made them take birth control pills off the markets so I hope you women would start checking on these a little bit more and you see if you women ever wake up you see the burden is on you to do a whole lot of thinking, you know if I had been elected president of the United States the first three things I would have bombed would have been Kelloggs, General Mills, and the baby food companies. I don't

think there is anything \_\_\_\_\_ killing people in this country no more than this ole \_\_\_\_\_ food and for some reason you women don't care. Baby food is the most disgraceful thing in the world and this is the way baby food industry works. They know that it is human nature for a mother to taste food before she gives it to her baby so they mess up that food making it to your taste, they put all that salt, all the \_\_\_\_\_ they put all that seasoning in it and a baby don't need all that stuff, hell baby system not used to that, but they know damn good and well if they don't put it in there you get to \_\_\_\_\_ this don't taste good and so to keep you happy you know these baby \_\_\_\_\_ is coming up beginning from the you know right from the crib with bad food because you know these food companies you know we got to have some laws against food, they talking about the automobile industry no 99 percent of every sickness in this country is caused from the dye and if we in this country especially you young kids ever learn to dye, go to the health food stores. I don't know if you have any in a small town, but get to a big city and go to the health foods and books don't cost nothing but a \$1.00 and read and learn that was the success of the early Romans and the Greeks that still have pyramids, still have books, a theory that

we still marvel over and there success was one baby learn the human body. That was the first thing they did, and after that they learned how to eat, now these old fools got you talking about you got to have protein, you have to \_\_\_\_\_ hell we didn't know nothing about calories 50 years ago and what in the hell was them people using many way back then in the Roman Empire, the Greeks that mustered them mighty Armys and that didn't have no machines, what was they using? So some kind of way if you youngsters really learn about food and learn about the body and challenge all of these theories right? Everytime you go to the store pick up something that says \_\_\_\_\_. How in the hell are you going to improve on nature? Hell you going to \_\_\_\_\_ and anything you read that saying enriched on it you know that food tampered with it baby, and the government got some old \_\_\_\_\_ law that can say after you tamper with it over here you can put enriched on it. Do you know that if you take pasteurized milk, Any Farmers in here? \_\_\_\_\_ do you know if you give pasteurized milk to a cow it will kill it. Ya damn right you know \_\_\_\_\_ all the reason they make the farmer pasteurize the cow because they know the farm in America is to unethical to get rid of a

cow that has T.B., and if you take milk from a T.B. cow you going to get it so they make them boil the milk to kill the germs when they kill the germs they kill everything else in it and thats what they got on the market so somewhere down the line you youngsters really got to learn about that body and really got your \_\_\_\_\_ out you need protein, hell cow don't need to drink milk to produce milk you can get the right amoung of minerals in your body, your body is going to produce all the protein it needs, but somewhere you younsters got to learn about buying nothing \_\_\_\_\_ this old way we teach you in school and they ain't teaching you nothing in school. As rich as this country is man, can you imagine we the richest nation in the world in health wise and the men in America rate 16th in the world and the women in America rate seventh in the world health wise so evidently we doing something wrong and its very funny you know the only sad people in America is poor folks and \_\_\_\_\_ and ole fat KENNEDY cat gets the money he learns how to eat right. I guess the poorer you are the more you want to eat, the more you eat the richer you feel, but all you doing is killing yourself.

O.K. we got time for another.

Yes brother?

The question is ah talking about the bills I talked about am I asking to elect more young legislatures like JULIAN BOND, JULIAN hate me for saying this cause we very good friends, I do alot of engagements for him and he do alot for me, but I love JULIAN BOND and I would die for him in the morning. I don't trust no democrate or no republican and JULIAN BOND is a democrat right? Thats the same party WALLACE belongs to right? Thats the same party \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to right? And so I don't trust \_\_\_\_\_ and I think if they are as pure as I believe JULIAN is then they should have the convictions and the courage to get out of that filthy slimy party and come out and get an independent political movement going where you would rally behind him with out rallying behind that democratic party but there is no way in the world you can put JULIAN BOND in the Presidential office as a democrat without him helping the democrats and he couldn't go in there and sweep it clean because everybody say well you know we gave you the money you got so be careful, you see, look at SCOTT. SCOTT from Pennsylvania that just got DIRKSON's job \_\_\_\_\_ he is one of the most militants going until he got that job, now look at home, he made a complete



turn around so the democrat and the republican party  
is you see my feeling is that the lowest animal that is walking  
the face of this earth is the American politician and we  
need statesman. (clapping). And the democrat and republican  
party will eat up statesman, I mean they proved that with  
FULBRIGHT. FULBRIGHT is one of the most brilliant minds  
in this country that this country has produced in our time,  
he is morally dedicated and ethical \_\_\_\_\_ most  
beautiful dialogue he brought out on Vietnam, nobody has  
ever brought that dialogue out, but when it comes time to  
vote on the civil rights bill he had to vote against because  
he had to go back to Arkansas and run for re-election. We  
in trouble, man, we got a system that just chews up good men  
and makes them dogs, somewhere you know, what I'm saying is  
you youngsters got to get up a new independent political party,  
you got to refuse to participate with that old thing \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Yes lady?

Am I planning on running for President in 72? Well  
let me say this ah, in running in 68 I sit at home and I knew  
what the odds was of me getting elected by a trillion to one,

but I still \_\_\_\_\_, I still could have made it you know, to me the rich boy is running this country might have said DICK, if we put him in office we can save it you know cause black folks are brace, right? So they could have tricked it and I could have been the President, you know, but I then got to wondering as I was looking at the returns you see the first percent that reported was a black percent in Chicago and I was ahead for a few minutes (laughing) scared me to death, I told my wife, I said baby you know if I win this election that wouldn't be hard to do, the hard thing would be to get from Chicago to Washington, D.C. alive. (laughing) and \_\_\_\_\_ everybody in the world would have called me a racist because I would have stayed alive, you see the way I would have to do it people would have swore I was a racist, see I would have hired nothing but all black folks in the capital and all black employees, not only black but they would look just like me, beard and all, then bring on your assassin baby I can just see him now, that minuteman getting to draw that \_\_\_\_\_ and then report \_\_\_\_\_ boss I just assassinated President \_\_\_\_\_ man I am looking at television \_\_\_\_\_ made you kill (laughing). I don't know, I would hope I wouldn't have to run because just,

let me finish, I'll get to you. I hope I would not have to run in 72, I would hope that we can develop some statesman that would come forward and be able to run.

Yes maam?

Peace and Freedom Party was EUGENE MCCARTHY, no, well can I be honest with you lady? There is a couple of questions EUGENE would have to ask for me before I would run with him on even participating or even voting for him, he would have to explain to me how he voted against TEDDY KENNEDY, to come to \_\_\_\_\_ that's one thing he would have to explain. The other thing he would have to explain is, now he might could explain it he would also have to explain why he gave up his senate seat to a honk \_\_\_\_\_ the commissioner to a honk and then the third and important thing he would have to explain to me you know why his name is in Who's Who in the CIA. \_\_\_\_\_ that book that came out of East Germany that's a factual book that we will not let in this country that's one of the best sellers on the face of this earth and if he could explain those three things to me especially why his name shows up on the CIA book and then we might could get together, but those three things and the CIA thing he definitely will have to explain to me whole lot.

I've talked to some people close to him and I mentioned it and I was surprised they was honest enough to say he used to belong to the CIA, but as far as I'm concerned the CIA is not something you used to belong to, you know.

Thank-you. One more question and then we going to \_\_\_\_\_.

Yes maam?

\_\_\_\_\_ question is I ran for President with MARK LANE as my Vice-President, never heard a thing, didn't you see his picture in the paper the other day, ya his picture is in the paper, he is in Denmark. What was it \_\_\_\_\_? I don't remeber the story now. I don't know if he was going to defend some draft resistors in Denmark or just what it was but \_\_\_\_\_ he called me before he left the country, he was going to talk to North Vietnam in Paris but then HO CHI MING died and I never did get back to him because I figured \_\_\_\_\_ all be at the funeral, but he is in Denmark. He should be back in this country oh, about sometime before Christmas, but he is fine, there is one cat I don't, know why they haven't killed, I know why they haven't killed me, but I don't know why they haven't killed him, cause he is the first one that kind of let the whole world that \_\_\_\_\_

the Presidents assassination didn't go down the way it went down, you know he was the first one that came out openly, a lot of people thought the CIA killed the President \_\_\_\_\_ and to this day I don't \_\_\_\_\_ still that other thing you know, they might feel they do more harm by killing \_\_\_\_\_.

Yes Brother?

Why did the CIA kill the President? I don't know I don't work for them \_\_\_\_\_ (laughing). No let me say this, ah it goes all the way back to the yale professors that was busted for spying in Moscow, Russia, do you remember and that and KENNEDY was ready to go to war and KRUSCHEV said that little boy don't even know who is running this country, so they let the yale professor go and KENNEDY had strick orders to pick him up in the plane and bring him right to the White House and KENNEDY sit down \_\_\_\_\_ asked him are you with the CIA? Well the professor though he \_\_\_\_\_ he say, yes sir, he said it just bugged KENNEDY so bad because the CIA denied it. KENNEDY was really going to go to war over that deal \_\_\_\_\_ because he really thought that KRUSCHEV was really just picking on a intellectual and when he started getting bugged with this

and \_\_\_\_\_ says well you know I got some traveling I  
got to do I deal with you all when I get back, he said O.K.  
Sure will. He said the interesting thing about America we  
so silly that we dumb enough to believe anytime a cat \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ let me tell you something \_\_\_\_\_ our  
security is so tight ain't no \_\_\_\_\_ kill the  
President, but if my \_\_\_\_\_ assassinated  
tonight with no \_\_\_\_\_ believe you \_\_\_\_\_  
the cat didn't like the system, we can never look at these  
\_\_\_\_\_ political years, you know, I can \_\_\_\_\_ why  
they assassinated \_\_\_\_\_. Dr. MARTIN LUTHER KING  
was assassinated \_\_\_\_\_ pulled off by the CIA.  
The best one when you \_\_\_\_\_ that one then you under-  
stand we \_\_\_\_\_ assassinate MARTIN LUTHER KING for  
no reason and to get black folks up in arms \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ no body, you know.  
I used to feel safe with the CIA but you making it look  
\_\_\_\_\_ research you find out how many mistakes  
they make, you know \_\_\_\_\_  
he stood up \_\_\_\_\_ world wide press \_\_\_\_\_ he didn't  
do it by himself and then the judge \_\_\_\_\_ down in Tennessee  
so you \_\_\_\_\_ believe that, you know \_\_\_\_\_  
is dead now and the only broad \_\_\_\_\_ in Tennessee that seen

the cat running out of the house say JAMES EARL RAY \_\_\_\_\_  
now they wouldn't even let her come in and testify and when  
you sit and look at JAMES EARL RAY who is from Illinois. You  
aware of that he escaped from the penitentiary in Missouri,  
Missouri State Penitentiary \_\_\_\_\_ after he  
escaped from \_\_\_\_\_ the Missouri State Penitentiary \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. For the  
first time in the history of America the FBI said the wrong  
thing \_\_\_\_\_ which \_\_\_\_\_ had  
you caught it \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ well he got busted \_\_\_\_\_. London  
England he had a 130,000 in small bills on him \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ guns you know  
damn good and well that a cat with a \_\_\_\_\_  
I had to take him to the hospital and operate on him like  
they did \_\_\_\_\_ to take the bullet out because  
the bullet will be \_\_\_\_\_ behind so we did some  
research and we didn't have much time to do it as throughly  
as we did on some of the other but we traced that he bought  
the gun in Birmingham, Alabama, you \_\_\_\_\_ when he bought  
the gun, three doors down from the CIA front shop that train  
the pilots for the \_\_\_\_\_. Its just so blankly  
open with their stuff and you know the warden you was the warden

of the Missouri State Penitentiary, you know who he was, he was the warden that was the head of the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary you remember when \_\_\_\_\_ was swapped for the Russian spy and that was the warden from the Atlanta Penitentiary State that made the swap that carried them over on the bridge and all at once we leave the Atlanta State Penitentiary and become warden of the Missouri State Penitentiary \_\_\_\_\_ JAMES EARL RAY escaped, there is some vicious things go \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly before I leave let me discuss with you the CIA in America and its no problem to do what you can do you know I can't understand that you have to leave the country you know I can't understand that as much \_\_\_\_\_ involved as we was with the Germans, that people in America just don't even know that HITLER's mother's mother \_\_\_\_\_ Grandmother was a Jew and it looked like this was common knowledge all over the world and just, get back to America and \_\_\_\_\_ simple things. Everybody seems to know about, you know, that HITLER lost the war because of Egypt \_\_\_\_\_ you youngsters \_\_\_\_\_ are young, but if you do any checking you will find out that he had plenty of B-1 rockets, B-2 rockets he had tanks, but he didn't have no war thats because the



Egyptians cut his arm off when he really found out he was going to come \_\_\_\_\_ racists bag \_\_\_\_\_ cleaver they found out he was talking about fighting somebody other than white folks, \_\_\_\_\_. Wait a minute boy, here is the history of the CIA in America. After World War II we didn't have a CIA, we had what we called the OSS, created by the late ALLAN DALLAS. We decided that we needed an intelligence unit as hip as the Germans, I don't know how the Germans could lose the war and we thought they had \_\_\_\_\_ something, so we went back and we made a deal with all the Nazi's that headed up the German Intelligence Unit that if they would come to America set us up internal security unit like they has, we will leave them free from prosecution, they came to America they set it up, its called the CIA, it was run in the beginning by them Nazi's and nobody know who it is it is run today by the Nazi's and nobody know who it is and anytime you bring some of them HITLER trained Nazi's into your Country and let them set up a secret organization and have total run of it, man we lucky we all aren't dead.

Yes brother?

How do I get all the information if its such top secret? Well hell information is the easiest thing in the world

\_\_\_\_\_ if you apply yourself, you know, \_\_\_\_\_  
man set down and figured out how to bring nuclear things in  
here and light up that field and I am sure finding out how the  
CIA got involved with the Nazi's is the simplest thing to do  
with the cats that figure they Army that ain't no big thing,  
I mean all you do is just apply yourself and spend some time.  
Let me give you a better example, in Chicago any of you from  
Chicago? Are you familiar with SHERMAN \_\_\_\_\_  
the Judiciary Department there. A friend of mine about five  
years ago, \_\_\_\_\_ talking about how corrupt the courts  
were so we \_\_\_\_\_ if he spend time and do your  
homework, you know he just kept coming by crime, he used to  
go down with his petition and they would lock him in the  
elevator and take his crutches and beat him and tear up his  
wheel chair. SHERMAN \_\_\_\_\_ home work and if you  
go to Chicago now, SHERMAN \_\_\_\_\_ is probably the Number  
one citizen in Chicago, here is what he did? He took his  
wheel chair, kept doing his research and he went down and he  
started looking up the stock bills and see all these bills got  
to be registered and he found out out of the seven supreme  
court justices State Supreme Court Justices of Illinois, six  
of them owned banks, then when he looked up he found out that

AT&T has a minimum of 50 million dollars deposits and all six of them banks so you automatically know now when AT&T is getting ready to ask for a telephone increase in Illinois, you can't take it to court and win because they got the \_\_\_\_\_ of AT&T taken out of the 50 million dollars off their back. He also found out that the Burlington Railroad \_\_\_\_\_ and went up to the State Supreme court beal Illinois, the State of Illinois, out of paying 500 million dollars taxws over their property in 40 counties the supreme court ruled they didn't have to pay taxes on it after he checked it out, he found out that the Burlington Railroad didn't only deal with the supreme court justice, the head man of Illinois but a week before that case was to be heard this justice ended up getting the insurance company that insured all the Burlington Railroad workers so its right there if you take the time and this is what I said earlier tonight. I said if you would take the time to write down every college in America and check out the board of directors in America you would find out the daily cause of 90 per cent of the problems from \_\_\_\_\_ if you willing to spend a few minutes to do your homework and investigated \_\_\_\_\_ this system couldn't stand up under their own investigation at all.

Yes brother?

If I stated the CIA is taking over the country in the background why am I for gun control? Because I just think you know that irregardless of the CIA taking over the country that is really no big threat to me \_\_\_\_\_ once they take it over they going to lose it in about five years, but if they took over the country right now the white, poor white man and the poor black man would be better off because least he would be getting fed they ain't going to do nothing but close the colleges down and \_\_\_\_\_ and all them going to have to lose their \_\_\_\_\_ and they going to re-distribute the wealth around the country and then once we got to go underground baby and them slick cats from Wall Street \_\_\_\_\_ son got to go underground with us but all that brain power \_\_\_\_\_ CIA won't be able to hold it long because there are some dumb cats in the CIA I mean they got to take a dumb cat thats graduated from college and decide he want to be a spy in 1969 thats like wanting to fraduate and be the lone ranger's son or somebody else. (clapping). But you know ah I am for gun control because you know the guns you got now you ain't killing the CIA with them and I just believe you know that we need a constitution interpretation

of the guns, all men have a right to bear arms in America, but when that was inked there wasn't no such thing as automatic hand guns and I think if that constitution say you got a right to defend your proerty you got a right to have a gun in your house thats a shotgun and I think you can defend your house better with a shotgun than you can with an automatic. I think if we want to have country where men have a right to have guns which I say is a right then lets make it a shotgun so you can't stick it in your pocket and walk across town and kill some innocent person, see you no threat to me if you walk around town with a shot gun and if I come through a green light and you come through a red light and hit my car and I see that shotgun, I'm going to say I'm sorry Mr. White Brother, I'm sorry I came through that light there, I thought it was green, but I guess it was red and I'm sorry. You see you no threat to me but some kind of way you know we got to do something because any body that wants to get hold to a gun can get hold of one and so I think you know that we can tighten it up to the extent you see, are you aware that 97 percent of everybody that gets killed or shot in America do not get shot by strangers only three per cent of the people in America in the course of a year that get shot or killed are killed by strangers, 97 percent of everybody that gets killed

in a homicide it happened by someone he knew, or someone  
or his family thats the disgrace \_\_\_\_\_ you know we  
sit around and we play with them unloaded guns, we leave them  
around the house, a kid pickes them up and its a different  
ball game \_\_\_\_\_ cat sticking a pistol in his pocket going  
across town sticking up grocery store then it is coming out with  
that double barrel shotgun. I think that you know I would love  
to see a case go up to the United States Supreme Court and  
get a ruling and see if that in interpreted as a shotgun in  
the house because you can damn sure protect your home better  
with a rifle or shot gun and then its really no threat to me.

Thank you. We going to run \_\_\_\_\_  
say to you thank you again. God Bless you, nature have fun.  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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DATE: 12/2/69

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Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 11/25/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning GREGORY's current travel. ~~(U)~~

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Copies of this letterhead memorandum are being furnished to the United States Secret Service and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois. ~~(U)~~

The source utilized in this letterhead memorandum is  ~~(U)~~

Contact is being maintained with source and pertinent information concerning GREGORY's travels will be made immediately known to the Bureau. ~~(U)~~

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 2, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on November 25, 1969, [redacted] it had been determined that Gregory, accompanied by his wife, [redacted]

[redacted] Source stated that the length of Gregory's trip was unknown, but evidently [redacted]

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Source advised that Gregory [redacted]

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Source advised on December 1, 1969, that no further information has been received concerning Gregory's travel other than the fact that Gregory [redacted]

[redacted] ~~(U)~~  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR; FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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DATE: 12/10/69

Enclosed for Bureau are eleven copies and for Chicago two copies and for Boston one copy of LHM concerning a speech subject made before the student body of Elmira College, Elmira, N. Y. from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m., 12/2/69.

The source in LHM who requested identity be kept confidential was [redacted] Elmira, N. Y., an established source.

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LHM classified "Confidential" because unauthorized disclosure of information in it could reasonably result in the identification of [redacted] source of continuing value and compromise her effectiveness.

Since it is not known which statements of GREGORY might be of interest to any particular recipient of LHM, the newspaper account is set out in Xerox form in LHM.

Copies of LHM for Chicago, the office of origin, and for Boston, where subject last known to reside.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The November 25, 1969 edition of the "Star Gazette" newspaper, a daily publication in Elmira, New York, reported that "Dick Gregory, the controversial Civil Rights activist" would speak at Elmira College, Elmira, New York on December 2, 1969. His appearance would not be open to the public.

On November 26, 1969, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that GREGORY had been invited by the student body government for no particular reason other than that the student body felt they were tired of the "run of the mill" speaker and desired someone "controversial."

GREGORY's appearance before the Elmira College student body and a prior press conference were reported in the Elmira "Star Gazette," the only daily newspaper at Elmira, New York, in its edition of December 3, 1969, as follows:

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# Not Generation Gap; It's Moral Gap--Gregory

By KEN DARLING

Maybe Dick Gregory isn't reaching the majority of people in this country.

But, if his appearance at Elmira College Tuesday night was any indication, he's reaching the young people. And any hope this nation may have of surviving as a democracy, he believes, is firmly in their hands.

"You must solve the problems of this nation, problems you didn't create," he said. "It will be a tremendous job. But you have a great weapon on your side . . . moral, honest, ethical dedication."

The crowd of nearly 1,500, mostly Elmira College students, responded enthusiastically to Gregory as he encouraged their generation's activities, and used his humor and oratorical ability to chastise the Nixon administration, the military-industrial complex and other

symbols of the "establishment."

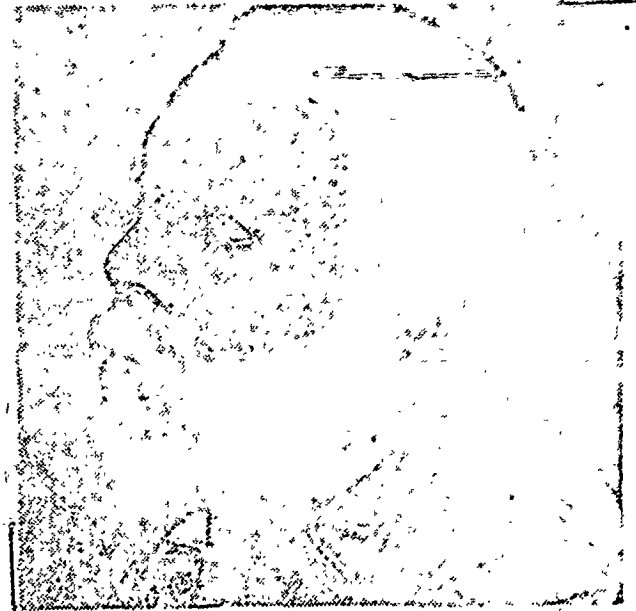
He received three standing ovations—one when he entered the Campus Center dining hall where the speech was held, one during his talk and one when he finished. And his speech was interrupted many times by applause and shouts of approval.

Gregory, a comedian, author, lecturer and actor, also was a Presidential candidate in the 1968 election on the Peace and Freedom party ticket with writer Norman Mailer.

Gregory said "There's no generation gap, there's a moral gap . . . you young folks have the all-important job of giving America its sanity back. Don't eulogize America—you eulogize dead things—but examine America."

Gregory told the students "Don't destroy capitalism.

Work to put the capitalist Constitution, not in front of it. where he should be, behind the "The emphasis should be on



DICK GREGORY

human rights, not property rights."

Gregory devoted part of his talk to racial problems, saying "we blacks don't hate you white folks. But we do hate your sinking, white racist system."

He said, "I recognize an individual's right to be a racist—what I am opposed to is institutionalized racism."

Since he believes that business interests are a major reason for the continuance of the Vietnam war, Gregory had this suggestion for ending the war: "Boycott Christmas. Tell your friends and relatives that since there's a war going on you don't want to celebrate Christmas and you're not buying any presents."

He believes a total boycott of Christmas shopping would force the business world to pressure

Washington for a quick end to the war. "Maybe this year you wouldn't get any presents," he said. "But you'd be helping a lot of other people get presents next year . . . a mother would have her son home again from Vietnam . . . a kid would have his father back."

Gregory said that older people—"we old fools"—have always underestimated youth. "Nixon said the demonstrations would have no affect on him—but you kids forced him to go on television and talk about a Vietnam policy he doesn't even have."

He added, "If Nixon thinks young people aren't effective, he should place a call to LBJ in Texas and ask that boy. You dealt with LBJ—and if you can deal with him, you can deal with anybody. LBJ was slicker at 8 than Nixon will be if he lives to be 10,000."

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# U.S. Interest in Money Blamed for Not Ending War

"Everything has increased in value in this country but a dead soldier," Dick Gregory charged at a press conference before his speech at Elmira College Tuesday night.

Contending that this country's interest in money is a major obstacle in ending the war, the noted civil rights and anti-war leader suggested:

"If this nation said it would give \$30,000 to the family of every U. S. soldier killed in Vietnam, and if the kids of that soldier became wards of the government for life, suddenly you'd see a lot of influential people turn against the war."

Gregory was in Paris last weekend, talking with representatives of the National Liberation Front about the release of U.S. war prisoners for Christmas. He asked the NLF to pass along his request to the Hanoi delegation, which was not in Paris during the weekend.

He said "the NLF contends that the men being held by

North Vietnam are not war prisoners... war has not been declared on their country, so how can they have prisoners of war?"

He said that he has no idea if his efforts to free some prisoners for Christmas will be successful.

Gregory said that two years ago, the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong were more concerned about black U.S. soldiers, because of what they'd heard about the suppression of blacks in America.

"Now, because of the anti-war activities of the young whites, the North Vietnamese believe that all soldiers — both blacks and whites — are merely puppets of the government."

Regarding the investigation of the My Lai massacre, Gregory said the NLF representatives think it's unfair that a few officers "are being used as scapegoats. They contend that since these massacres happen frequently, they must

be sanctioned by higher authorities than the officers in the field."

On President Nixon's Vietnam policy, Gregory commented "I feel he really had a program on Vietnam when he took office, but he's discovered how this country is really run."

Like the past presidents, he's become a slave to the military-industrial complex."

Gregory believes that minority groups were "better off under Johnson, but I'd rather have Nixon in office. Now more issues are coming out. There was no dialogue under LBJ... the blacks felt he was going to solve everything for them."

Gregory has mixed feelings about the American press. "Sometimes they make honest mistakes, sometimes they're just part of the establishment," he said. But he added that "the free press has done more to solve problems than to create them."

However, he noted that "when the press calls you a responsible black leader, that means you're no good for the black community."

Expressing his hope that the young people will work to solve the nation's problems, Gregory said "because of the activities of the white kids, the young

blacks are finding that black and white are not colors, but attitudes."

He also noted: "We blacks were campaigning for civil rights. Today, the young white kids are seeking human rights. We wanted the right to work in the napalm factory, along with the whites. The white kids want to close the napalm factory."

Gregory said a major role of young people is to alert the rest of the world about what's happening in this country. "If the young Germans had resisted Hitler, other countries would have been warned and could have prepared for him. If you do nothing more than get clubbed and tear-gassed in the streets, you'll alert the world that another monster is on the loose."

He added, "I hope you young people understand the job you have to do. Don't make the mistake we old fools made — when we were in college, we were too busy learning how to make a living and forgot to learn how to live."

Gregory's noted humor was evident throughout his speech. A couple of samples:

On riots: "When people ask me why there weren't more riots by black people last summer, I tell them all the black militants were in Ireland serving as technical advisers."

On Spiro Agnew: "He's got to be putting us on. If he's as dumb as he appears, he couldn't chew gum and walk at the same time."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Investigator [ ] Elmira, New York Police Department, was present at the speech given at Elmira College by GREGORY, and he noted that although the newspaper account of his speech indicated there were almost 1500 persons present, his estimate of the crowd was from 500 to 700 people.

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Investigator [ ] advised that for the most part, he found the response to GREGORY's speech rather cold although he did receive an ovation on entering the building; another ovation when he made a remark that college administrators across the country were more interested in building funds than in educating students; and he received a few ovations whenever he made remarks about Vietnam. Investigator [ ] advised that the above newspaper accounts are very good summaries of GREGORY's speech.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"The December 9, 1969, issue of the "Fort Worth Star Telegram", a newspaper published daily in Fort Worth, Texas, carried the following article.

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# Comedian Aims Bitter Humor At America in Address at TCU

By LYNN GARLAND

America as seen through the eyes of Dick Gregory isn't beautiful.

In an emotion-charged speech laced with bitter humor, black comedian and social activist Gregory presented an indictment of America's social and economic ills to more than 1,000 students at TCU's Ed Landreth auditorium.

Criticizing President Nixon's speech on Vietnam, Gregory charged, "He aimed that speech at all Americans too old to go to Vietnam and get their brains blown out."

Patriots of the past, Gregory continued, were for the oppressed. Today, he contended, they support the oppressors.

He recommended that persons supporting the President's policies on Vietnam should enlist in the armed forces rather than show support by turning on car lights. (During Moratorium activities, some Nixon supporters expressed their views by turning on their headlights.)

"Turning on your car lights ain't going to do nothing but sell batteries," he said.

GREGORY PRAISED today's young people as the most "moral, ethical, com-

mitted group who have ever lived in this country."

He said today's youngsters would have to solve problems inherited from their parents.

"Times are changing and your mommy and daddy don't seem to see it," he said.

"You youngsters have the responsibility to give this country its sanity back," he added. "Thanks to you young people, this country is not dead yet."

Blacks in America do not hate whites, Gregory continued. But they do hate "white racist institutions."

"You are responsible to this white racist system and we hold you responsible," he said.

WHILE MAINTAINING he did not advocate overthrow of the capitalistic system, Gregory told the students to work "to get the capitalists into their rightful place, which is behind the Constitution instead of in front of it."

He urged the young people to seek an end to the Vietnam conflict by boycotting Christmas. Boycotted merchants, he contended, would then put pressure on the government to bring the war to a close.

Gregory's talk ranged over a wide range of topics. On

black studies programs in American schools, he said:

"A man without knowledge of himself is like a tree with no roots."

On the Democratic convention in Chicago:

"For years white folks have been going to Fort Lauderdale and tearing up the whole town. Nobody called up the Army."

ON AMERICAN history:

"You landed at Plymouth, Rock and discovered a country that was already occupied."

On looters:

"With pride you tell me you got on this stranger's ship and dumped all that tea in the water."

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Detective Lieutenant [REDACTED] Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department, advised that the scheduled itinerary for "Dick Gregory" while in Fort Worth, on December 8, 1969, was as follows:

Gregory was to arrive at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, where he would be met by student representatives from Tarrant County Junior College (TCJC), Fort Worth, Texas, and then drive to the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, 5825 South Freeway, Fort Worth. At 8:45 a.m., Gregory was to be picked up by the TCJC staff and be driven to the TCJC South Campus where he was to hold a press conference at 9:00 a.m., in the conference room in the administration building. Gregory was to speak to those present at the TCJC gymnasium at 10:00 a.m.

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At 11:00 a.m., representative from Texas Christian University (TCU), Fort Worth, were to drive Gregory to lunch at the Canterbury House, 2715 Cockrell, the home of TCU Episcopal minister. Gregory was to hold a press conference in the TCU Student Union Center at 1:25 p.m., and to speak to those assembled in TCU Ed Landreth Auditorium at 2:00 p.m., as guest of the Forum committee.

TCU representatives were to drive Gregory to Love Field, Dallas, Texas, where he was to depart Dallas by plane after 4:00 p.m., for a speaking engagement believed to be in New Orleans, Louisiana, on the night of December 8, 1969.

Lieutenant [REDACTED] has advised that as far as he knew the above itinerary was followed by Gregory while in Fort Worth. He advised that no violence or demonstrations occurred during Gregory's appearances.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

Re Chicago teletypes dated 12/23 and 12/24/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of  
an LHM concerning a Christmas eve sit-in by subject at  
Chatham, England.

Source is  ~~7~~ (U)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ~~REDACTED~~, SEC. SERV., CDA, STATE Dept.  
DEPT: ISD, ~~REDACTED~~, IDIU, ~~REDACTED~~

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Chicago, Illinois  
December 30, 1969

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On [redacted] a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised as follows:

On [redacted]

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Gregory's final destination was London, England, where he planned to be involved in a twenty-four hour fast at a cathedral from which he expected extensive publicity. ~~(S)~~ (U)

The December 26, 1969, issue of the "Chicago Tribune," a newspaper published daily in Chicago, Illinois, carried the following article:

~~Mr. [redacted]~~  
"Beatle John Lennon, his wife, Yoko, and comedian Dick Gregory took part in a Christmas eye sit-in fast outside Rochester cathedral. The demonstration, held under a weeping willow tree in front of the church, protested world poverty."

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ENGLAND  
CANADA

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Mr. DeLoach ☒  
Mr. Walters \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen ☒  
Mr. Sullivan ☒  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tiers \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, OO; CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED INSTANT, RICHARD CLAXTON

GREGORY

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GREGORY TO BE INVOLVED IN A TWENTYFOUR HOUR FAST

AT UNKNOWN CATHEDRAL LONDON AND EXPECTS EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY.

EXACT NATURE OR PURPOSE OF FAST OR PEOPLE TO BE INVOLVED

NOT KNOWN TO SOURCE.

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GREGORY 10 DEC 30 1969

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London press  
reported Gregory's presence at Canterbury  
Cathedral with JOHN LENNON & LENNON'S  
wife. Nobody else showed up for fast &  
fast called off.

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[REDACTED]  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM CHICAGO

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, RM, CO; CHICAGO.

SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED INSTANT, RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY [REDACTED]

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Mr. Soyars \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-457) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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00: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM  
with two copies for Chicago. Source utilized is [redacted]  
[redacted] San  
Jose, California, by request. The LHM is classified "confidential"  
because information furnished by [redacted] could reveal his  
identity and compromise his future effectiveness.

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San Francisco, California

December 30, 1969

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Richard Claxton Gregory, more commonly known as Dick Gregory, appeared at speaking engagements at San Jose State College, San Jose, California, on November 25-26, 1969 and December 10-11, 1969, and at Chabot College, Hayward, California, December 9, 1969.

The "Spartan Daily", a newspaper published daily by the students at San Jose State College (SJSC) in its issue of November 7, 1969 published an article entitled "Ex C Offers a Chance to Teach, Learn, Exchange Ideas." An editor's note set forth that it was exploring the Associated Students Experimental College and its program. The article was by staff writer Craig Turner.

The article set forth in part that the Scholar-In-Residence Program is worked through the Experimental College. The funds are provided by the College Union Program Board which also selects the scholar. According to the article this year's Scholar-In-Residence is Dick Gregory, "militant former comedian."

A source on December 22, 1969, advised that Dick Gregory as Scholar-In-Residence at SJSC appeared on the campus on November 25-26, 1969 and again on December 10-11, 1969 and receives a stipend of either \$7,000 or \$7,500 for the year.

Source advised that "Scholar-In-Residence" is a misnomer in that Gregory is not a resident and has no intention of changing his present residence.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source further advised that Gregory plans to return to SJSC in the spring of 1970 with possibly two additional appearances.

The "Spartan Daily" issue of November 14, 1969 announced "Black Experience Week Begins 10-Day Course." The article went on to state that the San Jose Black Studies Department would open its doors to students, faculty, and the public in recognition of "Black Experience Week." The article went on to state that Scholar-In-Residence Dick Gregory would be on the campus November 24-25, 1969 to conclude the event.

The "Spartan Daily" for November 25, 1969 published an article entitled "Dick Gregory - Niggers No More" by Terry Pennel, daily staff writer. The article disclosed that on the previous day Gregory had visited various classrooms and had held question and answer session between the reels and showing of "Battle of Algiers" based on the revolutionary struggles of Algiers for independence from the French. The article stated that Gregory described the black revolution in America today as a similar phenomenon.

The article stated that earlier in the day Gregory attended classes and told students "There is only one way blacks can react after reading white history. All we've ever heard about is what hoodlums we are...We've got to let America know that we are not 'niggers' any more."

The "Daily Review," a newspaper published in Hayward, California, in its issue of December 10, 1969 published an article on Dick Gregory's appearance at Chabot College Student Center in Hayward, California, on December 9, 1969. His talk was sponsored by the College's Office of Community Services and an admission of \$1 was charged.

The paper reported that Gregory in his talk to nearly 1,000 laced together a stirring set of charges against what he termed "racist and degenerate establishment."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Gregory told that America has always needed a nigger but he hasn't always been black and the time is coming when someone white will be the "nigger" or scapegoat. Part of his talk was devoted to the recent "police raid" on the Black Panther Party (BPP) headquarters in Chicago. He described the police tactics as "Hitler-like."

Gregory charged that colleges have been indoctrinating for so long that they have forgotten to educate. He claimed that the Vietnam Moratorium helped to tell the world that there is still morality and sanity in America. He was quoted as saying "You start feeding black people and you is just liable to feed 'em too much - enough to free them." This reference was to the BPP Breakfast Program.

The crowd attending the talk is described as twice being on their feet in response to what Gregory had to say.

A characterization of the BPP is contained in the appendix.

The "Spartan Daily" in December 9, 1969, announced that Gregory would visit the San Jose State Campus for the second time on December 10, 1969 and address the College Community in the College Union.

The "Spartan Daily" on December 11, 1969, reported that on the previous day Gregory is reported to have said that the students have become "new niggers in America."

Gregory made reference to the shooting in early December, 1969 of Black Panther Fred Hampton who was killed in Chicago, Illinois, during a police raid. Gregory said, "I don't believe in killing. I sent a \$1,500 check to Panthers Headquarters to buy food. I hope they don't go out and get guns and ammunition with it."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The "San Jose 'Mercury", a daily newspaper published in San Jose, California, in its issue of December 12, 1969 reported Gregory this date visited the campus at SJSC. According to the newspaper Gregory's theme was "You kids have got all the problems and none of the tricks." He also complained of the unequal treatment of the BPP as compared with the Minutemen and the Ku Klux Klan in contemplating recent events involving fight for rights of minority people. He attributed the difference to the fact that the Panthers are trying to change the system. He claimed it was not the guns that scare the power structure, it is "feeding the poor country folks that gets them angry."

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for  
Self Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

APPENDIX

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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/12/70

FROM : Legat, London (157-99) (U) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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OO: Chicago (157-347)

Re newspaper clipping from London "Daily Express"  
12/27/69 forwarded to Bureau 12/31/69. (U)

information on a confidential basis, advised as follows:

Subject, possessing U.S. Passport K761916, arrived at London Airport 12/24/69 aboard TWA Flight 770 from Chicago. At the time subject cleared immigration controls, he advised his destination in London was the Playboy Club and that after staying in London a few days, he might travel on to Paris, France.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-258) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RM

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 10/11/69.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are seven copies, and for Chicago two copies, of an LHM concerning subject's appearance at Adirondack Community College, Town of Queensbury, N.Y., on 1/9/70.

The confidential source utilized in the LHM is

[redacted] whose information

in the past has proven to be reliable.

Coverage was afforded by appropriate local police agencies; namely the NYSP, South Glens Falls, N.Y., and the Warren County SO, Lake George, N.Y.

Locally the LHM is being disseminated to 108th MIG, Albany; OSI; Secret Service, Syracuse; and NIC.

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2- Albany AGENCY: ACSI, NIC, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
DVH:dap DEPT: ISD, CRD, RAO  
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DATE FORM: 1/30/70  
BY: [signature]

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[ ] also advised that in the very near future he expects to obtain the tape of GREGORY's speech. He volunteered to have it reproduced and will furnish it to the FBI.

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The Albany Office will forward the tape to the Bureau when made available by [ ]

This LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as unauthorized disclosure of its contents might identify the source of information thereby precluding his future use and jeopardizing the national defense.





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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York  
January 23, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as  
Dick Gregory

On January 9, 1970, at 8:00 PM, GREGORY delivered a speech at the Adirondack Community College Gymnasium, Queensbury, New York, before approximately 1,300 people, namely college students and young adults.

Among the highlights of his presentation, which lasted for approximately two hours, before a question and answer session followed, were the following:

GREGORY had some observations on President Nixon's Vietnam speech before the Christmas holidays asserting that "he aimed at all the old folks in America, who are too old to go to Vietnam".

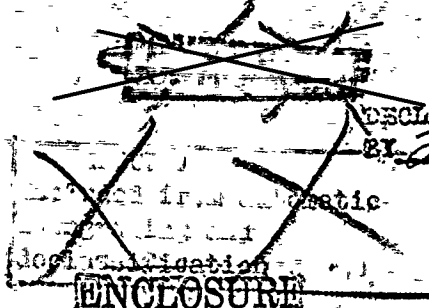
GREGORY admonished the "patriots in America" only concern themselves with Indian reservations. He warned of right-wing Government for too long a period saying that "when NIXON gets through with you, baby, he is going to make that silent majority the most vocal group in America".

He decried the slayings of the JOSEPH YABLONSKI family and remarked that in the trial of BOBBY SEALE in Chicago, Illinois, that the shackling and gagging of SEALE, if it had happened in Russia, would have caused people to shrug their shoulders and say "that is Communism for you".

He told of the danger in a conservative press. Declaring about the Chicago Democratic Convention, "they tried to tell you that you didn't see it on TV, they said the press created it."

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He was in part agreement with Vice President AGNEW, of the way he scared the press. He praised the moratorium demonstration on the Vietnam war in November, and observed that network coverage was given to it.

He did not advocate destroying the capitalist system but said that those present should work to put capitalist where they belong; behind the United States Constitution; not in front of it.

Focusing on civil rights and speaking as a black, GREGORY said "we do not hate white folk, we hate the stinking white racism system . . . who are responsible for this vicious white racism system, and we gonna hold you to it."

He said that "non-violence is my hang-up. I would find more joy tonight in being killed by a man than killing that man myself".

Handling floor questions after his monologue, GREGORY maintained that the Central Intelligence Agency killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JOHN and ROBERT KENNEDY and MALCOLM X, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In citing reasons for arriving at this conclusion, he adverted that KING could not have been shot as the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. He said that JAMES EARL RAY had \$400,000.00 on him when he arrived in England. The Federal Bureau of Investigation for the first time in history sent out the wrong fingerprints on RAY's escape.

When asked about ELDRIDGE CLEAVERS claim that the only way to reach law makers was for the Black Panthers to shot their way into the Senate, GREGORY replied "I do not agree with violence in anyway, shape or fashion". He also said "America to me is worth dying for, but I've never seen anything worth killing for".

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RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

GREGORY's appearance was sponsored by the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Student Senate of Adirondack Community College. He was introduced by WALTER MC MENAMIN, English instructor and Chairman of the Committee.

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To : Director, FBI (100-440423)

From : SAC, Minneapolis (157-386) (RUC)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago are 8 and 2 copies, respectively, of an LHM concerning GREGORY's appearance in the Minneapolis Division.

Chicago's attention is directed to the fact GREGORY is supposedly leaving for Denmark.

The source noted in the LHM is [redacted] who gave the information to SA [redacted] is an established source of this office.

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IRS - Cth: [redacted] CIA (Via Liaison)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota  
January 27, 1970

Richard Claxton Gregory

The January 22, 1970, issue of the "Minnesota Daily," the student newspaper of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, indicated that Gregory spoke during the evening of January 21, 1970, at Augsburg College, Minneapolis.

Gregory told the audience of nearly 1,000 that the Number One problem in this country today is moral pollution and America is the most morally polluted country on the face of the earth. He said America's young people are the most marvelous, honest, dedicated people in the history of this country and urged the youthful crowd to examine America, find out where the cancer is, and then cut it out.

He reflected that the Democratic Convention in Chicago was the best thing that ever happened to the young folks because it pointed out how sick and degenerate this racist society is. Gregory told the audience that America's biggest problem is not capitalism, but capitalists. Gregory commented he didn't advocate destroying the capitalist system but restoring it to its rightful place, which is not ahead of, but rather behind, the United States Constitution.

Gregory urged the crowd to address their grievances to the capitalist system. He advised college students to learn to live and not make the mistake his generation did, which was being so busy, when going to college, trying to learn to make a living that they forgot how to live.

The article indicated Gregory was to leave for Denmark, where he would rejoin John Lennon in a two-to-three-week fast to call attention to the problems of the world's hungry people.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory's speech at Augsburg College was sponsored by the Black Student Union of Augsburg College. The source estimated Gregory received \$1,000, including expenses, for his speech.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM-BN  
(OO: Chicago)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau 11/14/69.

Subject GREGORY spoke at Centenary College,  
Shreveport, La. night of 2/1/70 without incident. Summary  
being obtained and pertinent information will be furnished  
Bureau and Chicago.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-NEW) (C)

LECTURE OF DICK GREGORY,  
MIAMI-DADE JUNIOR COLLEGE,  
NORTH CAMPUS,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA,  
1 - 3 P.M.,  
1/29/70  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above and suitable for dissemination.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of above mentioned LHM.

For the information of the Bureau, GREGORY's speech was recorded on tape and a copy of this tape is being maintained in the Miami file. GREGORY made no remarks which could be interpreted as attempts or threats to create a riot or disturbance.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Miami, Florida  
January 30, 1970

Re: LECTURE OF DICK GREGORY,  
MIAMI-DADE JUNIOR COLLEGE,  
NORTH CAMPUS,  
MIAMI, FLORIDA  
1 - 3 P.M.,  
JANUARY 29, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

On January 29, 1970, Detective [redacted]  
[redacted] Dade County Department of Public Safety,  
Miami, Florida, advised that at a lecture Comedian DICK  
GREGORY spoke at Miami-Dade Junior College, North Campus,  
from 1 - 3 p.m. Several hundred students including  
blacks, whites, and those of Spanish extraction, attended  
GREGORY's lecture which took place without incident.  
The speech was held at the John F. Kennedy Health Center  
which is located on the campus.

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This speech was sponsored by the Miami-Dade  
Junior College Student Government Association according to  
an article which appeared in the "Miami Times", a weekly  
Miami, Florida, newspaper, dated January 23, 1970.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished  
locally to the 111th M. I. Group, the U. S. Secret Service,  
and the U. S. Attorney, Miami, Florida.

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FBI DETROIT

2:16PM URGENT 1/30/70 NRA 2P

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO  
FROM DETROIT (157- )

SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY , AKA.,  
DICK GREGORY, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN, FEB. THREE NEXT, RM. <sup>RACIAL MATTERS</sup>

SOURCE, RELIABLE IN PAST, ADVISED THAT DICK GREGORY,  
A WELL-KNOWN NEGRO COMEDIAN, WILL APPEAR AT EIGHT-PM. FEB.  
THREE, NEXT, AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (WMU), KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN, AT THE EXPENSE OF WMU STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND AT  
EIGHT PM WILL GIVE A SPEECH OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FREE OF CHARGE  
IN THE AUDITORIUM.

SOURCE ADVISED THAT PRIOR TO THIS SPEECH GREGORY WILL  
ARRIVE IN KALAMZOO AT THREE FORTY PM VIA NORTH CENTRAL  
AIRLINES, FLIGHT EIGHT SEVEN FIVE, AND AT FIVE THIRTY PM  
WILL HOLD A MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING  
SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHICH FUND IS SET UP UNDER FEDERAL GRANT  
TO PROVIDE TUITION AND HOUSING FOR INDIGENT NEGRO STUDENTS.

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Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. DeLoach	✓
Mr. Walters	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Casper	✓
Mr. Callahan	✓
Mr. Conrad	✓
Mr. Felt	✓
Mr. Gale	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Tavel	✓
Mr. Trotter	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

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USA, GRAND RAPIDS, SECRET SERVICE, GRAND RAPIDS AND  
G-TWO, DETROIT, ADVISED.

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DETROIT WILL OBTAIN COVERAGE.

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FROM DETROIT (157-5447) 2P

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Mr. Conrad	
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SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA  
DICK GREGORY, WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY, KALAMAZOO,  
MICHIGAN, FEBRUARY THREE, NINETEEN SEVENTY, RM

SOURCE ONE, RELIABLE, ADVISED GREGORY APPEARED AS  
SCHEDULED AT WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY (WMU) AUDITORIUM  
APPROXIMATELY EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M., FEBRUARY THREE, LAST,  
WHERE HE SPOKE TO CAPACITY CROWD OF ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND  
PERSONS. SPEECH GENERALLY NON-VIOLENT. NO INCIDENTS  
OCCURRED. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SOURCE TWO, RELIABLE, INFORMED GREGORY DID NOT HOLD  
DISCUSSION WITH MARTIN LUTHER KING STUDENTS AT WMU, NOR  
DID HE ATTEND PRE-ARRANGED MEETING WITH LOCAL NEGRO COMMUNITY  
LEADERS. ~~(S)~~ (U)

SOURCE TWO ADVISED THAT GREGORY LODGED AT HOLIDAY INN  
MOTEL, KALAMAZOO, [REDACTED]

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GREGORY DEPARTED KALAMAZOO, SEVEN TWENTY A.M., FEBRUARY FOUR, INSTANT, FOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

G-TWO, DETROIT, SECRET SERVICE AND USA, GRAND RAPIDS ADVISED.

ADMINISTRATIVE

RE DETROIT TEL TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO, JANUARY THIRTY, LAST.

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GREGORY DEPARTED KALAMAZOO, SEVEN TWENTY A.M., FEBRUARY  
FOUR, INSTANT, FOR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

G-TWO, DETROIT, SECRET SERVICE AND USA, GRAND RAPIDS  
ADVISED.

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TO: DIRECTOR (157-2780)

CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM: OMAHA (157-217)

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY. RM.

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IOWA CITY, IOWA (PROTECT IDENTITY) ADVISED GREGORY SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT MAIN STUDENT LOUNGE, UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, EIGHT PM, FEBRUARY SIXTEEN NEXT. HIS TOPIC WILL BE "SOCIAL PROBLEMS- SOCIAL OR ANTI-SOCIAL?", IN PROGRAM SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY VISITOR LECTURE SERIES. <sup>LI</sup> BELIEVED GREGORY WILL DEPART IOWA CITY, IOWA, SAME NIGHT FOR RETURN CHICAGO BY AIR.

OMAHA WILL FOLLOW AND REPORT RESULTS GREGORY'S APPEARANCE, HOWEVER, FOR LACK ADEQUATE SECURITY WILL NOT ATTEND GREGORY'S APPEARANCE, UTILIZING INSTANT SOURCE.

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Date: 2/10/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
(OO: CG)

Enclosed for the Bureau and 11 copies and for Chicago two copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) regarding subject's appearance at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Oregon, 2/23/70. Also enclosed for the Bureau are copies FD-376.

Copies of LHM are being disseminated to USA, Secret Service, Military Intelligence, OSI, and NIC all of Portland.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D.C. 20220

February 10, 1970

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☒ may be available through Chicago Police Department

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Portland, Oregon

February 10, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
Also Known As Dick Gregory  
RACIAL MATTERS

The February 6, 1970 issue of "The Siskiyou," Southern Oregon College (SOC) student newspaper, Ashland, Oregon, on page 1, set forth that the Black Students Union (BSU), SOC, Ashland, is sponsoring a "symposium" on minority relations during February 22-24, 1970, at Ashland, Oregon. One of the speakers, Dick Gregory, identified as a noted civil rights worker and comedian, will appear on February 23, 1970, at the college gymnasium at 8 p.m., and his topic will be "Minorities in America." He is being sponsored by the SOC Concert and Lecture Series.

The BSU is described in the appendix attached hereto.

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THE BLACK STUDENTS UNION (BSU)

The Black Students Union is an organization of Negro College Students at various American universities for the purpose of advancing the educational level of the Negro student.

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Date: 2/11/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM-BN  
(OO: Chicago)

Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau 2/2/70.

Enclosed are four copies of LHM of summary of  
speech given by subject at Centenary College, Shreveport, La.  
2/1/70. Source of information is [redacted] SAC Contact,  
[redacted]

Two copies of LHM furnished Chicago.

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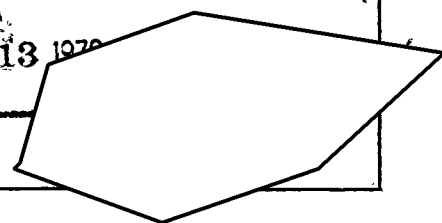
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New Orleans, Louisiana

February 11, 1970

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

A reliable confidential source advised that on Sunday, February 1, 1970, Dick Gregory spoke at Brown Memorial Chapel, Centenary College. He arrived about 30 minutes late and the program began at 8:30 PM. Some young student who is on the Forum Committee introduced him and he started off his talk with a number of jokes and then talked for two hours. He then declared a five minute rest period so "people could leave without being called racists." Several people did leave at this time. After the break there was a fairly good discussion with several students challenging remarks made by him.

During the talk Gregory made only two remarks of a possible threatening nature. One was that 10 years ago Henry Ford did not give a damn about him and does not today except that Ford pays attention to him because he knows that if he, Gregory, gets displeased that "Gregory will burn his plant down." The other statement was something to the effect that if he was in Vietnam and got killed and was buried by the Viet Cong that he would be buried in the same trench with a white person. But, if he got killed and his body shipped back to the United States he could not be buried alongside a white man and "this makes me wonder whether I am shooting at the right people."

He criticized President Nixon severely saying that L.B.J. was smarter when he was eight years old than Nixon would be if he lived ten thousand years. He said that Nixon was dumb and he wishes that we had 50 Nixons because more progress in desegregation had been made under Nixon than any other President.

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He was quite humorous in his presentation and in talking about Vice-President Agnew he said "Agnew was the kind of guy who would make a crank call on the hot line to Moscow."

He said that some objection is made to the Negro because of his "criminal tendencies" but he said that in Washington where they claim the crime rate is high because of Negroes that more stealing goes on on Capitol Hill than by the Negroes in Washington, D.C. He said that they claim the Negroes need education but that if education were the test the "Jews would own America."

His favorite line that he put in every five minutes was "no more tricks." He said that America was the worst nation on the face of the globe. He also said that white people seemed to be frightened of the Negro because of his possible involvement with white women but the Negro had been "programmed from youth" by seeing the ads by which the white woman was portrayed along with the new model cars, Pepsi-Cola, etcetera, and this made the Negro think the white woman was the ultimate attainment. He was rather coarse in several parts of his talk. He said he spent 90 per cent of his time on college campuses and that young people are having to straighten out problems that they did not create.

At the close of his talk he suggested that everybody buy his album which he said contained most of his talk.

Much of the talk was mere ramblings of a disjointed nature along with his jokes. He offered nothing of a constructive nature.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Those in attendance were students, faculty, and school officials. Arrangements for the talk was by the Forums Committee of the Student Senate of Centenary College. There were approximately 500 in attendance.

Members of the press were not present during the talk, however, he was interviewed by the press prior to the talk.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-165706-32)

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (100-19186) (P)

SUBJECT: BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
RM

NH 605-R\* (NH T-12) who reports on the activity of the BPP, New Haven Chapter, 35 Sylvan Ave., New Haven, Conn., advised on 2/10/70, that [redacted]

[redacted] was in contact with [redacted] Willimantic, Conn. [redacted] discussed [redacted]

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to speak. [redacted] according to this informant, has recently been in contact with BPP, New Haven, asking for a BPP speaker on April 11, 1970, at a black conference being sponsored by the Afro-American Society of Eastern Conn. State College.)

[redacted] to please come up with some funds because of their need. He pointed out that the BPP had people in jail and are in desperate need of money. [redacted] said that the Afro-American Society is sponsoring the meeting and that DICK GREGORY will be there on April 12, 1970. [redacted] told [redacted] that the most they could pay the Panthers in April would be \$25. [redacted] said he would reconsider and call [redacted] later.

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Will attempt to verify above scheduled visit of DICK GREGORY at Eastern Conn. State College on April 12, 1970, and advise New Haven of type of coverage desired.



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Date: 2/10/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, DETROIT (157-5447) (C)

SUBJECT: SPEAKING APPEARANCE OF  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.,  
 Dick Gregory,  
 WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY,  
 KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN  
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Re Detroit teletype 2/4/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM regarding speaking appearance of captioned subject.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished G-2, Detroit and Secret Service, Grand Rapids, and one copy of the LHM is being furnished USA, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The sources utilized in the LHM are identified as follows:

Source #1 is [REDACTED]

Source #2 is [REDACTED]

The LHM is classified confidential to protect sources utilized, who are of a continuing value.

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For the information of Chicago, in addition  
to data set forth in LHM [redacted] advised that RICHARD  
CLAXTON GREGORY has [redacted]  
[redacted] and his home telephone number is

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Detroit, Michigan  
February 10, 1970

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Re: Speaking Appearance of  
Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Also Known As,  
Dick Gregory,  
Western Michigan University,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
February 3, 1970

Source number one, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory, a well-known Negro comedian, was engaged by the Student Association (SA) at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, to give a speech at the Western Michigan University Auditorium on February 3, 1970. According to the source, the speech was scheduled to be open to the public and free of charge.

Source number one further advised that Gregory is scheduled to arrive in Kalamazoo at 3:40 p.m., February 3, 1970, via North Central Airlines Flight Number 875, from Chicago, Illinois, and arrangements were made for him to lodge at the Holiday Inn, Crosstown Parkway in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Arrangements were made by the Western Michigan University SA for Gregory to meet with students under the Martin Luther King Scholarship Program at Western Michigan University prior to his speech. Students in this program are indigent Negroes whose tuition is funded with Federal grants.

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Re: Speaking Appearance of  
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Dick Gregory,  
Western Michigan University,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
February 3, 1970

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Arrangements were also tentatively made by the Western Michigan University SA for Gregory to meet with local Kalamazoo Negro leaders after his speech.

Source number two, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 4, 1970, that Gregory appeared as scheduled at the Western Michigan University Auditorium at approximately 8:00 p.m., February 3, 1970, where he spoke before a capacity crowd of approximately 4,000 persons. The source characterized Gregory's speech as generally non-violent and noted that included among his topics were President Nixon, Vice President Agnew, the Negro problem, the poor white problem, and the Black Panther Party, (BPP).

A characterization of the BPP is contained in the appendix attached hereto.

The same source informed that in his remarks, Gregory referred to President Nixon as one of the "most stupid people in government" and defined Vice President Agnew as being "more stupid than the President". According to the source, no incidents occurred at Gregory's speech.

Source number one advised on February 4, 1970, that Gregory did not meet with the Martin Luther King students at Western Michigan University, nor did he attend the tentatively arranged meeting with the Kalamazoo Negro community leaders. Instead, Gregory spent much of his time in Kalamazoo at the University Field House where he engaged in athletic endeavors.

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Re: Speaking Appearance of  
Richard Claxton Gregory,  
Also Known As,  
Dick Gregory,  
Western Michigan University,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan  
February 3, 1970

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Source number one noted that Gregory, while lodged  
at the [redacted] was in

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Source number one further advised that Gregory  
departed Kalamazoo at 7:20 a.m., February 4, 1970, via North  
Central Airlines Flight 804, en route to Chicago, Illinois.

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APPENDIX

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland Police Officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther", which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service", states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power, Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-Tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

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The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (P)  
DICK GREGORY  
RM

SAC contact - campus source

advised GREGORY  
scheduled for speaking appearance on 4/6/70, at Village  
Center, FTU.

Chicago, through established sources, endeavor  
to confirm foregoing.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
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DATE: 2/19/70

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated, 1/23/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is a copy of a tape of GREGORY's speech at Adirondack Community College, Queensbury, New York on 1/16/70 as voluntarily furnished to SA [redacted] by

[redacted] at the College, who is a reliable and established source.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-NEW)

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
 NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY AT  
 RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
 MARCH 2, 1970  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM in captioned matter. Copies being disseminated locally to Secret Service and military intelligence agencies.

Information from [redacted] furnished to SA [redacted] who contacted [redacted] and Cpt. [redacted]

Charlotte will follow GREGORY's appearance; and if tape recording is available, transcription will be made and copy furnished the Bureau.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Charlotte, North Carolina  
February 25, 1970

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
MARCH 2, 1970  
RACIAL MATTER

On February 20, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] North Carolina State University (NCSU),  
Raleigh, North Carolina, advised that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as DICK GREGORY, is scheduled to participate in  
"The Black Symposium Series" at North Carolina State University,  
Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 2, 1970.

GREGORY is scheduled to participate in a 4:00 P. M.  
seminar entitled, "Making It in Entertainment" and will speak  
at 8:00 P. M. at the Erdahl-Cloyd Union on the subject, "The  
Black Revolution and Afro-American Culture."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, also known as DICK GREGORY,  
is a nationally known night club entertainer and Civil Rights  
activist who publicly endorses civil disobedience and militant-  
type activities by Negroes under auspices of the Civil Rights  
Movement.

On February 24, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, and  
Captain [redacted] Raleigh, North  
Carolina, Police Department, were made aware of the above  
investigation.

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Date: 2/20/70

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Via Airtel

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM: SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (C)

SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

OO: Chicago

Re Omaha teletype to Bureau and Chicago entitled as above, dated 2/14/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies and for Chicago four (4) copies of an LHM captioned as above, which sets forth the results of a speech made by subject at the Main Student Lounge, University of Iowa, evening of 2/16/70.

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The source utilized in enclosed LHM is Lt.

\_\_\_\_\_ of  
Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, who requests his identity be concealed.

Copies of this LHM are being disseminated to the USA, SDI, Des Moines, Iowa, MIG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, U S Secret Service, Omaha, Nebraska, in view of these age continuing interest in these matters.

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Enclosed LHM is classified confidential because it contains information received from the above mentioned source and the unauthorized disclosure of this information could tend to identify this source of value and compromise his continued effectiveness.



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Omaha, Nebraska

February 20, 1970

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 17, 1970; a source advised that Gregory spoke the night of February 16, 1970, to a standing-room only crowd of more than 2,000 persons in the Main Union Lounge, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa. His topic was "Social Problems - Social or Anti-Social?", in a program sponsored by University Lecture Series.

Source said Gregory's speech touched off a week-long program at the University known as "Black Experience Week," with all events free and open to the public, although tickets for Gregory's talk were fifty cents.

In the course of his speech, Gregory said he sympathized with what he called the tasks the nation's youth have before them, and joked about what he called the ineptness of the current administration - and reminded his audience that he thought blacks hold whites responsible for society's ills.

Gregory said he felt sorry for today's youth. He likened their parents investments in them to a check that would bounce in 30 or 40 years. He pointed to the problems of southern school integration and whites protest against it, saying, "Who are the Southerners hurting by keeping their kids out of school?" He said he felt sorry for the kids and not their parents. From this remark, Gregory moved into an attack on President Nixon remarking, "Dick Nixon shows up the state of this nation better than anything." He said he would rather have Nixon in the White House than Hubert Humphrey, Lyndon Johnson, or any of the Kennedys. "Black folks have no trouble with a dumb white man - and Nixon is without doubt the dumbest."

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DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

Source advised that David Eisenhower, Nixon's son-in-law, likewise was the butt of some of Gregory's humor, referring to Eisenhower as "Not as simple as I thought, up there joining them Naval Reserves."

Source advised further that Gregory discussed the strength American youth would have if they tried to end the war by an economic boycott, remarking, "If nothin' else works, next Thanksgiving threaten to boycott Christmas - you'll be surprised what happens, and if they ask what to tell your kids about Santa, tell them he's over in Vietnam droppin' napalm on babies." He went on to say that Patriots used to be on the side of the oppressed and that now they are on the side of the oppressor. He called American flag stickers sported on car windows as "a mark of bigotry, racism and stupidity." With this remark he was greeted with cries of "Right on!" from the audience, which source said is a cry used by Black Panther members.

Gregory warned about what he said would be the situation at the end of Nixon's administration. He said the silent majority is going to be the most vocal group ever heard, remarking, "You voted that trick into office, now you live with it."

Gregory emphasized the importance of the "Chicago Seven" trial as an example of what he said was the state of America. He said Black Panther Bobby Seale was indicted on conspiracy charges with seven other persons, five of whom Gregory said Seale didn't know. He said the real issue of that trial was the right of a defendant to defend himself. He remarked that in Los Angeles they let "that Manson boy" (accused of murdering Sharon Tate and others) defend himself, but because Seale was black he had to take a lawyer assigned to him.

In closing his talk, Gregory remarked that the blacks do not hate whites, they hate the white system and hold all whites responsible for it. He remarked that, "What the black wants is what Aretha Franklin asks for in her song. Just a little respect and dignity."

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DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

Source noted further that in connection with the week-long program referred to as "Black Experience Week" at University of Iowa, a program of poetry, dancing, clothing fashions, music and discussion has been scheduled, which will include four plays performed by students from Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio.

The theme "Black Racism - White Racism" will be discussed over an open microphone on one of the days known as "Soundoff Soapbox". Poetry readings will be given by Val Gray and Sonja Sanchez, two nationally known black poets.

On one of the nights during the week, Bill Cosby's television film called, "Black History: Lost, Strayed or Stolen", will be followed by discussion among the viewers. A session of "Black Expression" is scheduled. Gospel singers, a guitarist playing blues and soul music, and poetry readings by University students, are on the program. The University's Black Dance Troupe will perform, which includes a selection of modern and African dances and an intermission ceremony dedicating the event to the memory of Malcolm X. Seventeen black students will be the dancers. There is to be a black fashion show made up of fourteen black students and paintings and sculpture by black University students will be shown.

Source said the above week-long program other than Gregory's speech, is sponsored by the Black Culture Area of the University Union Board.

Source advised there was no disorder of any sort in connection with Gregory's appearance. He arrived in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by air from Chicago, Illinois, and returned to Chicago by air.

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Omaha, Nebraska

February 20, 1970

Title: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

Reference: Memorandum dated February  
20, 1970, at Omaha, Nebraska

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (P)

WILLIAM M. KUNSTLER  
SM - MISC.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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On 3-4-70, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ University of Tennessee (UT),  
Knoxville, Tennessee, advised that KUNSTLER is to appear and  
speak at the University of Tennessee, April 2, 1970, and that  
DICK GREGORY is scheduled to appear and speak April 9, 1970,  
in connection with "Man and his Environment" series.

In the 3-4-70 issue of the Knoxville News-Sentinel,  
a daily publication, Knoxville, Tennessee, information set  
forth that KUNSTLER to speak 4-2-70, at UT and that this speech  
coincided with the date of the arraignment of UT students charged  
in connection with the demonstration at UT on January 15, 1970.  
Article indicated KUNSTLER had been previously contacted by  
one of those arrested and he had agreed to serve in an advisory  
capacity. His topic will be "The Conspiracy Trial: Its Legal  
and Political Ramifications."

Article further indicated that KUNSTLER assisted  
University of Tennessee students last spring in a Federal Court  
suit that eventually gave University of Tennessee an open  
speaker policy.

In addition, article indicated that on 4-9-70, DICK  
GREGORY will also speak and it was the rejection of GREGORY  
as a campus speaker some 16 months ago that helped spark  
the open speaker policy controversy at UT.

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2 - New York (WILLIAM KUNSTLER) (RM)  
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Contact being maintained with SSD.

Knoxville PD, Secret Service, and 111th MI GP are aware of the above.

Attempts are being made to have speech taped through SAC contacts and local newspapers and/or other sources.

Bureau will be kept advised.

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Date: 3/4/70

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-NEW) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MARCH, 1970  
RACIAL MATTER

Enclosed for the Bureau are fifteen (15) copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

Enclosed for Boston are six copies of the same LHM. For Newark, New York and Chicago are four copies each of the same LHM.

The enclosed LHM is classified CONFIDENTIAL in order to protect a highly sensitive source of continuing value.

The source made reference to in the enclosed LHM is NH 605-R\*, who reports on activities of the BPP, New Haven Chapter, 35 Sylvan Ave., New Haven, Conn.

- 6 - Bureau (2-Black Arts Festival)  
(1-100-443566-J. FORMAN) (1-105-165706-32-BPP)  
(1-100-440423-D. GREGORY)  
(1-100-425307-LEROI JONES) (Encs. 15)
- 6 - Boston (2-157-Black Arts Festival)  
(1-BPP) (1-157- ) 1-157-654) (BPP)  
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- 4 - Chicago (2-157-Black Arts Festival) NOT RECORDED  
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- 4 - Newark (2-157-Black Arts Festival)  
(2-100-42539-LEROI JONES) (Encs. 4)
- 4 - New York (2-157-Black Arts Festival)  
(2-100-155090-JAMES FORMAN) (Encs. 4)
- 4 - New Haven (1-157-NEW)  
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In addition, to that related in the enclosed LHM concerning the Black Arts Festival, [redacted] told [redacted] that he was related to GEORGE EDWARDS of the Panthers.

For the information of Boston, GEORGE EDWARDS is currently incarcerated in the State of Conn. on charges of murder for the slaying of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged BPP police informer whose body was found in Middlefield, Conn. in May, 1969.

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In addition to the information which appears in the enclosed LHM, this informant further reported on March 2, 1970, that on March 2, 1970, that [redacted] was in contact with [redacted] who gave his identity as [redacted]. [redacted] referred to the fact that he was going to Brown University and [redacted] told him that there were students who would "put us up." [redacted] said that he and [redacted] (PH) would be also there (undoubtedly referring to the Black Arts Festival made reference to in the enclosed LHM).

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Any additional information obtained by New Haven through NH 695-R\* concerning the Black Arts Festival will be furnished to Boston by appropriate communication.

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NEWARK

Will attempt to determine whether or not LE ROI JONES will actually speak at the Black Arts Festival, Brown University, Providence, R.I. and if so advise Boston.

NEW YORK

Will attempt to determine whether or not JAMES FORMAN will be present at the Black Arts Festival, Brown University and advise Boston.

CHICAGO

Will determine whether or not DICK GREGORY will be present at the Black Arts Festival, Brown University, and advise Boston.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
New Haven, Connecticut  
March 4, 1970

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BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MARCH, 1970

On March 2, 1970, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised an individual whom the informant understood to be [redacted] that he,

[redacted] at Brown University. [redacted] reportedly said that the festival, which is to be held in late March, 1970, will include such figures as LE ROI JONES, JAMES FORMAN, DICK GREGORY and others. This source advised that others mentioned by [redacted] who would be included in the festival were DON LEE, ISAAC HAYS, CANONBALL ADDERLY, SONJA SANCHEZ and CARL THOMAS.

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According to this source, [redacted] said that there would be a soul food banquet and a fashion show and that the cost of admission to the festival would be \$20.00 per couple.

This same source above has advised that CAPPY PINDERHUGHES is CHARLES PINDERHUGHES, the Lieutenant of Information for the Black Panther Party, New Haven Chapter.

This source further pointed out that [redacted] was disappointed that the Black Panther Party (BPP) had not been invited to participate in the festival, but that he was told by [redacted] that this was due to the fact that the college had placed certain restrictions upon the holding of the festival.

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BROWN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MARCH, 1970

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The source stated that [ ] expressed the desire to [ ] that the Panthers would like to set up an information center at the festival and that an information table for the entire weekend at the festival would be fine. According to this source, it was agreed upon between them that the program would be set up for the Panthers for Sunday, March 22, 1970, which would allow the Panthers to show films and display literature and posters.

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This source further advised that he was able to determine from [ ] that [ ] resided at [ ]  
[ ] Providence, Rhode Island.

A characterization of the BPP appears in the Appendix Section.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - Connecticut

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On January 29, 1969, the "Bridgeport Telegram", a daily newspaper published at Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained in part the following:

"On January 28 (1969) the Black Panther Party was formed in Bridgeport, JOSE RENE GONZALVEZ announced last night at a meeting at party headquarters, 510 East Main Street. Mr. GONZALVEZ, a Cuban-born Oakland-trained black defense captain, spoke to twenty Negro youths in his mission here to organize a chapter of the political party..."

On March 18, 1969, the following Black Panther literature, published locally was distributed in the Bridgeport, Connecticut, area. It read in part as follows:

"The BPP is a party that will produce for the people and its members will do anything and everything possible to meet the demands of the poor oppressed black people. We are not a hoodlum gang, nor did we come here to kill white people or the police. We came here to stop racist actions that the oppressors (black and white) have been taking upon our people. We are the vanguard party and we intend to provide leadership for the people and revolutionary groups across the country..."

A source advised as of April 14, 1969, the New Haven Chapter of the Black Panther Party was operating under the authority of the National Organization. [redacted] had been given the authority to open this chapter in New Haven and to organize throughout the State of Connecticut.

[redacted] departed Connecticut in early May, 1969, and attempted to organize the Black Panther Party in Greensboro, North Carolina, for which he was suspended. State leadership in Connecticut was taken over by [redacted] a member and [redacted]

and [redacted]

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense - Connecticut

On May 19, 1969, BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, National Black Panther Party chairman, spoke at Battell Chapel, Elm and College Streets, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. SEALE spoke in part as follows:

"...The struggle we are involved in is not a racial struggle, but a class struggle. We have to define the revolution that's occurring in this country as a people struggle... We've got to teach these kids to use guns so that when the racist pig comes down into our community and brutalizes our people, we are gonna kill... If we catch a pig brutalizing our people in the black community, we are gonna kill him - we are gonna stop him."

On 4/20/69, a second source advised that the Communist Party of Connecticut, held a State Convention at the Peoples Center, 37 Howe Street, New Haven, Connecticut, on that date. During this convention, it was announced that there was going to be a memorial service in New Haven on that date for three Black Panthers who were slain a year ago; and all members of the Communist Party were invited to attend this memorial.

The Black Panther Party presently has chapters in Bridgeport, New Haven, Hartford, and Middletown, Connecticut. Their leadership is presently confused since eight members of the Black Panther Party were arrested by the New Haven Police Department for the murder of ALEX RACKLEY, alleged Black Panther Party member from New York City, whose body was found in Middlefield, Connecticut, on May 21, 1969.

THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
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APPENDIXBLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worthkeeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL - REGISTERED  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: Chicago)

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Re Portland airtel to Director, 2/10/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies and for Chicago 2 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) regarding subject's speech at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Oregon, 2/23/70. Two copies FD-376 enclosed for Bureau.

Source utilized in LHM is [redacted] Oregon, who voluntarily furnished information, and he requested his identity to be concealed. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On 2/24/70, [redacted] Oregon (conceal identity), advised DICK GREGORY's ticket cost \$1,753, and he arrived in Medford, Oregon, out of Boston, Massachusetts on 2/23/70. He left Medford, Oregon on 2/24/70, for Portland, Oregon, to Seattle, Washington, and on 2/25/70, he would take Flight 42 from Seattle, Washington to Baltimore, Maryland.

Copies of LHM are being disseminated to USA, Secret Service, Military Intelligence, OSI and NIC, all of Portland.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Portland, Oregon

March 13, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Also Known As

Dick Gregory

RACIAL MATTERS

Source utilized in this memorandum has furnished reliable information in the past.

Dick Gregory, identified as a noted civil rights worker and comedian, appeared at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Oregon, gymnasium on February 23, 1970, at 8 p.m. Speaking to a crowd of approximately 1,600 people, he spoke primarily to today's youth. The address combined equal parts of comedy and comment and the result was a muddled gray confusion for many of the people present at the lecture. His material ranged from remarks about the difficulty he experienced getting to Ashland, Oregon, to comments on the stupidity of President Nixon and Vice-President Agnew. The majority of Gregory's humor was achieved by attacking the intelligence of others. The "gospel according to Gregory" describes Nixon, Agnew, the Supreme Court, police, American history, teachers, patriots and anybody left over as hopeless morons.

Comments made by Gregory included the statement that "Panthers aren't being killed because they're black, or because they're for self-defense. Panthers are killed because they're trying to feed the poor."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He suggested that our system of government, founded on the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, should be implemented, not destroyed, saying, "I do not advocate beating the capitalistic system, but I do advocate beating it into its rightful position - behind the Constitution, not in front of it."

Gregory commented "people are worrying about certain groups taking over this country, when they should be worrying about the FBI and CIA."

Gregory suggested that he does not hate the white people as individuals, but he does hate the "white racists system."

Gregory complained about right-wing controlled newspapers, indicating they report slanted news.

Gregory's speech lasted for approximately two hours.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached to the appendix.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

March 13, 1970

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☒ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☒ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
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6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon.

Enclosure(s)

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1 - Mr. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. DeBruler

To: SAC, Salt Lake City (157-110)

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) - 531

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

ARL

OO: CHICAGO

Re your airtel dated 3/17/70 under above caption.

Re airtel contains no information indicating basis for instituting an ARL investigation. Unless information is available to Salt Lake City indicating subject is traveling interstate for the purpose of inciting or organizing a riot, ARL investigation should be discontinued and this matter followed as an Intelligence matter in accordance with existing instructions.

1 - SAC, Chicago (For information)

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NOTE:

Re airtel advised subject scheduled to appear at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, in connection with "Challenge Week" 3/30/70 through 4/4/70 but contains no further information. Gregory has been the subject of an ARL investigation growing out of his participation during the violence at Chicago, Illinois, at the time of the Democratic National Convention. The United States Attorney with the concurrence of the Department declined Federal prosecution of Gregory. Gregory is the subject of Bufile 100-440423 and is on the agitator index.

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Date: 3/17/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-110)  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ARL  
(OO: Chicago)

Information has been received Subject is scheduled to appear at University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, in connection with "Challenge Week," 3/30/70 through 4/4/70. The exact date of his appearance is unknown.

If Subject does appear as expected, his activities will be followed and reported.

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2 - Chicago (176-31)  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-7455) (P)

RE: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
MARCH 2, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 2/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of LHM in captioned matter.

Copies are being disseminated locally to Secret Service and Military Intelligence agencies.

CE T-1 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] who personally attended both appearances of GREGORY, identity protected by request, and who furnished information to SA [REDACTED]

CE T-2 is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] North Carolina State University Raleigh, North Carolina (established contact), who furnished this information to SA [REDACTED] and requested identity be protected.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl-8) (RM)
- 3 - Charlotte (2 - 157-7455)
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AGENCY: ACSI, REG, OSI, SEC. SERV.,  
 DEPT. OF JUSTICE, IDIU, CO/2294  
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 BY: [REDACTED]

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CE 157-7455

Charlotte is attempting to determine if a recording was made of GREGORY's speeches. If so, it will be obtained, and the Bureau will be furnished copies of the transcription.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina

March 4, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA  
MARCH 2, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

Reference is made to memorandum submitted in this matter dated February 25, 1970, captioned as above.

On March 3, 1970, CE T-1 advised that from approximately 4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. on March 2, 1970, RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke to approximately 150 to 175 persons at Erdahl-Cloyd Student Union on the campus of North Carolina State University at Raleigh, North Carolina. CE T-1 stated that GREGORY criticized the FBI, CIA, and United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. He was critical of the capitalist "money men" of large northern industries mentioning the ROCKEFELLERS, DUPONTs, FORDs, etc. He cited examples that the Federal Government is withholding information concerning health hazards of food additives, drugs, and dangers of certain foods.

GREGORY discussed air pollution and praised the executive of a group of young people in Douglas, Arizona, threatening to blow up or burn a sulphur factory if they did not reduce the amount of air pollution.

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RE: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, NORTH CAROLINA  
STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH 2, 1970

GREGORY stated that the "Patriots" and "Black Panthers" in Chicago got together to combine efforts toward a common goal and said the southern whites and blacks should get together.

There were no incidents.

CE T-1 stated that on the night of March 2, 1970, between approximately 8:00 P. M. and 10:00 P. M., GREGORY spoke at the Erdahl-Cloyd Union before approximately 800 to 1,000 people. According to CE T-1, some of GREGORY's comments are as follows:

GREGORY criticized the nominations of Judges HAYNESWORTH and CARSWELL to the United States Supreme Court. He criticized President NIXON and Vice president AGNEW. GREGORY said, "NIXON is the dumbest man in the history - - except for AGNEW." He was critical of the draft and patriots and stated patriots are now the oppressors.

GREGORY criticized the court in the trial of the "Chicago Seven." He compared that trial with trials in Russia and Nazi Germany. He stated that policemen are going to be killed when the new "No Knock Search Warrants" are used.

GREGORY accused the CIA of killing the KENNEDYS and MARTIN LUTHER KING and stated the FBI and CIA are attempting to take over the Government.

GREGORY commented concerning the racist society in the United States. He noted that page four of our passports prohibit travel to North Korea, North Vietnam, Mainland China, and Cuba because they are populated by people of a different color.

RE: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, NORTH CAROLINA  
STATE UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH 2, 1970

GREGORY stated, "A freedom that is not worth dying for is not worth having." GREGORY in closing encouraged those present to boycott different products and services to gain support ending the Vietnam War.

On March 4, 1970, CE T-2 advised that the appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY on March 2, 1970, was part of the "contemporary scene lecture series" at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina. CE T-2 stated arrangements for GREGORY's appearance were made through the American Program Bureau, Boston, Massachusetts, and GREGORY received \$1,250 for his appearances at North Carolina State University on March 2, 1970.

A characterization of the Black Panther Party is attached as an appendix to this memorandum.



BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Charlotte, North Carolina

March 4, 1970

Title            APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
                  NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
                  RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, MARCH 2, 1970

Character       RACIAL MATTERS

Reference       Memorandum prepared at Charlotte,  
                  North Carolina, dated and captioned  
                  as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/25/70

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (157-NEW) (P)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: Chicago

On 3/24/70, [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that DICK GREGORY is scheduled to appear at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, on 4/17/70. Source advised that this appearance is sponsored by the Associated Students University of Hawaii, a legitimate student organization.

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Chicago advise if they have any knowledge of GREGORY's travel plans to Honolulu. Also furnish Honolulu with suitable characterization of GREGORY for inclusion in LHM if necessary.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3163)

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RM". title changed to reflect subject's full name.

Campus source [redacted]

[redacted] Orlando, Fla. (Protect), advised on 3/24/70, that  
GREGORY still scheduled for speaking engagement on 4/6/70,  
but that the hours of arrival and departure have been  
changed.LEADSCHICAGO DIVISIONAT CHICAGO, ILL.ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-15-80 BY 8842 BMD/KWWill advise results of inquiry requested on 2/13/70.  
Chicago is to also immediately advise Tampa if recording of  
GREGORY's speech at this university should be obtained.

- ② - Bureau (RM)
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, BUFFALO (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

DATE: 3/26/70

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies, and for Chicago, 2 copies, of an LHM concerning captioned subject.

Enclosed LHM is not classified, since there is no apparent reason for so doing.

The confidential source mentioned in the enclosed LHM is [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Alfred, N.Y., who requested his identity be protected.

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Copies of this LHM are being furnished to Chicago, as Chicago is Office of origin.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Buffalo, New York 14202  
March 26, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

On March 19, 1970, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available a copy of the following press release, regarding the appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY at the New York State University Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, New York, on the evening of March 13, 1970:

"DICK GREGORY believes moral pollution, not air or water pollution, is the biggest problem facing this nation.

"The comic and author, who spoke on civil rights Friday night before a crowd of about 1000 at the State University Agricultural and Technical College at Alfred, declared:

'You live in the most insane nation on the face of the earth. And you have the task of giving her back her sanity, because America is not quite dead yet.

'Those who call her "America the Beautiful" are sick, sand and out of their cotton pickin' mind, and will be so long as our Indian brother is locked up on a reservation.'

"GREGORY continued, 'As long as the Indian is locked up, the Communist movement is going to look pretty good to a lot of people.'

"He asked his audience of primarily young people to 'work like hell' to put capitalism behind the constitution, instead of in front of it, and to 'put human rights ahead of property rights.

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RACIAL MATTER

'One question you have to ask,' said GREGORY, 'if democracy is as good as our generation tells you it is, why do we have to run around the world trying to ram it down the throats of other countries?'

'The people of my generation made a mistake when we were in college -- one I hope you will not make. We forgot to learn how to live because we were too busy learning how to make a living,' he observed.

"The 'comic with a cause' went on to touch on several current problems in this country.

"Concerning drugs, he said, 'Write to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics for literature. Then perhaps when your kids come to you, you will be able to do a better job than your parents did.'

'There are eight million alcoholics in America and yet nobody gives a damn about alcohol. As long as they (your parents) are doing it (drinking), it's okay.'

"He pointed out that drugs have been a problem in poor black communities for years, but that nobody became very upset until recently when in 'the best and richest families in America' were suddenly confronted with the fact that their youngsters were using drugs. He reported that statistics show that narcotic addiction in the black community today has decreased by 42%. 'You (whites) are living with the dope problem now,' he said.

"He talked of double standards in the case of Black Panther BOBBY SEALE, who was denied permission to act as his own defense counsel.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

"while in another case involving a white, the white was given this permission. He also compared the \$100,000.00 bail set for each of a group of Black Panthers, awaiting trial in New York, with the \$20,000.00 bail set for some 'white kids' who face similar charges.

"GREGORY then commented further on the Chicago Seven Trial, by declaring that Judge JULIUS HOFFMAN 'sent everybody to jail while the jury was out deliberating their verdict. What he did makes HITLER look like a saint,' said GREGORY. GREGORY called America a 'sick, degenerate nation,' whose people care about nothing but money. He noted that 'Black folks do not hate white folks, but do hate the white racist system.' He warned, however, that Blacks are going to hold all whites responsible for this system, because they permit it to exist.

"GREGORY's talk was interspersed with a humor that had his audience laughing at times, and applauding at other times, as he delivered his message effectively.

'You young people have to face all the problems our generation has created,' he stated. 'The establishment lies to you and when you catch them, they call it a generation gap. I'm here to inform you. When I leave, you'll be able to say, "At lease brother GREGORY didn't lie to us."

The confidential source said GREGORY did not make any inflammatory statements urging the audience to fight or take up arms. He advised that the audience was mixed, both racially and age-wise and also well behaved and orderly.



RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTER

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-110)(P)  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re Salt Lake City airtel to Bureau, dated 3/17/70, and  
Bureau airtel to Salt Lake City, dated 3/23/70.

Subject is scheduled to appear at Special Events Center,  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, on Monday, 3/30/70, at  
8:00 pm. Topic of his talk will be "You've Got A Big Job." The  
appearance of GREGORY in Salt Lake City will be covered and results  
submitted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-396) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY aka  
RM

DATE: 4/9/70

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning GREGORY's appearance in the Minneapolis Division at Duluth, Minnesota.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of above described LHM.

The source for information in the LHM is [redacted] Duluth, Minnesota, an established source for the Minneapolis Office.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-386

April 9, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The Thursday, April 2, 1970, issue of the "Duluth News Tribune," published at Duluth, Minnesota, indicated that Gregory spoke at the Duluth Auditorium as a guest speaker for the Duluth Intra-City Student Council human relations workshop.

Gregory opened his remarks with statements against what he termed the "slimy, sick degeneracy" of America. Gregory charged that the older folks, or "old fools," have resorted to tricks with the young of America and left the young America with all the problems. Gregory stated that tricks have kept the white, conservative, money-and-power hungry segment of America in power. Gregory told the audience that "white folks have been tricking in this country for 400 years."

Gregory told the audience that he was left "cold" by right-wing Americans who espouse patriotism by pasting American flag decals on their cars, and charged these same people with tax evasion, hypocrisy, and beer drinking. He chastised America's youth for being the only young in the world "who don't give a damn about the worker."

In summation, Gregory called President Nixon "America's last trick" and "dumb boy." Gregory stated that he found fault with a system that lies to young people every day and termed the lie a "generation gap." He charged that "institutionalized racism" is "choking the black people to death." He claimed that men in power get special privileges,

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

especially with regard to the draft. Gregory advised that the only way America is going to get out of its insane state is to use its greatest weapon: the U.S. Constitution.

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory's speech at the Duluth Auditorium was attended by about 1,200 students. Gregory was paid \$1,250.00 for his appearance.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-1780) (RUC)

SUBJECT: BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MARCH, 1970  
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Re: New Haven airtel and LHM, 3/4/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 15 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Enclosed for Boston are 5 copies of the same LHM. Enclosed for Newark, New York, and Chicago, are four copies each of the same LHM.

The enclosed LHM is classified confidential in order to protect a highly sensitive source of continuing value.

The source made reference to in the enclosed LHM is NH 605-R\* who reports on the activity of the BPP, New Haven Chapter, 35 Sylvan Avenue, New Haven, Connecticut.

6- Bureau (2- 157- BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL) (Enc. 15)

(1- 100-443566 J. FORMAN)

(1- 100-440423 D. GREGORY)

(1- 105-165706-32 BPP)

(1- 100-425307 LE ROI JONES)

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(1- 157- [redacted])

3- New Haven (1- 157-1780)

1- [redacted] (1- 157-1462)

(2- [redacted]) (1- 100-19186)

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(2- 100-42539 LE ROI JONES)
- 4- New York (2- 157- BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL) (Enc. 4)  
(2- 100-155090 JAMES FORMAN)

In addition to the information which is paraphrased in the enclosed LHM concerning the Black Arts Festival, receiving offices will note the following additional information:

The information furnished by the source was a conversation between [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The information in the enclosed LHM pertaining [REDACTED] was information related to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that a student named [REDACTED] who has contacts in New York was [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] for a wedding and would get in touch [REDACTED]

THIS INFORMANT IS BEING OPERATED UNDER DEPARTMENTAL AUTHORIZATION. INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM THIS INFORMANT IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL. SHOULD IT BE NECESSARY TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION OUTSIDE THE BUREAU, IT SHOULD BE APPROPRIATELY PARAPHRASED IN ORDER TO ADEQUATELY PROTECT THIS HIGHLY SENSITIVE SOURCE.

Any additional information obtained by New Haven through NH 605-\* concerning the Black Arts Festival will be furnished by appropriate communication.



NH 157-1780

Copies of this LHM are furnished to Chicago, Newark, and New York, inasmuch as copies of referenced New Haven airtel and LHM were furnished to those offices with regard to DICK GREGORY, LE ROI JONES, and JAMES FORMAN.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

510 Trust Company Building  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

March 13, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL  
BROWN UNIVERSITY  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND  
MARCH, 1970

Reference is made to memorandum dated March 4, 1970, entitled as above.

On March 12, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Brown University did not want to donate any more money towards the Black Arts Festival until it received the \$27,000 which had already been spent toward the festival. According to this source, there was thus no additional money available for the festival and only \$15,000 had been realized from ticket sales for the festival. The source pointed out that more than \$10,000 was needed to break even.

This source further pointed out that the Religious Studies Department of Brown University was sponsoring JAMES FORMAN, who according to the source would speak on reparation. This source further advised that the Music Department of Brown University was paying for the lecture which was scheduled to be given by CANNONBALL ADDERLY and that the Rhode Island School of Design was paying for the exhibition. According to this source, any profit realized from the festival was supposed to go back into the Student Activities Account of the University.

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This source further advised that the Black Panther Party (BPP) intended to be represented at the festival under any circumstances and that they wanted room at the festival for an information center. Source pointed out that the Black Panther Party would probably be represented at the festival during the busy period and that there would be at least five members of the BPP present from Connecticut in addition to some high school students.

A characterization of the  
BPP appears in the Appendix.

This source advised that it was expected that approximately two or three thousand people would be at the festival.

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APPENDIX~~CONFIDENTIAL~~BLACK PANTHER PARTY, aka  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of two to fifteen years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," stated that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY which ends with the following:

"Black Men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worthkeeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere!"

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "...We will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of the "Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (P)  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Knoxville airtel to Director dated 3/5/70 captioned  
"WILLIAM M. KUNTSER, SM - MISCELLANEOUS" and "RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY, RM."

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information  
in the past and an [redacted]  
Knoxville, Tennessee, advised SA JOSEPH L. FLEMING 4/6/70  
that he had been appointed to the reception committee to  
meet GREGORY when he arrives by plane at the McGhee Tyson  
Airport, Knoxville, Tennessee, and to escort him while he is  
in Knoxville, Tennessee. (U)

GREGORY is to speak at UT, Knoxville, night of  
4/9/70.

Bureau and Chicago will be kept advised of any  
pertinent developments.

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2 - Chicago (157-347) (RM)  
3 - Knoxville (1 - [redacted])

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Approved: [Signature]  
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et TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)  
 RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 Dick Gregory  
 (AGITATOR INDEX)  
 RM

(OO: Chicago)

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM revealing the expected appearance of subject at Burlington, Vermont; on 4/12/70. There is no indication that there will be any demonstration or violence and this matter will be followed and LHM submitted.

Copy of LHM has been furnished to 108th MIG, Burlington, Vermont, and Secret Service, Boston, Mass. Local authorities cognizant.

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Albany, New York

April 8, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY; also known as  
Dick Gregory

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[redacted] Vermont, advised on April 8, 1970,  
that DICK GREGORY is scheduled to appear at the University  
of Vermont for a discussion which is to take place at 8 PM,  
on April 12, 1970. His appearance is sponsored by the  
Student Activities Committee of the University of Vermont.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-1293) (P)

SUBJ: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM - BN

Re Savannah radiogram to Bureau dated 3/30/70,  
entitled "BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES,  
RACIAL CALENDAR," and Bureau 0-1 form dated 3/31/70.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of an LHM  
captioned as above\*and suitable for dissemination and 2 copies  
of FD-376.

Copies of the LHM have also been designated for  
111th MIG, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; OSI Robins AFB, Ga.; NISO,  
Charleston, S. C.; U. S. Secret Service, Atlanta, Ga.

SV T-1 is [redacted]  
Augusta, Ga., who attended for the [redacted]

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(1- [redacted])

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Savannah, Georgia  
April 8, 1970

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service , Atlanta, Georgia (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Savannah, Georgia  
April 8, 1970

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Chief of Police Broadus L. Bequest, Augusta Police Department, Augusta, Georgia, advised on March 30, 1970, that comedian Dick Gregory delivered a speech at Paine College Memorial Chapel, Augusta, Georgia, on March 26, 1970, at 8:00 PM. Chief Bequest explained that Gregory was on a nation-wide speaking tour of college campuses and tickets were sold with the proceeds going to a scholarship fund for the college. He stated there were no incidents and that Gregory's remarks were delivered in a humorous vein, but intended to make a serious point.

On April 6, 1970, SV T-1, [redacted] advised he attended an open meeting at Memorial Chapel, Paine College, Augusta, Georgia, on the evening of March 26, 1970, when Dick Gregory, the comedian and commentator spoke. Source said this was a one-night stand for Gregory, and this was part of a nation-wide tour of college campuses by Gregory. He said tickets were sold for the event with the proceeds going to a scholarship fund for the college. Source said there were no incidents of violence or confrontations in connection with this appearance of Gregory at Paine College, where he spoke to about 900 individuals.

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Source said Gregory's talk involved serious thoughts put across through the use of humor, and appeared to be more or less guidelines for self-improvement of black people. He frequently appealed to the self-respect and dignity of black people. Source said Gregory gave a recitation at one

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point in his talk, where he stated in effect that if the people of this country do not think the Government in power is the best form of Government for the people, the people have a right and duty to overthrow that Government. Source said after Gregory had presented this recitation in a very emotional manner, he then explained he was reciting from the Declaration of Independence.

According to source, it was difficult at times to pinpoint just what Gregory was advocating, because he frequently referred to "crackers" and "niggers", but the intent of his remarks was not clear. He referred to police in general as "Pigs", and indicated police were first called "Pigs" in the Bible, referring to the incident where the evil spirits were caused to leave the sick man, going into a herd of swine, which thereafter ran off a cliff and were destroyed.

Source said Gregory also spoke of the Northern white man using the Southern white man. He said the Northern white man sold the black slaves to the Southern white man, while that was profitable for the Northern white man. Then when it was no longer profitable for the Northern white man, he said to the Southern white man that he could no longer have slaves. He said the Southern white man did not have enough intelligence to see that he was being used by the Northern white man, who is now using both the black citizens and the Southern white man.

Gregory spoke of the history of violence in this country from the time of Plymouth Rock to the present. He said the white man had run the Indian off his land, and now has the Indians confined to the small reservations. He said the Europeans look upon the white man in this country as savages because of the treatment of the Indians by the white man. He also mentioned the mistreatment of the Mexican laborers in this country, particularly those working on grape farms in California.

Source said Gregory praised the Negro woman for her stability and what she has meant to the Negro race in this country. He said the black man should give her respect which she has earned and deserves.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Source said Gregory stated the white middle-class of this country put President Nixon in office and the white middle-class will vote him out of office. Gregory said Vice President Agnew must be pretending because Gregory did not believe the Vice President could be as dumb as he appears unless he is trying to appear that way.

Source said that during the approximately two hours that Gregory spoke, he made attacks on virtually every segment of American society - including the schools, the teachers, professional people, preachers, the "Uncle Toms". These attacks were mainly for lack of involvement and concern. He said Gregory stated that he does not preach or advocate violence, but neither does he back up from it.

111th Military Intelligence Group, Ft. McPherson, Georgia; Office of Special Investigations, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia; Naval Investigative Service Office, Charleston, South Carolina; and United States Secret Service, Atlanta, Georgia, have been advised of the above.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Savannah, Georgia  
April 8, 1970

Title	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY
Character	RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST
Reference	Savannah memorandum dated April 8, 1970, captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO DIRECTOR

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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ATT DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE  
FROM BALTIMORE (157-2722)

APPEARANCE OF NATIONALLY KNOWN COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY  
AT MORGAN STATE COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, APRIL NINE  
SEVENTY. RM.

ON APRIL EIGHT INSTANT, A CONFIDENTIAL RELIABLE SOURCE  
ADVISED NATIONALLY KNOWN COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY IS SCHEDULED  
TO ADDRESS STUDENT BODY OF MORGAN STATE COLLEGE, A  
PREDOMINANTLY NEGRO COLLEGE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AT ONE PM  
ON APRIL NINE NEXT.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT.

ONE ZERO NINTH MIGP, SECRET SERVICE, AND USA, ALL  
BALTIMORE, ADVISED.

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To: SAC, Baltimore

From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

*JS*  
ReBate1 4/8/70 captioned "Appearance of Nationally Known Comedian, Dick Gregory, at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, 4/9/70; RM."

For your information and future guidance, there is wide Government interest in the public appearances of all black extremists. Many Government leaders and agencies rely on the FBI for this type of intelligence data. Therefore, whenever you learn of any such appearances in your territory, you should promptly submit that information in a form suitable for dissemination.

Concerning captioned individual, he has been arrested on numerous occasions in connection with his civil rights activities and has vehemently criticized the war in Vietnam, the President, and the Director. He has spoken at numerous colleges and universities throughout the United States, and his main theme usually centers on the youth and what they can do to correct the white racist establishment in the United States. The subject is on the Agitator Index in view of his past activities.

Submit results of subject's speaking appearance at Morgan State College in a form suitable for dissemination. In this connection, the Bureau desires a summary of his activities, however, any inflammatory statements should be set forth verbatim.

1 - Chicago (157-347)

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Airtel to Baltimore  
Re: - Richard Claxton Gregory  
100-440423

NOTE:

Baltimore Office indicated that results of subject's appearance would not be incorporated in LHM; therefore, above instructions appear necessary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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June 11, 1969

FBI LIAISON:

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Richard Claxton GREGORY

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY (157-110) (RUC)

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: Chicago)

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Re Salt Lake City airtels to Bureau, dated 3/17/70 and 3/27/70.

Transmitted herewith to Bureau are eleven copies and to Chicago are two copies of an LHM pertaining to the appearance of Subject in Salt Lake City, Utah, on 3/30/70.

A complete tape of GREGORY's remarks was furnished the Salt Lake City Office by [redacted] at the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, and is maintained in Salt Lake City Office. Inasmuch as pertinent statements made by GREGORY are reflected in the FD-302 which is part of the LHM, the tape is not being transcribed.

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Salt Lake City, Utah  
April 13, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On March 17, 1970, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, advised that Richard Claxton Gregory was scheduled to appear at the Special Events Center at the university on Monday, March 30, 1970, in connection with the university's "Challenge Week." The title of his talk will be "You've Got A Big Job."

The following article appeared in the "Daily Utah Chronicle," a daily newspaper published at the University of Utah, on March 31, 1970:

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## Gregory states opinion on today's issues

By SYLVIA KRONSTADT

"I don't know how I can stand here with a straight face and say it's a pleasure to be in Salt Lake City."

With warmth, anger and eloquence, Black comedian Dick Gregory addressed an audience of an estimated 4000 Monday night in the Special Events Center as part of Challenge Week. Following an introduction by Black Student leader Bill Bey, Mr. Gregory launched into a 2 hour presentation that was often humorous, often poignant; cynical, personal and powerful. Equally harsh and equally affectionate with the Brothers as with the predominantly white audience, Mr. Gregory probed a vast range of issues including education, law and order, religion, national priorities and ghetto existence. "Committed and dedicated to nonviolence," Mr. Gregory preached human rights, common sense and morality. "You have a big job — the job of giving America back its sanity," he said.

**ON MORALITY:** "You kids seem to think that morality is a Brooks Brothers suit, a shave and a haircut once a week. . . . Stay morally pure, morally honest. Rally behind morality — that's the one bomb America can't cope with."

**ON RELIGION:** "If you admit that one of the sons of Adam and Eve was black, what does that say about Adam and Eve, and all of you? . . . You can have any kind of belief you want, but not at my expense. I am glad that the black's attack on the Mormon Church has remained at the institutional level; the day black folks start stooping to the petty level of attacking the individual Mormon, I'll side with the Mormon."

**ON THE BLACK POWER SALUTE:** "They all say, 'What does that mean?' Haven't you ever seen a box of baking soda?"

**ON THE CHICAGO 7 CONTEMPT RULINGS:** "In a free and democratic society, the law

can't sit by and watch violations add-up and then arrest you for the sum total, unless it has some intention other than upholding the law."

**GENERATION GAP:** "Twenty-four hours a day the System lies to you. Then when you catch it, they call it the generation gap."

**ON THE POLICE:** "You can't blame the police. They're controlled by the same people that pollute the air and the water and enforce poverty with low wages."

**ON TEACHERS:** "American teachers have closed down every school in the country, striking to increase their salaries — but when Nixon vetoed the education bill, you didn't hear a word from them. That wasn't their money; that would have gone to the kids."

**ON ADULTS:** "Most of them are so busy making money, they haven't had a moral thought run through their heads in 40 years."

**ON BUSSING:** "Don't ask me about bussing. You've been bussing black kids past white schools and white kids past black schools for years to enforce an immoral situation — and now you wonder if it's proper to do it to create a moral situation."

"The tragedy of the Mississippi thing is those white parents keeping their 7-year-old kids out of school. The white kids will pay the price. It's sad; it's not funny, at all."

**ON CONSERVATISM:** "That flag is not going to hide your insane degeneracy. . . . Since bigotry is no longer fashionable, people try to hide it under conservatism."

"The first patriots were always on the side of the oppressed. You so-called patriots today are on the side of the oppressor."

**ON RACISM:** "Individual racism is legal — it's constitutionally protected freedom of expression. But it is institutional racism that keeps black people down. Most black folks don't hate white folks — we hate your vicious, insane

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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white racist institutions."

ON LANGUAGE: "Angel food cake is always white. Devils food cake is always black. A little lie is a white lie. A tornado is black till it comes inside to clean up the lady's kitchen. Then, it's a white tornado."

ON THE CITIES: "We damn near own the country now. You gave us all the major cities without a fight. Did you say Washington, D.C. is your capital?"

ON THE WHITE MAN: "The white man in this country is the sickest man in the world."

ON YOUNG PEOPLE: "Thank you for turning the civil rights movement into a human rights movement. . . . You are the most morally dedicated group of young folks in the history of this country. . . . You have to solve problems you had no part in creating — problems that were here before you were born. Not only did we not solve the problems, but for the first time in history, we've used up all the tricks."

ON NIXON: "Dick Nixon shows you the state of this nation better than anything I could do tonight. When he had to pick a model of equity, honesty and courage out

of 200 million people, he chose Haynesworth. The second time around, he reached even further down into the barrel of scum."

ON THE PROPERTY FETISH: "When those buildings blew up in New York, it was at night; nobody was there, nobody was hurt. Now they're talking about the death penalty for possession of dynamite. What about heroin pushers? That's just human life that's involved, but since it's not property they're not so concerned."

ON DRUGS: "Dope couldn't come into this country without the consent of the politicians and the police . . . all drugs and artificial stimulants are bad, including coffee, tea and alcohol."

ON JUSTICE: "The policemen in Harlem shake hands with the pimps and the pushers. But when beautiful black people, like Stokely or H. Rap come into the ghetto, not to sell heroin or a woman's ass, but to uplift my people, then the police get up-tight."

ON RELEVANT EDUCATION: "After watching whores turn tricks when I was 5 years old, learning to read about Dick and Jane up on the hill didn't interest me at all, when I was 6."

ON NONVIOLENCE: "You're the ones that pin a medal on him for killing a whole battalion of of Viet Cong. . . . If you think you can draft a black man, send him to Fort Collins to learn how to be a "gorilla," ship him to Vietnam to kill one foreigner to free another foreigner — and then think he's going to come back here and not kill you to free his mother — you're crazy."

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Date 4/3/70

At approximately 8:00 p.m., at the Sports and Special Events Arena, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, DICK GREGORY began his speech to a crowd of approximately 2,500 individuals. GREGORY was conservatively dressed in a charcoal grey suit and light tie. GREGORY began his speech by stating how unhappy he was in being in Salt Lake City and how he would have preferred to be somewhere else. He stated he did not want to be condemned for his speech as JERRY RUBIN had been for his and specifically brought out the fact that he, DICK GREGORY, was not responsible for RUBIN's ideas or actions. As a result of RUBIN's speech, GREGORY advised that he had been telephonically contacted and advised not to curse or use profanity of any kind in his speech.

GREGORY advised that he was "here to set the youngsters of today straight" as they could not expect to get the true story of the events occurring today from what was printed in the newspapers.

GREGORY stated that the biggest Black Power incident in recent years was the naming of a hurricane, BEULAH. He referred to the white overtones which appear on television today, especially in commercials. He said that instead of seeing "the white dove fly into a white woman's white kitchen," he would much rather see "a black crow fly into his Mamã's kitchen and land on some of her biscuits." He further stated the only time a black cowboy gets to kill a white cowboy is when "the white cowboy has just raped a blind paraplegic who is working for the Salvation Army."

He stated that the youth of today have problems to solve which they themselves did not create but for which the "old fools of today" are responsible.

In reference to the White, Southern educated children, GREGORY stated they are illiterate because of the bigotry of their white parents. These parents would rather see their children not go to school at all then go to school with Black children.

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In regards to the bussing problem, GREGORY said that since "DICK NIXON" has lessened attempts to integrate schools, "we, the Blacks, have been responsible for more integration in the last two months than has occurred in the last fifteen years.

GREGORY then referred to "DICK NIXON's" recent selections for Justices of the Supreme Court. He said that NIXON had to dig down deep in the barrel to come up with HAINSWORTH and had to dig even deeper in the "scum" to come up with a man like CARSWELL.

He stated that NIXON's speeches on Vietnam have been addressed to old people when, in fact, they should be addressed to the young of America. GREGORY stated that anyone who follows NIXON's commitment in Vietnam had to be crazy, "only fools back NIXON's policy in Vietnam." In reference to NIXON's request to have people turn their headlights on in support of his Vietnam policy, GREGORY stated that the only thing it did was to sell car batteries.

In reference to patriots, GREGORY stated that in the past "patriots were on the side of the oppressed, whereas today, patriots are on the side of the oppressors."

Regarding air pollution, GREGORY stated that today, instead of seeing GEORGE WASHINGTON and others standing behind a flag, one would be more likely to see the flag flapping in the breeze on the top of a large corporation building behind which could be seen clouds of black smoke polluting the air.

GREGORY then made reference to the fact that only the poor are fighting and dying in Vietnam. He asked where were the FORDs, ROCKEFELLERS, and DUPONTs, in Vietnam. He stated that DEAN RUSK's son has been out of school for 6 years and has not been in the Army yet. GREGORY stated he only wished he was younger so that he could receive an induction notice. He would then immediately fly to Washington, D. C., where he would handcuff himself to RUSK's son and go on nationwide television stating, "whatever is wrong with him is also wrong with me."

He then made reference to the appearance of DICK NIXON's son-in-law, DAVID EISENHOWER, on the cover of a

nationally circularized magazine being sworn into the Naval Reserves. GREGORY stated that it was just as easy being in the Boy Scouts as it was to be in the Naval Reserves.

GREGORY then said that when the Governor of the State of Mississippi gives a racist speech, the same speech can be given by the Governor of the State of California or the State of Illinois and it would be considered conservative. GREGORY stated that when he, himself, goes to the State of Mississippi and gives a speech, they say he is Black Power inspired; however, when he gives the same speech in Chicago, Illinois, he is said to have stirred up the white backlash.

GREGORY then expounded on how the whites are the corrupters of words, not the Blacks. He said that whites call all evil Black and all good white. He stated that white people get upset about the term, "Black Power," but if the term "Brown Strength" would have been used, think of the greetings the Blacks would have received from the whites, "Brown Strength, Brother, Brown Strength."

GREGORY stated that if he had been working in the Ford Factory plant ten years ago and a white man called him "nigger" he would have socked him and would have been fired on the spot. However, the white man would think twice before firing him today because he would probably burn the plant down.

He then stated that there is a depression coming and that NIXON is the cause of it. He stated the Blacks will not be hurt like the white people because the blacks have not invested in Wall Street as have the whites to make money, their chief and only occupation. GREGORY then went on to say that NIXON will not last more than four years in the White House because peoples' pocketbooks will be empty and the silent majority who voted him in will become the vocal majority who will vote him out.

GREGORY then made reference to NIXON's recent stand on bombers and the tightening up of bombing laws. He asked why is the death penalty not given for heroin pushers as well. He again asked why has there been no public outcry against the recent robbery in the State of Connecticut when almost a whole town was blown up during

the day, just minutes before a rush hour crowd would have been killed as a result of the ruse used by the robbers to throw off suspicion from themselves enabling them to rob the bank. GREGORY, however, could not understand why there was such a public outcry when three buildings in New York City were blown up, when it was at night, with no danger to human life, and no value of property destroyed, so to speak.

GREGORY answered the above questions by stating that a large monetary profit, even if obtained criminally, is condoned by people today; however, when no money is involved, people shutter when force is used.

He stated the reason the death penalty is not given for heroin pushers is that there is too much money to be made in the selling of heroin. He asked why is it that he, DICK GREGORY, could come to Salt Lake City, Utah, at 9:15 p.m., and by 9:30 p.m. have made a contact to purchase heroin, and by 9:45 p.m., have it shooting through his veins, while the local police, who have been born in Salt Lake City and lived here all their lives, cannot find these same people. He then asked why did the whites not listen to the Blacks when they cried out against the white pushers selling heroin to their children in Harlem. He said these same whites who were deaf to the Black cries are now crying out because the Black pushers are selling heroin to the whites' children. He pointed out the fact that according to the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous drugs, in the past five years, there has been a 42 percent drop in the use of drugs by Negroes, which accomplishment they did themselves with no help from the whites; however, the use of drugs by whites is continually rising.

GREGORY stated that "DICK NIXON" is dumb and stupid and is the most stupid president this country has ever had. He referred to NIXON as the last "trick," meaning in effect that the election of NIXON is the last act that old people could pull off on the younger generation.

GREGORY was pleased to state that the whites have given the Blacks almost all of the major cities, including their capital, without a fight. He compared this to HILTER giving Berlin to the Jews.

GREGORY questioned how DICK NIXON could be so dumb as to ask for billions of dollars for the ABM System and yet veto the Aid for Education bill. He stated that when NIXON had vetoed the bill, teachers throughout the country should have struck and closed all of the schools in the country. His main concern over this veto was that the money was "for the children, not for the teachers."

He then questioned why the college students were so apathetic. He cited the postal strike across the nation as an example. He could not understand why the students did not get behind the postal employees to fight for their rights, which workers, according to GREGORY, would have rallied behind the youth if such action had been taken. He went on to say that if the youth had gotten behind the postal employees, then may be the cops would have dropped their guns in order to strike for a decent wage instead of striking out against the working class. The cops, GREGORY stated, should strike out against the rich industrialists who are the ones preventing them from obtaining a decent wage, not against the poor, harding-working class who have no control over the salary the cops receive.

GREGORY then made reference to the Chicago "7" trial. He compared Judge HOFFMAN to ADOLF HILTER. He stated that all of the old fools of the nation advised that the Chicago "7" and all radicals should be thrown in jail; however, it is the old drunken fool who kills more people in automobiles, pads more expense accounts, and cheats more on his income tax and is the first to shout against law and order. GREGORY cited HOFFMAN's illegal means used to hand down contempt sentences. Instead of HOFFMAN handing down sentences as they occurred, he waited until the end of the trial. According to GREGORY, the contempt citations were handed down at the end of the trial to fulfill HOFFMAN's scheme to jail the defendants, denying them of their rights if need be.

GREGORY stated the reason BOBBY SEALE was bound and shackled was not because of the language which he used, as the language used by the other defendants was much worse than SEALE's, but because at the trial BOBBY SEALE had asked Judge HOFFMAN how much stock he owed in the Brunswick Corpora-

tion, which corporation is one of the largest manufacturers of armaments in the country. SEALE was denied the right to act as his own defense counsel; however, GREGORY pointed out that whites like JACK RUBY and CHARLES MANSON, the individual accused of killing SHARON TATE and others in the State of California, were not denied this right because they were white.

GREGORY laughed at how the white people today are now saying that Black people should not start the practice of genocide when the whites, in fact, have been practicing it for years regarding the American Indian. GREGORY stated that America cannot call herself a democracy until she takes steps to rectify herself with the American Indian.

GREGORY then talked about Operation Intercept, an attempt by the Government to tie up all of the marijuana in the country. He questioned why was there not an attempt to stop the sale of heroin instead of marijuana. He stated there is absolutely no heat put on the heroin pushers at all. If the program is successful, according to GREGORY, all that will be accomplished is that the kids will move on from marijuana to heroin.

In reference to Prime Minister POMPIDOU of France, GREGORY asked why NIXON had not criticized him for allowing heroin to be processed in France and its free passage from France to Canada where it eventually filters into the United States.

GREGORY stated that the CIA and the FBI are not about to let any outside force come in and overthrow the government because they are so "dirty" that they will take it over first.

GREGORY stated that the Black Panther Party members are being killed by the same individuals who will kill Law and Order by allowing the Stop and Frisk bill and the No Knock Narcotics bill to become law. Yet cops who bring down an SDS demonstration would not dare to arrest a drug pusher.

GREGORY stated that the Blacks do not hate white people themselves, but hate their racist institutions. He



said he was not against white individuals as such but against the racism which is created through large industrial and political institutions.

GREGORY could not understand why cops come in and drive out such beautiful Blacks as CARMICHAEL, RAP BROWN, and members of the Panthers when their only purpose is to uplift the Blacks in the ghetto.

GREGORY said he was tired of the Mormon Church. He said that individual Mormons are not responsible for its actions but the Church's hierarchy was. He stated that if the Supreme Court could make such a drastic change in the integration laws in 1954, then the Mormon Church could do the same. He stated that the white man had raped his mother, his grandmother, and his greatgrandmother and that that makes him white enough to become a bishop of the Church. He stated that they were just about through with their research on the Mormon Church and that they were going to deal with the Church this summer. He went on to name some of the business operations which the Church controlled, such as Harman's Kentucky Fried Chicken, the Coke-a-Cola Company and Safeway Stores, Incorporated.

GREGORY stated that when the riot season opened this season, the old fools should watch the events happening on television and listen while he read the Declaration of Independence simultaneously and perhaps they would be able to see why it is happening.

GREGORY stated that how could a violent country teach the Blacks violence and killing and not expect the Blacks to turn around and use this skill to free themselves. GREGORY stated he believes in nonviolence but will not preach it and is willing to die before he is willing to kill another individual.

GREGORY stated that the biggest hangup white people have today is they think all Black men want are white women. He said if this is truly the case, then it is the white man's fault because all a Black boy sees today is a body of a white woman smeared all over the magazines, ads, and television.

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GREGORY stated that white people say that the Black woman is strong. However, according to GREGORY, the black man is strong while the Black woman is responsible.

GREGORY stated that the Civil Rights movement in this country has been changed to the Human Rights movement, and that morality is needed to shove into this establishment.

GREGORY concluded his speech at approximately  
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SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
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Las Vegas, Nevada

April 16, 1970.

DICK GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

On April 14, 1970, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Dick Gregory, a former comedian, lectured on civil rights on April 13, 1970, at the Student Union of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV), Las Vegas, Nevada. Gregory was presented as a guest lecturer by the UNLV Faculty Lecture Series and spoke before approximately 400 people. Source advised Gregory said an economic depression is beginning in the country and that Las Vegas will soon feel its effects. Gregory put the blame on President Nixon and predicted he would not be re-elected in 1972. He stated the problem in America today is not one of black and white, but one of attitude. He advised "If you think the Black Panthers are being killed because they are black or carrying guns you are a fool. They're being annihilated because they are feeding the hungry." Gregory further stated that the Government survives by keeping 44 million Americans hungry, and that nothing promotes thinking as fast as a full stomach. He added his support for a nationwide boycott, which he stated may take place this fall. The boycott, as Gregory explained it, will involve almost every commodity except the most necessary things.

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# Memorandum

TO : *LEC* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/22/70

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 4/8/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and two copies for Chicago of an LHM reflecting the results of the appearance of the subject at Burlington, Vt., on 4/12/70. A copy of this LHM has been furnished to 108th MIG, Burlington, Vt., and Secret Service, Boston, Mass.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Albany, New York

April 22, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory

[redacted] University of Vermont, advised on April 13, 1970, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY arrived in Burlington, Vermont, from Connecticut, at 7:15 PM on April 12, 1970, and appeared at the University of Vermont, at 8:15 PM, at which time he delivered a lecture pertaining to his background in show business.

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[redacted] advised that the tone of the lecture was very moderate, in that GREGORY repeatedly stated that he felt that the statements identifying police officers as "pigs" was uncalled for and that he does not believe in the violence that has been attributed to various racial organizations. He further stated that he does not believe in violence by any group agitating for change and specifically identified the organization Students for a Democratic Society as one that he does not respect.

GREGORY remained at Burlington the evening of April 12, 1970, and departed the morning of April 13, 1970, destination unknown.

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STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

A source has advised that the Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), as presently regarded, came into being at a founding convention held June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy" the line of the national leadership has revealed a growing Marxist-Leninist adherence which currently calls for the building of a revolutionary youth movement. Concurrently, the program of SDS has evolved from civil rights struggles to an anti-Vietnam stance to an advocacy of a militant anti-imperialist position. China, Vietnam and Cuba are regarded as the leaders of worldwide struggles against the United States imperialism whereas the Soviet Union is held to be revisionist and also imperialist.

At the June, 1969 SDS National Convention, Pro-Progressive Labor Party (PLP) forces in the organization were expelled. As a result, the National Office (NO) group maintained its National Headquarters at 1608 West Madison Street, Chicago, and the PLP faction set up headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts. This headquarters subsequently moved to Boston. Each group elected its own national officers, which included three national secretaries and a National Interim Committee of eight. Both the NO forces and the PLP forces claim to be the true SDS. Both groups also print their versions of "New Left Notes", which sets forth the line and the program of the particular faction. The NO version of "New Left Notes" was recently printed under the title "The Fire Next Time" to achieve a broader mass appeal.

Two major factions have developed internally within the NO group, namely, the Weatherman or Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM) I faction, and the RYM II faction. Weatherman is action-oriented upholding Castro's position that the duty of revolutionaries is to make revolution. Weatherman is regarded by RYM II as an adventurist, elitist faction which denies the historical role of the working class as the base of revolution. RYM II maintains that revolution, although desired, is not possible under present conditions, hence, emphasizes organizing and raising the political consciousness of the working class

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upon whom they feel successful revolution depends. Although disclaiming control and domination by the Communist Party, USA, leaders in these two factions have in the past proclaimed themselves to be communists and to follow the precepts of a Marxist-Leninist philosophy, along pro-Chinese communist lines.

A second source has advised that the FLP faction which is more commonly known as the Worker Student Alliance is dominated and controlled by members of the PLP, who are required to identify themselves with the pro-Chinese-Marxist-Leninist philosophy of the FLP. They advocate that an alliance between workers and students is vital to the bringing about of a revolution in the United States.

SDS regions and university and college chapters, although operating under the outlines of the SDS National Constitution, are autonomous in nature and free to carry out independent policy reflective of local conditions. Because of this autonomy internal struggles reflecting the major factional interests of SDS have occurred at the chapter level since the beginning of the 1969-70 school year.

A characterization of the PLP is attached.



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APPENDIX

PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY (PLP)

"The New York Times" city edition, Tuesday, April 20, 1965, page 27, reported that a new party of "revolutionary socialism" was formally founded on April 18, 1965, under the name of the PLP which had been known as the Progressive Labor Movement.

According to the article, "The Progressive Labor Movement was founded in 1962, by Milton Rosen and Mortimer Scheer after they were expelled from the Communist Party of the United States for assertedly following the Chinese Communist line."

A source advised on June 3, 1968, that the PLP held its Second National Convention in New York City, March 31 to June 2, 1968, at which time the PLP reasserted its objective of the establishment of a militant working class movement based on Marxism-Leninism. This is to be accomplished through the Party's over-all revolutionary strategy of raising the consciousness of the people and helping to provide ideological leadership in the working class struggle for state power.

The source also advised that at the Second National Convention, Milton Rosen was unanimously reelected National Chairman of the PLP and Levi Laub, Fred Jerome, Jared Israel, William Epton, Jacob Rosen, Jeffrey Gordon, and Walter Linder were elected as the National Committee to lead the PLP until the next convention.

The PLP publishes "Progressive Labor" a bimonthly magazine; "World Revolution," a quarterly periodical; and "Challenge-Desafio," a monthly newspaper.

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The April, 1969, issue of "Challenge-Desafio" sets forth that "Challenge is dedicated to the peoples fight for a new way of life--where the working men and women control their own homes and factories; where they themselves make up the entire government on every level and control the schools, courts, police and all institutions which are now used to control them."

Source advised on May 8, 1969, that the PLP utilizes an address of General Post Office Box 808, Brooklyn, New York, and also utilizes an office in Room 617, 1 Union Square West, New York, New York..

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/21/70

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-189) - P -

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE  
SPAULDING INSTITUTE  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
April 4, 1970  
RM

Re Springfield teletypes to the Bureau 4/2/70 and 4/4/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376.

This letterhead memorandum has been disseminated locally to USA, Springfield, Illinois; Secret Service, Springfield, Illinois; NISO, Chicago, Illinois; OSI, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois; and 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

This letterhead memorandum is being classified confidential since it contains information from sources of continuing value and any unauthorized disclosure might result in harm to national defense interests of the United States.

Source who furnished information in enclosed letterhead memorandum is [redacted] confidential racial source.

Identity of Special Agents mentioned in the letterhead memorandum regarding observation of DICK GREGORY appearance in Peoria, Illinois, on April 4, 1970, are Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted]

Observation of GREGORY was appropriately recorded on an FD-302. Included in this letterhead memorandum is only an excerpt, highlighting GREGORY's comments at the meeting.

Recordings made of GREGORY's speech are being reviewed, and if appropriate, transcription will be made.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
April 21, 1970

DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE  
SPAULDING INSTITUTE GYMNASIUM  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
April 4, 1970

On April 2, 1970, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory, Negro anti-establishment comic, is to speak at Spaulding Institute Gymnasium, 409 Northeast Madison Street, Peoria, Illinois, on April 4, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. Gregory's appearance is being sponsored by the Tazewell County Human Relations Committee and is opened to the general public, cost \$1.50 for students, \$3.00 for adults. Gregory is to speak about his book entitled "Nigger," his childhood experiences, and what the people in the Peoria, Illinois, area can do to help better relations between the whites and blacks. He advised that the only props requested were a podium, speaker system and a piano. He advised that he expected no disturbances or demonstrations.

On April 4, 1970, Special Agents of the Springfield Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, observed Dick Gregory at the Spaulding Institute Gymnasium, Peoria, Illinois.

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Date April 10, 1970

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Dick Gregory appeared at the Spaulding Institute Gymnasium, 405 Northeast Madison Street, Peoria, Illinois, on April 4, 1970, and spoke from approximately 8:25 p.m. to 10:20 p.m. Gregory spoke for approximately two hours before a mixed crowd consisting of approximately 250 persons, mostly adult couples. Gregory's appearance at Spaulding Institute Gymnasium was sponsored by Tazewell Citizens Committee on Human Relations, a committee dedicated to establishing better relations between whites and blacks as well as achieving equality among races. According to a meeting program, [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois, resident, is listed as the [redacted]

members of the committee are [redacted]  
Illinois resident, and [redacted]

[redacted] Illinois.

GREGORY, who spoke for approximately two hours, stated that he does not believe in violence and characterized the young American people as being the most moral, ethical and dedicated group in the country. He advised that it is the task of America's youth to fully implement the United States Constitution so that everyone in America can be treated equally. He advised that America's youth are not fools and who believe in human rights, and that the fate and destiny of America rests in the hands of the young.

GREGORY praised the Black Panthers' program of feeding the hungry in the nation. He advised that the Black Panthers who were killed in Chicago, Illinois, last year, FRED HAMPTON and MARK CLARK, as well as JOCK YABLONSKI, defeated candidate for the president of the union of Mine Workers, who was shot to death in his home in early 1970, were killed because they were talking about feeding hungry Americans. He advised that hunger is the most important problem in the United States and that approximately 44,000,000 persons in America go to bed at night time hungry.

On 4/4/70 at Peoria, Illinois File # SI 157-189

by SA [redacted] JDF:mpb Date dictated 4/7/70

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DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE  
SPAULDING INSTITUTE GYMNASIUM  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
April 4, 1970

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GREGORY criticized President RICHARD M. NIXON's choice of Federal Judges CLEMENT HAYNSWORTH and HAROLD CARSWELL to the United States Supreme Court. He advised that out of the 200,000,000 people living in the United States, it is hard to believe that the best the President could find was HAYNSWORTH and CARSWELL. He advised that CARSWELL's nomination was not only an insult to the black people but it was also an insult to the decent white people in the United States.

He stated that President NIXON is the "dumbest white boy" the people ever sent to the White House. He advised that President NIXON doesn't even look like he believes he is President of the United States. He advised to show how "dumb, President NIXON is," President NIXON tried to slow down school integration in the South, but that more schools have been integrated in the South in the past two months than in the past four years. He stated, "NIXON is so dumb he called out the Army to move the mail when the postmen went on strike." He advised that it cost more in a month to pay the Army to move the mail than it would have cost to pay the mailmen the raises they desired. He also criticized America's youth for not supporting the mailman's strike.

GREGORY also advised that unemployment is on an upward trend and that America will hit an economic low in the next six months, the lowest in America's history. He advised because of lack of money, top companies in the country will not be recruiting college graduates this year on campus and that aircraft factories are being closed.

GREGORY also criticized Attorney General's JOHN MITCHELL Operation Intercept, an operation used in combatting the influx of marijuana into the United States. GREGORY stated that marijuana is not the real problem in the United States; the problem is heroin. He advised that Operation Intercept is not efficient enough to stop the influx of heroin into the United States. He advised that when narcotics was a problem in the black ghetto areas, nothing was done about it, but now since the narcotic problem is affecting the white community, everyone is concerned.

GREGORY advised that it is not the individual racist who hurts the black man, it is the institutionalized racism that is hurting the black people. He stated the role of the black man in America is quite different from what it was in the past and the black man is tired of playing games. He advised that the white man has been tricking the black man for approximately 400 years, and that the black man is tired of being tricked.

APPENDIX

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DICK GREGORY APPEARANCE  
SPAULDING INSTITUTE GYMNASIUM  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
April 4, 1970

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY  
Also Known As  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman Mao Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature Mao's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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 FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
 File No.

April 21, 1970

Director  
 United States Secret Service  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
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  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
 J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
 U. S. Secret Service

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)

DATE: 4/29/70

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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ReTPairtels to Director, 2/13 and 3/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and copies of an LHM and two copies of FD-376.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of LHM.

Copies of enclosed LHM are being furnished to Secret Service, JK; MI, Orlando; USA, TP and OSI, Patrick AFB, Fla.

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Tampa Division has active investigation open on [redacted] TP 157-4406, and Black Student Union, Valencia Junior College, TP 157-4451.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
APR 29 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On February 13, 1970, Charles Norman Millican, President, Florida Technological University (FTU), Orlando, Florida, advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled for a speaking engagement on April 6, 1970, at the Village Center, FTU.

On March 26, 1970, [redacted] FTU, furnished the following itinerary for Gregory's visit to the Orlando area on April 6, 1970:

Arrive Orlando Jetport aboard Delta Airlines flight 638, 1:42 P. M.; April 6, 1970; press conference, Delta Airlines Conference Room, 2:00 P. M. - 2:45 P. M.; drive to FTU, 2:45 P. M. - 3:15 P. M.; reception, Multi-Purpose Room, FTU, 3:15 P. M. - 4:45 P. M.; drive to Herndon Airport, Orlando, 4:45 P. M. - 5:15 P. M.; dinner - Skyline Restaurant, Herndon Airport, 6:00 P. M. - 7:15 P. M.; return to FTU, 7:15 P. M. - 7:45 P. M.; speech on "Civil Rights" at FTU, 8:00 P. M. - 9:00 P. M.; leave FTU for drive to Orlando Jetport, 9:30 P. M.; depart Orlando for Chicago aboard Delta Airlines flight 176, 10:15 P. M.

On April 9, 1970, [redacted] advised that Gregory followed the above itinerary while in the Orlando, Florida, area on April 6, 1970, except for the scheduled dinner at Herndon Airport, which he failed to show up for as he was "on a fast". Gregory spoke to a crowd of between 500 and 600 people, approximately one fifth of them Negroes, on the topic "Civil Rights"; however, subjects covered by Gregory

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in his speech included the news media, education, riots, the Chicago Seven Trial, law enforcement, drugs, Supreme Court nominees, integration and President Nixon. [redacted] stated that Gregory made derogatory remarks concerning President Nixon and other leaders in this country; however, he did not regard Gregory's speech as inflammatory.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] at FTU, was to have been Gregory's escort during the entire period of his visit to Orlando; however, Gregory between approximately 5:00 P. M. and 8:00 P. M. on April 6, 1970, was not with [redacted] and apparently spent this period of time with [redacted] at FTU.

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[redacted] on April 13, 1970, furnished a copy of the April 10, 1970, edition of "Future", the official newspaper of FTU. This edition, on pages 1 and 12, contained the following article concerning Gregory's speech entitled "On The Inside With Dick Gregory":

(Mount Clipping in Space Below)

# On The Inside With Dick Gregory

"The youth of America will have to solve problems they had nothing to do with creating, that were here before they got here," said Dick Gregory in a speech at FTU April 6. The theme of Gregory's speech was "Civil Rights" and his entire talk was based on the problems of "This degenerate society" and what the youth are up against.

Gregory talked about a number of subjects, those prominent being the news media, the Chicago Seven trial, drugs, democracy, tricks of the adults, the postal strike, law enforcement, the Supreme Court nominees, the "dollar", racism and Viet Nam, women, education, integration and busing, President Nixon, riots, and politics.

His speech was sparked by a great deal of spontaneous laughter and applause from the approximately 500 students and faculty members in the audience.

Gregory was introduced by Chris Schmidt, general station manager of WFTU, and approached the stage greeting the audience with the sign of peace. A banquet at the Herndon

Skyline had been scheduled in his honor but he was unable to attend due to a special juice diet he is on. Upon his arrival at the FTU campus, he jogged a five mile course that had been laid out by Security, as part of his daily routine.

Gregory was vocal and forceful on his subjects. A number of his thoughts were as follows:

On the news media: Kids are important to society. Newspapers aren't responsible in their portrayal of the youth...The same press that blew up over Agnew's speech on media coverage of news has decided guilt in the recent blowing up of buildings. It is very very sick when in a free society the press decides on the guilt of something before

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Editor: Linda Mettel

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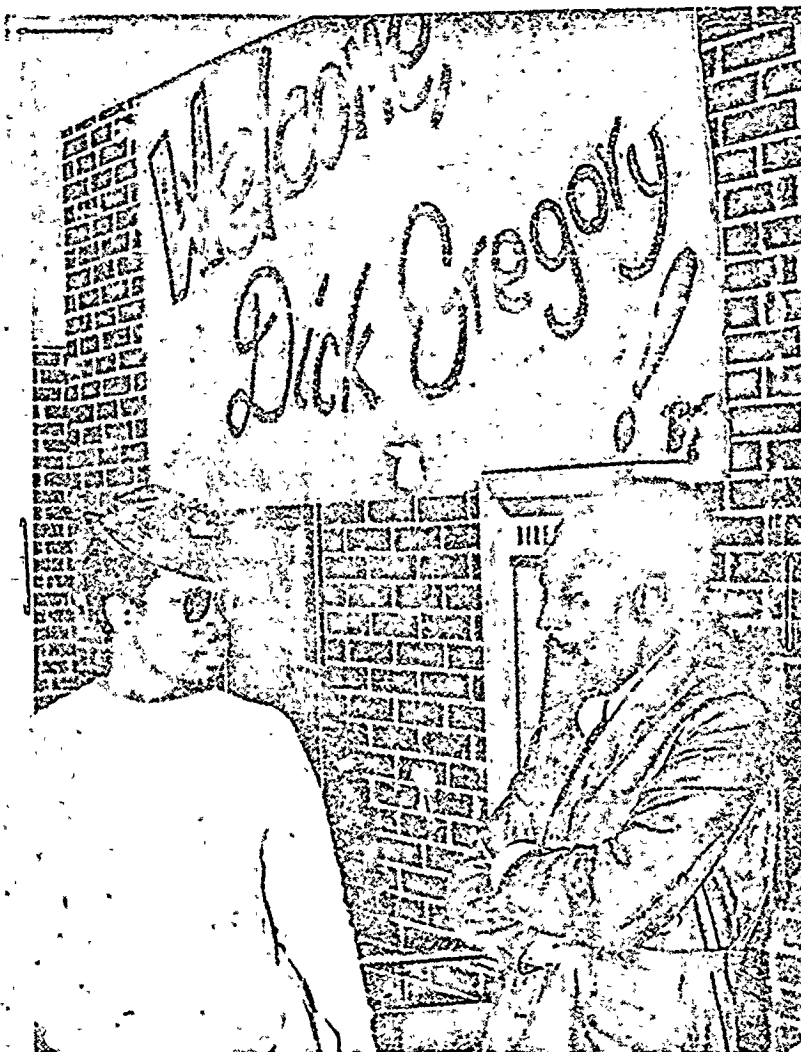
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CIVIL Rights commentator and comedian Dick Gregory turns serious for a brief rap session with FTU Black Student Union President Dan Slater. Gregory spoke to 600 students and faculty Monday evening. (See Story).

the law enforcement officers do.

On the Chicago Seven Trial: When the jury went to deliberate Judge Hoffman sent everyone to jail. The process of law followed here is not the process that is followed in a free democratic society. It is very important that you understand the Chicago Trial. This is the country that made sure all Nazi war criminals got a fair trial.

On drugs: The Syndicate started pushing dope to black kids and the blacks begged the whites to stop them. It wasn't too long before they started pushing it to white kids. The users of drugs are criticized more than the pushers because the pushers make the money.

The Federal government knows every dope pusher in America. If they know every espionage agent, you know they know the dope pushers. They also know where the dope comes from. Without cops and politicians looking the other way, there would be no dope here.

On Democracy: If democracy is as good as they say it is, why are we running around the world ramming it down people's throats with a gun? If something is good, people steal it.

On tricks of the adults: We've used up all the tricks. Getting Nixon into the White House was the last trick this country has.

On the postal strike: It would have cost more money to get the army to deliver mail for three months than it would for the postal workers to get their raise for the rest of their lives.

This is the only country in the world where the college kids don't back the workers. College students should have rallied behind the postmen.

On law enforcement: If you toss dynamite in defense of getting some money, it's all right...The policeman is the number two man in the country...When a man is placed in a responsible position

with little money he will rebel and that is when they should strike and takes it out on the poor people. close down every school in the

On the Supreme Court nominees: nation.

President Nixon had to pick one. On integration and busing: Who person out of 200 million for the are the white people going to hurt SC and he picked Haynesworth if they refuse to let their kids go to saying: 'He's the most honest man I school?...Black folks have been know!' Nixon ain't lying! Then he busing kids past white schools for reached further into the barrel of 50 years to promote segregation, so scum and picked Carswell. why do white folks think they have

On the dollar: It's a sick, come up with something new when degenerate nation that doesn't give they introduce busing to promote a damn about anything but that integration? dollar.

On racism and Viet Nam: I'm not people who voted Nixon in will worried about your racism today. vote him out. He said he was going. I'm worried about your insanity. If to shave the budget and he gave I got killed in Viet Nam and my more money to the ABM and mother got \$10,000 she couldn't vetoed the education bill... buy a house in any neighborhood Nixon is the dumbest white boy she wanted in this country. We'll you white folks have put in the deal with your insanities. White House in the history of this country. If you put Nixons in all the governorships of all the states, the blacks would take over the country in a month.



Dick Gregory

On riots and the Declaration of Independence: 'Everyone should go to the library and copy down the Declaration of Independence. When people are burning down cities, they should be read the Declaration so they can see what they are destroying. When rights are destroyed, it is your duty to abolish the system. The Declaration should say 'for whites only'.

On politics: The South has produced some of the lowest politicians in the history of man...they play around with the kids. The North has produced some of the slickest, slimiest politicians...they steal money from the missile program...It takes no money to be a bigot but it takes a lot of money to be a conservative...In six months there will be a low economy unparalleled in the history of America.

In concluding his speech, Gregory addressed the audience and youth in general saying, "Thank you for changing our civil rights movement into a human rights movement."

According to Ken Lawson, Director of the Village Center, "most people think that Gregory was, by far, the best speaker we've ever had on campus. If he didn't do anything else, he made you think."

RICHARD CLAYTON GREGORY

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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535  
April 29, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

**RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY**

Dear Sir:

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2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
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Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville (RM)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 4/30/70

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM

OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning GREGORY's appearance in the Minneapolis Division at Yankton, South Dakota.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of the above-described LHM.

The source for information in the LHM is

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[redacted] South Dakota, who obtained information from  
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at Yankton College.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 30, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The Thursday, April 16, 1970, issue of the "Yankton Daily Press and Dakotan," a newspaper of general circulation published at Yankton, South Dakota, indicated that Richard Claxton Gregory spoke at the Yankton College Forbes Hall, Yankton, South Dakota, on April 15, 1970, as a guest speaker for the Yankton College "Program on World Understanding."

During the two and a half hours that he was on the stage, he covered subjects ranging from education to the Vietnam war and Indian reservations. To the young people in the audience, he said, "You have to solve problems you had nothing to do with creating - thanks to us old fools."

He stated, "Nixon is not president, but after his election on a 'law and order' campaign he is a sheriff .... and not a very ethical sheriff at that."

"White folks is trying to hide bigotry behind conservatism. Gregory added, saying Nixon was elected by voters who never before voted Republican. But this will return to them," he said, "because white folks in America don't have enough money to last four years, under a Nixon administration that he said has already begun a hard recession."

"You young kids," he said, "you ain't seen no hell raised. Wait 'til your folks find out Nixon's taking their beer money."

Gregory said black people might tend to feel many deaths among the Black Panthers is genocide. But, he said, "They ain't nothing like you dirty stinking people in this state do to the Indians."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

He said, "Without police and politicians turning their backs, dope couldn't flourish in this country."

"If democracy is as good as we tell you it is," he said, "why do we have to go all over the world trying to ram it down everybody's throats?....If you have something good, they'll steal it. If you're so afraid of world-wide communism," said Gregory, "prove it.... and not with bombs.... Why don't you use the greatest weapon you have, why don't you implement and utilize the United States Constitution to its fullest?"

A source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that Gregory's speech at Yankton College was attended by about five hundred students, and that Gregory was paid \$1,000 for his appearance by the Yankton College.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/1/70

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-1523) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

Re Knoxville airtel dated 4/7/70.

Enclosed to the Bureau are 11 copies and Chicago two copies letterhead memorandum regarding captioned matter. Also enclosed for the Bureau are two copies FDE376.

Copies have been disseminated locally to intelligence agencies, Secret Service, Nashville, and U. S. Attorney, Knoxville.

Source referred to in LHM is [REDACTED]

Source advised [REDACTED]

when GREGORY arrived at the airport; however, his talk coincided with the premiere in Knoxville of the movie "A Walk in the Spring Rain."

and source indicated that [REDACTED]

source further advised that GREGORY indicated he was on a tight speaking schedule and had to depart Knoxville in order to go to Rochester, New York.

This letterhead memorandum is classified confidential as information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise future effectiveness thereof.

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AGENCY: ACS, [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

May 1, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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## / Gregory Speech Set /

Dick Gregory, comedian turned civil rights activist, has been scheduled to speak on the UT campus May 7, according to an announcement made Tuesday by Mark Grisar, chairman of the Man and His Environment speaker series.

Grisar said Gregory, whose appearance on the campus has been twice vetoed by UT administrators, has already signed a contract.

Gregory was the first scheduled speaker ever to be denied permission to speak on the campus by UT administrators.

Georgia legislator Julian Bond added to the impact of the veto when he broke his contract to speak at UT when he learned the University had refused Gregory the right to speak on campus.

Bond told the Daily Beacon then that if Gregory wasn't good enough to speak at UT, he wasn't either.

The incident sparked the controversy, which eventually led to a lawsuit challenging the validity of the University's speaker policy.

It was decided in U.S. District Court here that the policy limited freedom of speech and was unconstitutional.

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# Crowd Fills Gym For Gregory

By Bruce Hight

America has run out of tricks, Dick Gregory said last night, and young Americans should "organize behind morality," this summer, to end the Vietnam war.

Gregory, speaking before a Man and His Environment crowd of 3,200 in Alumni Memorial Gym, said that President Nixon was the country's last trick.

"THEY ASK US to be non-violent," Gregory said, "But this is the only country in the world that ever dropped an atomic bomb on Japan."

He urged, "You young folks organize this summer, boycott the barbershops and I'll guarantee you that you'll have 300,000 barbers joining the peace movement."

The black comedian slammed the Federal Government for its methods of dealing with drug traffic by noting that had he never been in Knoxville before in his life, he could "get a fix" within 15 minutes after his arrival.

"IF A KID can find a heroin pusher," Gregory said, "you know the Federal government can."

Referring to the police and their attempts to halt the drug traffic, Gregory said, "They can't find the heroin, man?"

Gregory, who twice has been denied the right to appear at UT by the University Administration, walked up to the podium to begin his speech and said, "I'm happy to be in Knoxville." The crowd roared its approval.

GREGORY TOLD the audience that they, as the young generation, faced no problems that they had created.

"I feel particularly sorry for you young white kids," Gregory said, "because those bad checks your parents have been writing are gonna bounce."

Gregory endorsed the upcoming march in Nashville Sunday, telling the

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crowd that their marching could set an example for others who might be oppressed and encourage them.

THE BLACK activist also took aim at the drug abuse, and attacked whites for caring about the problem only after it had moved out of the black ghetto and other poverty areas and into the white suburban areas.

Gregory heavily criticized college students for not backing American workers saying, "Who the hell do you think you are?"

He said students had missed an opportunity to help American workers by virtually ignoring the mailmen's strike recently.

GREGORY ALSO blasted the trial of

the Chicago 7 and pointed out that the one black being tried was Bobby Seale, who was sent to jail before the end of the controversial judicial proceedings for contempt charges.

Gregory said Seale was not sent to jail for any courtroom behavior, but for asking Judge Julius Hoffman in court how much stock he had in the Brunswick Corporation, a maker of war weapons.

"It's a cold day in America when anti-war demonstrators end up in court before a judge who manufactures war materials," he said.

Gregory also told "the damn fools" who warn about the dangers of world-wide Communism to make the U.S. Constitution really work, and then say to them, "Top that, baby."



*A full house for Gregory*

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## 4000 Hear Nixon Scored

# 'We Used All the Tricks' Dick Gregory Tells This Generation

By JIM STOVALL  
News-Sentinel Staff Writer

Dick Gregory, whose absence from UT last year stimulated the open speaker controversy, told 4000 wildly enthusiastic students there last night that his generation has "used up all the tricks."

Mr. Gregory, a black comedian who was barred from UT last year by Chancellor Charles Weaver, said today's young people—the group to which he was speaking—are the "most morally honest, ethical group of young people in the history of the world."

"It's an embarrassing thing for me to say to you, but you are going to have to solve a lot of problems, and every one of those problems you had nothing to do with," he said.

### Nixon Was 'Last Trick'

"Not only did we not solve the problems, we used up all the tricks," he said to the group, which was packed into Alumni Memorial Gymnasium.

The "last trick" was electing Richard Nixon president, he said. "Richard Nixon shows the state of the nation far better than anything else in this country."

"Out of 200 million people in this country, he had to pick one person moral enough to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Court—and the most ethical man he could come up with was a Haynsworth."

"On the second time around, he reached even further down the barrel of scum and got a Carrawell. His nomination was

an insult to every decent thinking person on the face of the earth!"

### Predicts Defeat

Mr. Gregory then, as he was many times during his speech, was interrupted by loud applause, cheers, stomping feet, and whistling.

The civil and human rights advocate predicted that Nixon, the "dumbest white boy ever to be in the White House," would be defeated in 1972 because he is "tampering with the money."

"Within the next six months, we will be reaching the economic low point of our history, and the same white folks that put him (Nixon) in the White House are going to take him out. The 'silent majority' is going to be the most vocal group you ever heard," he said.

Mr. Gregory said the older generation is so interested in making money that "a moral thought hasn't penetrated their heads in the last 20 years."

### 'Police Not Real Enemy'

"That's why it's so hard for you to communicate with your parents," he told the group.

Mr. Gregory, who termed himself "strongly committed to non-violence" said that young people should "rally, behind morality" and protest, not by dynamiting buildings or blowing up police stations.

"The police stations aren't your real enemies. Your real enemies are the Rockefellers, the Kennedys, the Henry Fords, and the Du Ponts. After you've blown up all the police stations,

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they'll still be around polluting your air and water," he said.

The 1968 presidential candidate fixed sharp rebukes on conservatives and right-wingers, "who have substituted the word 'patriotic' for 'neurotic'."

Applause Long, Loud

"You fools are so interested in worldwide communism. You would implement your own Constitution to the fullest, and then say to the rest of the world, 'Match us for humanity.'"

This remark drew the loudest and longest applause from the crowd.

"The most important question you young people face is this: If democracy is as good as we say it is, why are we running around the world trying to ram it down people's throats at gunpoint?" he said.

#### Offers Solution

Mr. Gregory, among many other subjects, talked about the Chicago 7 trial in his two-and-a-half hour speech. He said he recognized the need for order in the court and offered a solution for disruptive defendants.

"If a defendant disrupts the courtroom, stop the trial and give him 10 days in jail for contempt. If he comes back and disrupts the trial again, stop the trial and give him 20 days in jail," he said.

Gregory said judges should do this immediately and not "sit back and add the contempt citations up," as Judge Hoffman did at the Chicago trial. The contempt sentences should be carried out immediately.

"Any time the authorities sit

back and add things up, they've got something on their minds besides law and order," he said.

Mr. Gregory's speech marks the symbolic end to a year-and-a-half struggle for an open speaker policy on the UT campus. When he was vetoed by Chancellor Weaver in September, 1968, and re-vetoed the next February, the campus began struggling with its first major student-administration controversy.

#### KC Students Attend

That controversy ended in Judge Robert L. Taylor's Second District Federal Court in April, where UT's closed speaker policy was ruled unconstitutional.

The speech last night was attended by many Knoxville College students as well as UT students.

One minor incident occurred just before the speech began. Two white students entered the balcony draped in Confederate flags. They were torn off, after a brief struggle, by four black students, and then the flags

were ripped apart by several other black students.

Mr. Gregory's speech was laced with the wit that made him one of America's top comedians before he undertook his Civil Right struggle several years ago.

#### Blame It on Others

He said he was frequently asked why there were no riots last summer. He doesn't really know, he said, but he always says that Negro leaders "were in Ireland serving as technical advisors."

"You know, it makes no difference who's rioting, the police always react in the same way. They always blame it on outside agitators. In Ireland, it's Billy Graham and the Pope.

"Did you ever stop to think about all the religious struggles going on in the world today? It kind of makes you wonder what great secret the atheists have that makes them act so godlike."

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## Dick Gregory: We Seek 'Rights By Constitution'

Human rights activist Dick Gregory leveled verbal attacks at almost every American institution here Thursday but wound up by saying minority groups "want their rights on the same piece of paper that others have them . . . the U.S. Constitution."

Gregory told the more than 3300 persons at the University of Tennessee



Gregory

Alumni Gymnasium "young people need to organize behind morality," in an effort to change this country.

"On the issue of law and order the 38-year-old comedian said, 'the same racist system which guns down the blacks that mean something to me is the same system which allows politicians

and cops to turn their heads to black pimps and prostitutes.'"

"Authorities are not supposed to sit by and let violations build up for a grand total before acting; that's not law and order." His example of this was "Judge Hoffman in the Chicago 7 trial sending everyone to jail while the jury was out and allowing the contempt of court violations build up until the end of the trial."

He also struck out at the nation's abandonment of "moral thinking" in favor of making money.

"The old fools like the Rockefellers, the Duponts and others think morality is a clean shave, a haircut and a Brooks Brothers suit."

"When they talk about God bless America, they are really talking about the stock market. When they talk about America the beautiful, they are talking about their check books."

"About the administration's foreign policy he said 'If Democracy is as good as we say it is why are we going all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun?'"

"Young people must make Democracy something that others will want, not something to be forced on them."

Switching to busing students to achieve racial balance Gregory said, "you white folks have been busing black kids past white schools for 50 years to segregate students and now you act as though Negroes invented busing last week."

In closing he said young people must work to change the moral structure "without burning down police stations and killing cops."

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A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on April 14, 1970, that DICK GREGORY, from Chicago, Illinois, spoke at the UT Alumni Gym, Knoxville, Tennessee, on April 9, 1970, from approximately 8:10 p.m. until 10:25 p.m. There were approximately 3,500 people in attendance including black and white students and adults.

Prior to his appearance on the stage, AVON ROLLINS, employed Tennessee Valley Authority, Knoxville, Tennessee, appeared on the stage shortly and then departed.

DICK GREGORY stated that the white man had run out of tricks and that electing President NIXON was the last trick. He stated this country is based on money and when the ROCKEFELLERS, KENNEDYS, and DU PONTs stop polluting this country there will be no money left.

He said that white children love "pot" because they were taught that black children could obtain it and get more thrills than the white parents could with alcohol.

He urged every student to go to the library and copy the Declaration of Independence, indicating when we march in Washington, we can say "We hold these truths to be self evident." He stated it is the right of the people to overthrow the Government at which time he was cheered and applauded.

He said a march would be held all over the country, including Knoxville, on April 15, 1970, and indicated the Declaration of Independence should be read at that time.

He said the word "pig" originated from the Bible and this information can be found in the Gospel of Mark. He referred to the police as "pigs" and indicated they are after the Panthers and are protecting dope pushers. He said within 15 minutes after he arrived in Knoxville he could find a place to buy dope and criticized the police department for not being able to find these places and that even a 15 year-old child can buy dope. He said that "pigs"

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

are Fascists and that the police pick up prostitutes for their own "game."

He invited everyone to come to Washington, D. C., on July 4th for a march.

He jokingly indicated he wanted his money therefore he could not be a communist as he loves money too much, but did indicate the communists love money also.

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### BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby George Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, "... we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

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Re Charlotte airtel to Director, 3/4/70.

Enclosed for Chicago is one copy each of memoranda at Charlotte, N. C., dated 2/25/70 and 3/4/70, and one copy each of Charlotte airtels to Director, dated 2/25/70 and 3/4/70, both captioned as above.

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\_\_\_\_\_ whose identity should be protected, made available a tape of the speech of GREGORY made 3/2/70 which he had obtained from N. C. State University authorities.

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If you approve, our Springfield Office will be instructed to record Gregory's speech provided full security can be assured. A copy of attached has been sent to Inter-Division Information Unit.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 23, 1970

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (157-189) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY,  
APPEARANCE SPALDING  
INSTITUTE GYMNASIUM,  
PEORIA, ILLINOIS  
APRIL 4, 1970  
RM

Re Springfield teletypes to the Bureau 4/2/70  
and 4/4/70; and Springfield letter and LHM, 4/21/70.

Reference is also made to Bureau Routing Slip,  
4/14/70, captioned "Black Extremist Tapes" which instructed  
Springfield to submit a copy of the tape together with a  
verbatim transcript suitable for dissemination.

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At the appearance of GREGORY two tape recording  
devices were utilized, one the stereophonic Mini-Phone  
recorder, and the other a cassette type recorder. It  
should be noted DICK GREGORY spoke in a partially filled  
hall varying his voice from extremely low to high pitched  
shouting and screaming with resultant reverberation and echo  
effects. His pronunciation was of poor quality and some  
of his words were clipped and hard while others were slurred,  
making the net result of such poor quality that the  
majority of the recordings are completely unintelligible.  
These tapes have been carefully monitored in the Springfield  
Office under as close to ideal conditions as can be obtained  
and where this individual's address could be understood  
we have been unable to distinguish any reference to threats,  
direct or veiled, to individuals of prominence in the  
government or clear statements which might incite others  
to violence and therefore, be of possible future evidentiary  
value.

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The LHM submitted in referenced communication, 4/21/70,  
contains the salient points of GREGORY's presentation as  
obtained through personal observation by an Agent trained  
in racial matters who was in the audience. UACB due to the  
poor quality of the tapes, no further attempt will be made  
to copy and/or transcribe them but they are being retained  
in the Springfield Office.

- ② - Bureau (RM)  
3 - Springfield (157-189)  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-16906)

DATE: 4/28/70

FROM : SAC, HONOLULU (157-180) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
OO: Chicago

Re Honolulu letter to the Bureau, 3/25/70.

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Enclosed for the Bureau are seven copies of an LHM and two copies of the LHM for the Chicago Office, setting forth summary of speech delivered by GREGORY while he was in Honolulu on 4/17/70.

Agents observing GREGORY on 4/17/70 at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, are SAs [REDACTED] RICHARD J. DOBENS and [REDACTED]

Agent who listened to speech by GREGORY over KGMB-TV on 4/19/70 is SA [REDACTED]

No further investigation remains to be conducted by the Honolulu Office.

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DATE FORW: 5/1/70

BY: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 28, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also Known As Dick Gregory

On April 17, 1970, Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation observed the following:

At 12:30 p.m., April 17, 1970, DICK GREGORY, under the sponsorship of the Associated Students, University of Hawaii (UH), Honolulu, a legitimate student organization, delivered a speech at Andrews Amphitheater, UH.

GREGORY's speech was replete with humor and was well received by more than 5,000 individuals, mostly comprising of students.

GREGORY said he spends approximately 98% of his time on college campuses and his reason for doing this is that the young people today are probably the most highly dedicated college career group of young people that has ever lived in the history of this country. GREGORY said one problem he finds with young people is they still depend upon old Right Wing newspapers to tell them who they are and what they ought to

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Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

buy. GREGORY said the average established newspaper in America is not morally sound enough to discuss matters with young kids. GREGORY added it is embarrassing to him when he has to say to young people that all the problems confronting America today will have to be solved by the young people even though these problems were here before the young people arrived. GREGORY said "thanks to us old fools" these problems will not be here when you leave.

Much of GREGORY's speech was devoted to criticizing Vice President SPIRO AGNEW. In this respect GREGORY said, "You know a lot of people are kinda down on AGNEW but in all honesty, I must admit I kinda dig AGNEW myself. I figure that because I think AGNEW's puttin' everybody on. I don't think it's humanly possible for one man to be born that dumb. You know that if AGNEW was as dumb as he wants us to believe he is, he wouldn't be able to walk and chew gum at the same time. And what I like about AGNEW, you can say anything you want about him but at least you have to admit he is consistent. And I wouldn't be surprised if AGNEW got on television next week and called NIXON a honkie. And even just the thought that AGNEW went to public school is enough to make everyone want to go to private schools."

In speaking about discriminatory conditions in Hawaii, GREGORY said the young people in Hawaii have a special problem. They have a big job. He said, "The Lord give birth to Hawaii. How many Hawaiians can you find here? Which makes you just as guilty as that other freak." ... "You check out the representatives in Congress, three of em yellow, four of em yellow, right? Three of em Japanese, one Chinese, who's representing the folks? The brown people have really got a thing, but you yellow folks got a thing, too. You might be a little bit comfortable over here, but baby that cat don't give no more damn about you than he do about me. And if you don't believe that, you check

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out, you check out what the yellow folks got. Four representatives in Congress and that white man got his arms around you telling you all that -- OBSCENE --, but if you check out the state mental hospital here, it's full of yellow folks. There's something wrong somewhere. Evidently you're not as comfortable as you want people to believe you are."

In speaking about President RICHARD NIXON, GREGORY said, "I guess when you stop and think about it, that NIXON got into the White House on the last trick this country had to offer. He ain't nothin' but an old tricky President. And if you get a good look at him the next time you see him on television, look at him. He don't even look like he believes he's President. And if you look at those last two Supreme Court nominations, he don't think like he believes he's a President."

GREGORY said, "I tell you what happened. White folks in America dirtied up the word black, not us. White folks in America corrupted power, not us. Then one day we come through with two legitimate words 'Black Power' and the white folks go crazy."

In speaking about economic conditions in America, GREGORY said that he was in Detroit, Michigan, during the month of March, 1970 and that he had been in Seattle, Washington, at the Boeing Aircraft Corporation and he had noted that unemployment in the United States had rose 46%. He mentioned that almost all Americans and particularly politicians are concerned only about money. He said when we talk about "God Bless America", what we really mean is "that's the stock market". When we say "America the Beautiful" ... "that's the bank". GREGORY said, "And NIXON fixin' to mess with the money. Where do you ever see In God We Trust? On the church, on the Bible, on the court

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or on the money? And you ain't seen no fools that crazy. Damn NIXON, he's messin' with the jolly green Jesus nowadays. That's all we think about in this country, that money. We said you were a sick insane nation, well, I'm sure you all have read about the buildings that got blown up in New York City. Every newspaper in America has written an editorial about those buildings that was blown up in New York City. Let me ask you something. Are you aware that ten days before the buildings were blown up in New York City, did you read the worldwide news that went out on a little town called Danbury, Connecticut, where a bunch of degenerate men stuck up a bank one day? Did you read that? And they set off ten dynamite blasts all over the town to get the police out. ... Not one newspaper in America has written an editorial about the bombings in Danbury, Connecticut. Only about the bombings in New York City because we are such a sick nation as long as we use some dynamite to try and get you some money, we will understand."

GREGORY said that on one occasion, NIXON appeared on nation-wide television and said that he was going to do everything he could to slow up integration of schools in the South. GREGORY said that before this time, 'Black folks' were so busy they weren't too concerned as to progress of integration of schools in the South. However, when they heard NIXON make this statement, they organized and as a result they promoted integration in more schools in the South within the last two months than what they did in the last 15 years.

GREGORY criticized school teachers in America stating that they were only interested in money. He told the students present that the schools belong to them. He criticized school teachers for not going on strike when President NIXON vetoed the educational bill.

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GREGORY announced that the Chicago conspiracy defendants would appear in Hawaii the following week. He said those present should listen to what these men have to say. He said that young folks should not listen to their parents' conclusion of the Chicago conspiracy trial. He said, "JULIUS HOFFMAN's actions in Chicago made HITLER look like he had a whole lot of class. You listen to these old fools and all they talk about is, well, you've got to have order in the court." In referring to the treatment received by BOBBY SEALE, Chairman of the Black Panther Party (BPP), GREGORY said the other defendants said far more vicious things in the courtroom than what SEALE said but they did not have tape placed over their mouths. He said on one morning when the Judge came into the courtroom, BOBBY SEALE said to the Judge, how much stock do you own in the Brunswick Company. GREGORY said you should check into the Brunswick Company and you will find the Brunswick Company is one of the largest industries for manufacturing of machine guns and dynamite. He said, "It's a cold, dirty America when antiwar demonstrators end up on trial in a courtroom with a judge that manufactures the war materials."

In terminating his speech, GREGORY said, " ... and endowed by the creator with certain inalienable rights and when these rights are destroyed over long periods of time, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government."

A characterization of the BPP is appended hereto.

On April 19, 1970, GREGORY appeared on KGMB-TV between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. along with CECIL HEFTEL, President of KGMB. HEFTEL mentioned this session was intended to be a question and answer session. However, GREGORY did most of the talking and only four or five questions were presented to GREGORY by an audience in the television studio of approximately 20 individuals.



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GREGORY at this time devoted most of his speech to the plight of the Black people and the difficulties the Black people are encountering in becoming first-class citizens. GREGORY criticized present conditions existing in the United States and for the most part discussed discriminatory practices against the Black man as he has personally experienced.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY,  
Also Known As  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by Bobby Seale, BPP Chairman, and Huey P. Newton, BPP Minister of Defense. Newton was sentenced in 1968 to serve 2 to 15 years after being convicted of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, George Mason Murray, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement "...we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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Date: 5/22/70

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC LOUISVILLE (157-1102) (C) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.  
☐ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.Subject: APPEARANCE OF COMEDIAN  
DICK GREGORY AS SPEAKER  
AT KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE, FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY  
MAY 10, 1970☐ CR ☐ EL ☐ VRA-65 ☐ CRA-64  
☐ PA ☐ PE ☐ PF  
☐ BM ☐ BM-Threats ☒ Racial Matters  
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## Summary of Complaint:

Attached hereto are the original and seven copies of an LHM containing a summary of comments made by GREGORY on the occasion of his appearance at the above educational institution on 5/10/70.

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Doctor CARL M. HILL, President, Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, on 5/14/70 advised a verbatim taped recording of GREGORY's remarks had been made by an official of the College. Because of the length of GREGORY's speech, which was two hours, the recording is not being obtained for transcription by the Louisville Office. However, same

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- ☒ No further action being taken and  
☒ LHM enclosed ☐ Copy furnished to USA  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted  
☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
☐ Limited investigation instituted

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will be available for transcription should such be required at a later date.

Copies of the enclosed LHM have been disseminated to 109th MIG, Louisville, Kentucky.

Copy being furnished Chicago as a matter of information regarding DICK GREGORY.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Louisville, Kentucky

May 22, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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APPEARANCE OF COMEDIAN,  
DICK GREGORY AS SPEAKER  
AT KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE,  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY  
MAY 10, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

On May 10, 1970, comedian Dick Gregory appeared as a guest speaker on the campus of Kentucky State College, Frankfort, Kentucky, a predominately Negro institution, after having been extended an invitation earlier to appear by the Performing Arts and Lecture Series Commission at Kentucky State College, F. C. Tillis, Chairman.

Detective [redacted]  
Kentucky State Police, Post Number 12, Frankfort, Kentucky, was assigned by the Intelligence Division, Kentucky State Police Headquarters, Frankfort, to attend the speech which lasted some two hours, was attended by approximately 300 members of the student body and faculty and various members of the Negro community, with only a scattering of white people present. Highlights of the speech which was made in Radford Hall on the campus beginning at 1:30 PM on May 10, 1970, were as follows, according to [redacted]

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Using colorful often profane phrases, Gregory attacked a broad spectrum of American society ranging from President Richard M. Nixon and Vice-President Spiro T. Agnew to Wall Street and the Peace Program. His sarcastic address drew immediate laughter and was interrupted by frequent applause.

Gregory insisted that black people should not hate the white people, but "hate this white racist system."

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DICK GREGORY AS SPEAKER  
AT KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE,  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Gregory described Nixon's election to the presidency as "the last trick the country had to offer." He alleged that Nixon's conservatism was just a way to make the racists respectable. He accused the President of being stupid and at one point referred to him as a tramp. He had sharp words for Vice-President Agnew and while criticizing Agnew as "dumb", he stated that the "only time Agnew frightens me is when Nixon is out of the country."

Gregory viewed the killing of white students at Kent State University in Ohio with mixed emotions. He pointed out that when three Negro students "got shot in the back" in a Southern college, "nobody got upset." He added that Nixon quickly cited that the throwing of dynamite be made a capital offense after several buildings were bombed in New York City. He contrasted this to the failure of the President to take any action when a Negro church was dynamited.

Gregory defended black power and drew loud applause when with a clenched fist he told the audience "that means morality." He described white reaction to the phrase as "them freaks went crazy."

With reference to the busing issue, Gregory exclaimed "you white folks have been busing Niggers past white schools for 50 years."

Gregory noted that Negro morality is continually subjected to a tax and lashed out at the morals of America's system which he described as "shimmy and degenerate." Gregory added that when the phrase God bless America is spoken, what is referred to is the stock market. He said some of the best dressed people who run Wall Street are "the slimiest degenerates."

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APPEARANCE OF COMEDIAN,  
DICK GREGORY AS SPEAKER  
AT KENTUCKY STATE COLLEGE,  
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

With reference to the recent peace rally in Washington, D.C. on the day before, Gregory stated that the reason there were so few blacks at this rally was that none wanted to participate in the movement when one of the foremost spokesman, Senator William Fulbright, "the racist pig from Arkansas," opposed every major civil rights legislation.

Gregory strongly opposed the war in Vietnam and stated that while he had heard pleas for non-violence at home, he could not understand how the leaders of Government could justify the bombing and napalming of children and women in Vietnam.

Gregory also criticized the fairness of the draft system and asked "how come these duPont kids don't get killed."

Gregory compared the Black Panthers to the American Indians and the genocide practices employed both against the American Indians and the Panthers.

Gregory added that Negroes viewed the trial of the Chicago 7 with mixed emotions and commented "we love to see all you white folks done in." With reference to Federal Judge Julius Hoffman, Gregory stated that Hoffman "would make Hitler look like he had a lot of class." He asked what kind of system it is which would allow defendants to violate order in the courtroom and then in the end slap them with long prison terms. Gregory contended that the first time anyone misbehaved in the courtroom, they should have been jailed for ten days and the punishment should be doubled if they repeat it.

Gregory also stated that nothing was done about the drug problem in this country until the use of drugs was expanded from the black ghettos to the suburbs.



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DICK GREGORY AS SPEAKER  
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FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY

Gregory denied ever calling any policeman a pig but stated that he saw nothing wrong with this connotation. He said the reference was first made in the Bible and urged his listeners to look it up.

Gregory discussed other matters including Supreme Court nominees, the white exodus to the suburbs, looting during riots, civil rights leaders and boycotts.

He stated that the two men which President Nixon unsuccessfully nominated to the Supreme Court (G. Harrold Carswell and Clement Haynsworth) were "the slimiest degenerates possible."

He committed that the racism has propelled the white people to move to the suburbs turning over the cities to the black people.

He compared Martin Luther King, Rap Brown and Stokely Carmichael to George Washington and Patrick Henry as being liberators for human rights.

On May 11, 1970, Chief of Police Douglas True of the Frankfort City Police Department and Detective [ ] of the Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky, advised that there had been no disturbances as a result of the above speech delivered by Gregory at Kentucky State College and Gregory had left the college campus on Sunday afternoon, May 10, 1970, to deliver a speech to a Mormon gathering somewhere in the State of Utah.

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Date: MAY 28, 1970

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, BALTIMORE (157-2722) - C -  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

Re airtel from Director to Baltimore, dated 4/15/70 and Baltimore teletype to Director, dated 4/8/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM), captioned "Appearance of Nationally Known Comedian, DICK GREGORY at Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, April 9, 1970," and dated as above.

Local dissemination is as follows:

One copy each to:

OSI, NISO, Secret Service and USA, Baltimore, and four copies to 109th MI GP, Baltimore.

BA T-1 is

Baltimore, Maryland. requested his name be held confidential.

The LHM is being classified "Confidential-Group I" since disclosure of information contained therein could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential source of continuing value to the FBI and therefore compromise his future effectiveness.

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On 4/20/70, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of Morgan State College, Baltimore, Maryland, were contacted to determine if they had knowledge of anyone that had taped GREGORY's speech, and both advised they would attempt to obtain such information and the tapes, if possible. (U)

On 5/12/70, both [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised they were unable to locate anyone that had taped GREGORY's speech. (U)

[REDACTED] Baltimore, Maryland, advised the BPD did not tape GREGORY's speech.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Baltimore, Maryland  
May 28, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RE: APPEARANCE OF NATIONALLY KNOWN COMEDIAN  
DICK GREGORY AT MORGAN STATE COLLEGE,  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,  
APRIL 9, 1970

On May 21, 1970 BA T-1, a confidential source of this Bureau, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised The Book Of The Month Club of Morgan State College (MSC), a predominantly Negro college in Baltimore, Maryland sponsored the appearance of nationally known comedian DICK GREGORY on the MSC campus at 1:00 P.M. on April 9, 1970. Approximately 2,500 persons, primarily MSC students, attended. ~~(S)~~ (U)

BA T-1 stated that GREGORY spoke for approximately two hours, primarily about America being a sick society. ~~(S)~~ (U)

BA T-1 provided the following as a portion of the statements made by GREGORY: ~~(S)~~ (U)

GREGORY said, "For the past two years I have spent most of my time on college campuses talking with you because it's you kids who will have to straighten out this sick degenerate society. It's a sick society that has as a Vice-President a cat as dumb as AGNEW. He is so dumb that he cannot walk and chew gum at the same time. He is so dumb that he is the only cat that went on a panty raid in college and came back with a jockey strap. It's a sick society and you are the ones to straighten it out, but it's too bad that the old fools have used up all the tricks. It's a sick society where the news media prints an article about the bombing of three buildings in New York and names the culprits as the Left. They have named the culprits before the police and authorities have investigated. It was night time, no one was hurt, three buildings damaged and every paper carried the story. Now on the other hand, three hoodlums damn near destroy a whole town in Connecticut robbing a bank; they

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RE: APPEARANCE OF NATIONALLY KNOWN COMEDIAN  
DICK GREGORY AT MORGAN STATE COLLEGE,  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND,  
APRIL 9, 1970

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could have killed hundreds of people in a shopping center, but you heard very little about that. It's a sick society. If you break in a house, hit a little old lady beside the head with a brick and take a nickle and get caught, you are really in trouble, but if you break in the same house, hit the same old lady with the same brick and take a million dollars, they would probably say she had no business keeping that kind of money in the house. This is a sick society and the old fools have used up all the tricks. All you need in this country to get out of big trouble is the big buck, a lawyer and plead insanity. Now, don't you go writing a bad check for \$20.00; you are going to jail. You can plead insanity, run up and down the street naked a- chewing razor blades, but you are going to jail for that bad check. You have a big job straightening out this sick society. Now, when the riot season comes again, that's right, they have given us July and August, when the season comes again, I want you to copy, you can do that without reading, copy the Declaration of Independence and sit the old fools in front of the TV and let them watch those niggers looting and tearing up the town; then as loud as you can, read the Declaration of Independence to them, and may be, they, for the first time, will understand what's going on. It's a sick society and you have got a big job straightening it out." U

BA T-1 said there were no incidents either during or after GREGORY's appearance. X (U)

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: JUL 7 1970

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FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES  
AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING  
SLIP (S) BY MLK  
DATE 12/21/79

Re Chicago airtel and letterhead memorandum (LHM)  
to the Bureau dated 12/30/69 and Bureau airtel to Baltimore  
dated 4/15/70 *sw 542*

Enclosed for the Bureau are twelve (12) copies  
of an LHM captioned and dated as above. One (1) copy each  
has been furnished to the Office of Special Investigations  
(OSI), United States Naval Investigative Service Office  
(NISO), United States Secret Service, United States Attorney,  
all Chicago, Illinois, and to Region I, 113th Military  
Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois.

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The confidential sources utilized in the enclosed  
LHM are (CG T-1) [redacted] (PROB) and (CG T-2) [redacted]  
(PROB). *Wu*

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to protect the identities of sources, who are of continuing  
value.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY is an Agitator Index (AI)  
subject and his activities are being constantly followed  
and will be reported promptly.

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(1 - 157-5405) [redacted] *su*

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Chicago, Illinois

JUL 7 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

All sources utilized in this memorandum have  
furnished reliable information in the past. u

On June 23, 1970, CG T-1 advised that on the  
night of June 22, 1970, Richard Claxton Gregory appeared  
at a benefit for the Afro-American Patrolmen's League  
(AAPL), entitled "Dick Gregory in Concert". ~~u~~ u

Dick Gregory by profession is a nightclub enter-  
tainer (comedian), who in the past has concerned himself  
with civil rights and social issues, but prefers to be known  
as "a commentator on affairs - social and political". u

CG T-1 advised that George O'Hare, member Board  
of Directors, Catholic Interracial Council, Chicago, served  
as the moderator for the program, which consisted of two  
phases: ILL u

1. A panel discussion
2. Entertainment

ILL CG T-1 advised that the panel was made up of  
Father George Clements, a Roman Catholic priest; John Evans,  
newscaster National Broadcasting Company (NBC), Chicago; ILL u

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

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and Renault ~~Robinson~~, suspended Chicago policeman and  
President of the AAPL. u  
AERO-AMERICAN PATROLMEN'S LEAGUE

Robinson stated the philosophy of AAPL, which is set forth in the form of a resolution attached hereto, after which he and Father Clements answered questions, submitted by the audience, as read by Evans. u

In response to a question Father Clements explained that his interest in the AAPL stemmed from the fact that policemen in most communities serve the people and give the people a sense of security, but this was not the case in the black ghettos of Chicago and the AAPL was the only hope the people of these ghettos have. u

The Chicago Police Department had special, negative methods of dealing with ghetto dwellers and it was nonsensical to think that the power structure would consider applying uniform police service to all communities. The AAPL, in its brief existence, had demonstrated that the police could serve those who need the police most, the ghetto dwellers. u

Following the panel, Gregory entertained by telling jokes related to current events, especially statements attributed to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and his humor was well received. u

Gregory entertained for approximately 50 minutes, after which he praised Robinson and the AAPL, the Black Panthers (BPP) and the overall youth movement. u

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) is attached. u

CG T-1 advised that admissions of \$5.00 and \$10.00 were charged, \$5.00 for balcony seats and \$10.00 for the main floor. Approximately 200 persons were seated in the balcony and 300 on the main floor. Approximately 60% of the audience was Caucasian and in the over 35 age group. u

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
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CG T-1 advised that a group discussion session followed Gregory's performance and Gregory related that during the period September 19, 1969, and June 20, 1970, he spoke at 320 colleges in every state but Mississippi, at a fee of \$1,000 to \$1,500 per appearance and had an air transportation bill of \$35,000.00. ~~(U)~~ (U)

In addition to the above economic activity, June 29, 1970, Newsweek, a weekly nationally distributed publication, reports Gregory has returned to night clubs "to pay the rent now that school is out".

On March 20, 1970, CG T-2 advised that Gregory's booking agency was American Program Bureau, 59 Temple Place, Boston, Massachusetts. ~~(U)~~ (U)

The following is personal data concerning Dick Gregory:

Residence	1451 East 55th Street Chicago, Illinois
Employment	Comedian, author, lecturer and owner Dick Gregory Products, New York, New York
Marital status	Gregory is married and the father of eight children
Arrest record	Gregory has a record of numerous arrests relating to protest activity and during the summer of 1968 he served 45 days in jail at Olympia, Washington, the result of a conviction for demonstrating in support of fishing rights of the Nisqually Indians. During the summer of 1969 he served 25 days in jail at Chicago, Illinois, the result of a conviction for demonstrating

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;  
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in protest of de facto segregation  
in the public school system.

On June 23, 1970, CG T-1 verified Gregory's residence and advised Dick Gregory Products deals in cosmetics for blacks and has been in existence for several years, but was really starting to prosper as Gregory was devoting some of his energies to the promotion. He further advised that 5% of gross income is being donated to the United Negro College Fund at the behest of Gregory. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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WHEREAS, the entire black population has a serious interest in improving the quality of life in the black community and

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WHEREAS, the historical role between black police officers and the black community has not been a constructive one and

WHEREAS, the time of social and economic crisis in which we live requires that the black community marshal all of its forces in a positive way, and

WHEREAS the black police officers of the AFRO AMERICAN PATROLMEN'S LEAGUE have undertaken the task of improving their performance as police officers to the end that they may exercise their authority with compassion and understanding in order to be of positive benefit to the black community and

WHEREAS the black community is appreciative of this new orientation on the part of black police officers and

WHEREAS black policemen and the black community need to be supportive of each other in order to achieve the desired improvement in the quality of life in black neighborhoods

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the AFRO AMERICAN PATROLMEN'S LEAGUE pledge itself to the support of all community efforts devoted to establishing respect for black manhood black womanhood and black pride within the law.
2. That the black community will accept and support the efforts of the AFRO AMERICAN PATROLMEN'S LEAGUE to reverse the distrust and hostility towards black police officers.
3. That the black community and the AFRO AMERICAN PATROLMEN'S LEAGUE dedicate themselves to the proposition that law enforcement may be practiced by black police officers with compassion understanding and efficiency.
4. That the goal of law enforcement officers will become the employment of courtesy and compassion, rather than the mere absence of brutality.
5. That the black community and the black police officers will respect the sanctity of human life whether clothed in a police uniform a prison uniform or civilian dress.
6. That the black community and the black police officers will be mutually supportive of efforts to bring about a new community where unity of purpose and recognition of the nobility of the black heritage will be a deterrent to crime; where moral authority imposed from within will govern human relationships rather than technical legalism; and where those of us who are black will be able to live lives of beautiful fulfillment.

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APPENDIX

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

According to its official newspaper, the Black Panther Party (BPP) was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY GEORGE SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, BPP Minister of Defense. NEWTON is presently serving a sentence of 2 to 15 years on a conviction of manslaughter in connection with the killing of an Oakland police officer.

The official newspaper, "The Black Panther," which further describes itself as the "Black Community News Service," states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to in the publication as "pigs" who should be killed.

"The Black Panther" issue of September 7, 1968, contains an editorial by BPP Minister of Education, GEORGE MASON MURRAY, which ends with the following:

"Black men. Black people; colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is a revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black Power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

Included in the introduction to an article appearing in the October 5, 1968, edition of "The Black Panther" is the statement, ".....we will not dissent from American Government. We will overthrow it."

Issues of "The Black Panther" regularly contain quotations from the writings of Chairman MAO Tse-tung of the People's Republic of China and feature MAO's statement that "political power grows out of the barrel of a gun."

The national headquarters of the BPP is located at 3106 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley, California. Branches have been established at various locations throughout the United States.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 7/28/70

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. No local dissemination being made as the activities being reported do not involve other agencies within this Division, and could possibly serve to pinpoint this source.

Source is [redacted] Source has been assigned [redacted]

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Subject is an Agitator Index (AI) subject and his activities are being constantly followed and will be reported promptly.

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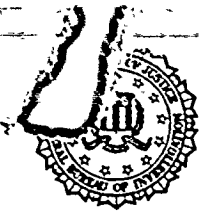
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Chicago, Illinois  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

On June 29, 1970, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Black comedian and civil rights activist, Dick Gregory, planned to attend a "world-wide conference on Black Unity" in Zambia, during August, 1970. Source has been advised that the conference will include Blacks from Africa, South America, and the United States of America and will stress a union of dark peoples of the world. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Source further advised that, according to Gregory, Gregory was invited by Bob Hope to participate in the "Honor America Day" at Washington, D. C., on July 4, 1970, but Gregory wrote a letter to Hope stating he did not feel free to participate in view of the continued enslavement of Black persons throughout the United States. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (P\*)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
OO:TP

DATE: 8/12/70

*See 547*  
Re Tampa letter to Bureau 4/29/70.

The July 29, 1970, edition of "The Oracle", University of South Florida newspaper contained an article captioned "Series Signs Gregory, Devlin, and Fulbright."

The article indicates that DICK GREGORY will be one of several individuals to participate in the 1970-1971 Lecture Series at the University of South Florida. He is scheduled for April 13, 1971.

The Tampa Office will afford appropriate coverage when necessary.

## ADMINISTRATIVE:

This matter is being placed in a pending inactive status, to be re-opened March 15, 1971 for appropriate handling.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, HONOLULU (157-180) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Honolulu letter to the Bureau dated 4/28/70.

[redacted] Honolulu International Center (HIC) advised that subject is scheduled to appear at the HIC for a one-night performance at 7 p.m., on 8/30/70, only.

On instant date, [redacted] advised that as of this date, GREGORY is scheduled to arrive Honolulu on 8/28/70, and depart on or before 9/1/70, as he had other engagements on the mainland after that date. (U)

[redacted] further advised that GREGORY would stay on Kona, Island of Hawaii, during this brief visit and has not scheduled any speaking engagements in Honolulu. (U)

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To: SACs, Chicago (157-347)  
New York

From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM - BN

*See*

[Redacted] has advised that subject and [Redacted]  
[Redacted] New York, New York, have made joint application for a  
visa to visit Australia for a duration of a few weeks beginning  
8/28/70. [Redacted] speculated they will attend a Vietnam Moratorium  
meeting scheduled to be held in Australia 9/18-20/70. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Chicago and New York should remain alert for informa-  
tion concerning purpose of this visit, as well as their activi-  
ties while there. Submit any pertinent information developed  
in form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

Above information furnished SA Theron D. Rushing  
on 8/21/70 by [Redacted]

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To: SACs, Chicago (157-347)  
New York  
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From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM - BN

ReBuairtel dated 8/24/70, to Chicago and New York.

[redacted] has advised that subject and [redacted]  
[redacted] New York, New York, have made joint application for a  
visa to visit Australia. They indicated in their travel plans  
they would leave Honolulu, Hawaii, 8/28/70 and travel to London;  
Rome; Lusaka, Zambia; and Nairobi, Kenya, arriving at Perth,  
Australia, 9/13/70 en route to Sydney. The duration of their  
stay in Australia will be two weeks. (U)

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Recipients should be alert for information concerning  
the purpose of their travel, as well as their activities while  
abroad. Submit any pertinent information developed in form  
suitable for dissemination. (U)

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NOTE:

We were previously advised by [redacted] of subject's  
contemplated travel to Australia. Details of travel were  
furnished SA Theron D. Rushing on 8/24/70 by [redacted]

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Date: 9/3/70

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (P)

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
GUILFORD COLLEGE, GREENSBORO, N. C.,  
10/8/70  
RM

(OO: CHICAGO)

On 9/1/70, Lt. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that he had learned DICK GREGORY was going to appear at Guilford College, 10/8/70 as part of the Fine Arts Program sponsored by the Student Union of the college. Charlotte will alert appropriate authorities and arrange coverage of GREGORY's appearance and furnish pertinent information developed, inclusive of transcript of remarks if tape recordings available, in form suitable for dissemination.

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2-Charlotte  
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September 14, 1970

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Honorable Jerome R. Waldie  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

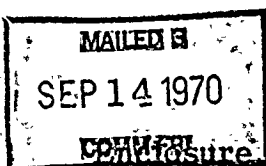
I have received your letter of September 10th  
enclosing a copy of a communication from [redacted]  
[redacted] California.

[redacted] sent me a copy of his letter  
to you, to which I responded on September 11th. I am  
enclosing a copy of my letter to him for your information.

With respect to the basis for your constituent's  
comments, Dick Gregory is a liar. As explained in my letter  
to [redacted], the FBI has no jurisdiction over narcotics  
violations and Gregory knows this; however, he persists in  
using this lie in statements he has made.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



NOTE: Bufiles disclose prior limited correspondence with Congressman  
Waldie (D-California) concerning constituent matters. No record of  
[redacted] identifiable except in connection with the copy of his letter  
to the Congressman mentioned above which was received 9-8-70 and  
answered 9-10-70.

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JEROME R. WALDIE  
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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. Sullivan	✓
Mr. Mohr	✓
Mr. Bishop	✓
Mr. Brennan, C.D.	✓
Mr. Callahan	
Mr. Casper	
Mr. Conrad	
Mr. Felt	
Mr. Gale	
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Miss Gandy	

VICE  
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September 10, 1970

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Dick Gregory*

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received  
from [redacted]  
California, concerning the ease with which nine year  
olds can locate drug peddlers.

May I have your comments on [redacted]  
letter?

Sincerely yours,

*Jerome R. Waldie*  
JEROME R. WALDIE  
United States Congressman  
Fourteenth District

EX 106

JRW:mrr

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*Call him Gregory is  
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jurisdiction over narcotics  
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keeps on using the lie.*

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September 3, 1970

The Honorable Jerome Waldie  
Room 408  
Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C.  
20515

My dear Mr. Waldie:

A question has plagued me since seeing Mr. Dick Gregory on the David Frost Show, i.e., how can nine year olds find drug peddlers, dope pushers, etc., when the FBI or police can't? Either we have underestimated our youth or overestimated the FBI.

I am sure the above is simplification of the problems involved; nevertheless, it is still very puzzling. Another fact bothers me, i.e., why have I only been able to get information on left wing militant organizations being raided when I have read reports on right wing militant organizations and have never heard of any raids?

Any light you can shed on the above subject would be appreciated.

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cc: Hon. Richard Nixon  
Hon. Spiro Agnew  
Hon. Alan Cranston  
Hon. J. Edgar Hoover

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# Drug Foes Stage Protests

By Aaron Latham  
 and B. D. Colen

Washington Post Staff Writers

Marion Barry violated District laws three times yesterday by leading about 80 demonstrators to the doorsteps of three foreign embassies, then capped the day with a meeting with State Department officials.

The demonstrations and the meeting had a common goal: Bringing to an end the flow of illegal narcotics into the United States.

Barry and the demonstrators, some of whom are employees of Pride, Inc., the community-self-help organization that he heads, broke a District of Columbia law that bans demonstrations within 500 feet of an embassy.

The demonstrators were threatened with arrest when they massed in front of the embassies of France, Turkey and Italy. They disbanded each time police told them to do so, but not before Barry told the police that "everybody has a right to picket where he wants, so long as he is orderly."

The demonstrators blame Turkey for allowing opium-producing poppies to be grown; France for allowing opium to be processed into heroin within its borders, and Italy for allowing the Mafia to direct international drug traffic.

The State Department was picked as a target because the demonstrators feel that the government is not doing enough to stop the flow of illegal drugs, and is maintaining

friendly relations with the countries producing the narcotics that come to this country.

Julius Hobson, the Rev. David Eaton, the Rev. Walter Fauntroy, Reginald Booker, chairman of the Emergency Committee on the Transportation Crisis and Barry spoke at the evening State Department rally.

Hobson, a former school board member, complained that "the FBI can come into my office and find my typewriter ribbon that I've hidden, but they can't find shiploads of drugs."

The group met with Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs William Blair, special assistant to the Assistant Secretary, Edward Blakely, and Harvey Weinman, special assistant to the Secretary of State for narcotics.

After emerging from the State Department after the meeting, Barry said the session accomplished nothing.

Earlier in the day, in front of the Turkish Embassy, the demonstration was forced to take a comic detour.

When the demonstrators were told by police to move on, they asked if they could demonstrate against Turkey in front of the nearby South Vietnamese Embassy. They were told that they could.

So the line of demonstrators filed over to the surprised Vietnamese diplomatic headquarters at 2251 R St. NW, across Sheridan Circle from the Turks, and took up their chant of, "One, two, three, four, Turkish drugs must go."

Last Nov. 14 police and peace demonstrators clashed when marchers wanted to protest in front of the South Vietnamese Embassy. But yesterday's demonstration in front of that embassy saw police blessing

*DICK GREGORY*  
*Hobson is just like Gregory. They both know the FBI has no jurisdiction as to narcotics!*

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One protester said it was like "Catch-22": "You can only demonstrate in front of the South Vietnamese Embassy if you are protesting against Turkey."

The protesters began their demonstrations in front of the French Embassy, at 2535 Belmont Rd. NW, at about 12:30 p.m.

Only a handful of police were originally on the scene. But when Barry and the others defied the 500-foot limit, the police massed in force.

A large contingent of civil disturbance unit members under the direction of Deputy Chief Owen Davis arrived, along with a long column of police cars and a stream of motor scooter officers.

Police brought along a bus for transporting prisoners and said they planned to begin making arrests. But as they moved in the demonstrators filed onto their own six buses. The protesters, who had been at the French Embassy for more than an hour, headed for the Turkish Embassy.

In front of the embassy, a policeman tore up a demonstrator's sign that read, "Bust pushers and distributors by

any means necessary." After consulting with police, the demonstrators moved to the South Vietnamese Embassy.

An hour later, the antidrug protesters transferred their demonstration to the Italian Embassy, at 1601 Fuller St. NW, where they were again threatened with arrest and again dispersed.

The antidrug demonstration was planned as a part of a week of activities marking Pride's third anniversary.



by Gerald Martineau—The Washington Post

Antidrug demonstrators loiter outside the State Department as leaders conferred with U.S. officials in the building.



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# Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dick Gregory, and William Kunstler featured in fall speaking series at Regina Campus

The Students' Union of the University of Saskatchewan's speaking series this fall will feature three speakers who will appear on alternate dates: Dr. Benjamin Spock, Dick Gregory and William Kunstler.

Dr. Spock will speak in Regina October 27, Dick Gregory on February 23 and William Kunstler on March 22.

All speakers will appear in the evening and will spend a day on campus meeting with small groups of students.

At press time topics had been finalized for two speakers. Dr. Spock will speak on "Dissent in Our Society" and Dick Gregory will speak on "Civil Rights."

Dr. Spock, the famous baby doctor, who wrote "Baby and Child Care" has a long history of work in the fields of pediatrics and child psychology and

has written several books and articles that deal with his profession.

The book Baby and Child Care has sold 22,000,000 copies and is an indication of the number of children raised according to Dr. Spock's method.

It would appear at first glance that Mr. Spock should be well qualified to speak about dissent in our society when presumably a large number of Spock-reared children are dissenters themselves.

In 1962 Dr. Spock joined the National Committee for a Sane Nuclear Policy and was co-chairman until 1967 when he became co-chairman of the National Conference for New Politics.

In January of 1968, Dr. Spock along with four other men was convicted of conspiring to counsel young men to avoid the draft. In a subsequent trial Dr. Spock and the others were found guilty. The case was reversed on appeal. And Dr. Spock is currently speaking nationwide on behalf of the Civil Liberties Legal Defence Fund, Inc., an organization which raises funds to provide for the legal defence of conscientious resisters throughout the country.

Dr. Spock has voiced his opposition to the Vietnam war and made public appearances where he has criticized the Nixon administration and appealed to youth to use legal polite means to put their case and stated that in the event that no action is forthcoming "then an increase in dissent and militant action is certainly justified."

He said that "every aspect social in the United States — ranging from the rights of blacks to improved education and medical care — justifies such an increase."

Finally Dr. Spock says he disbelieves in violence because "in the great majority of cases it works to the advantage of those against whom it is being used."

Long-time civil rights activist and leading entertainer Dick Gregory is well equipped to speak on the question of civil rights.

Gregory was one of the first big name black entertainers to get active in the civil rights movement in the sixties, risking his career as he did so.

Since that time, many early civil rights headlines have backed away from the struggle of black people as it has intensified, becoming necessarily more militant, and as the repressive acts of the authorities have become more violent. Gregory has hung tough.

A very witty man, Gregory uses humor as a weapon in the fight for human dignity. His sardonic humor often cuts through the confusion surrounding a question and lays bare the real situation.

Kunstler, chief defence lawyer for the Chicago 7 conspiracy trial, makes the claim that he has been radicalized through the process of the trial. He has spoken to many audiences in the U.S. and usually he enters giving the symbolic 'clenched fist salute'.

He addresses the audience with a description of the Chicago trial and events surrounding it. He says that the government will not yield to conventional protest. Maybe, he says, "It's time to turn to another type of protest."

He says that we must build up a resistance to the shocking events of the repressive acts of the U.S. state apparatus.

In his address to the public Kunstler describes the U.S. as having a prevailing attitude that compares to the attitude of German people prior to WWII.

He said that we have given our tacit approval to the repressive acts which the government allows.

He said the only difference between America today and pre-war Germany is that "We still have the will to resist. We still have the power to resist."

Kunstler says that we are at a unique period in history, "young people have had a taste of power which has been real and significant and it must not be allowed to dissipate. He voiced his concern that stu-

dents remain together in their thoughts and actions so that this power is not lost."

When William Kunstler addressed a meeting in Toronto the far-right Edmund Burke society showed up to harass him, at this time Kunstler broke off from his prepared speech and decided to speak to the events in the hall.

It should make for an interesting evening in Regina especially with the recent actions of the responsible citizens committee and the uneasy atmosphere of the Chamber of Commerce and business community with their paranoia about youth revolt in Regina.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

An article appearing in the September 8, 1970, edition of the "South China Morning Post", English-language daily newspaper published in Hong Kong, reported that American entertainer Dick Gregory had been denied entry into Australia because his application was not bonafide and was "spurious in intent", in the view of Australian Immigration Minister, Mr. Philip Lynch. ~~(S)~~ (U)

According to the article, Gregory had indicated the purpose of his visit to Australia was for "sightseeing". Immigration Minister Lynch, in denying an entry visa to Gregory, expressed the opinion that it was not in the Australian national interest to grant entry to persons seeking to participate in a "one-sided and distorted anti-war campaign inimical to Australian troops in Vietnam". ~~(S)~~ (U)

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Controversy mounts over Gregory case

# VISA BAN ON US CLERIC

## Labor moves urgency motion in Senate

The Australian Government has refused an entry visa to an American Baptist minister who was to have accompanied Mr Dick Gregory to Australia.

He is Mr James

Robert McGraw, president of the Columbia Baptist Church in New York.

### PROTEST

A spokesman for the Department of Immigration said Mr McGraw had been refused a visa "for the same reason as applied to Mr Gregory."

The Minister for Immigration, Mr Lynch, said on Wednesday that Mr Gregory had intended to come to Australia to take part in the "one-sided, distorted" Vietnam Moratorium, which was inimical to the objects for which Australian troops were fighting.

The disclosure that Mr McGraw had been refused a visa came in a day of increasing controversy over the Gregory case during which:

Labor moved an urgency motion in the Senate and accused the Government of abusing its powers to deny freedom of speech in Australia.

Mr Lynch told the House of Representatives the Vietnam Moratorium Campaign was a distorted and one-eyed campaign with little relation to the truth.

The Minister for External Affairs, Mr McMahon, said supporters of the Moratorium in the House were favouring a regime which had committed ruthless murders.

The Premier, Mr Askin, said he would protest to the Prime Minister, Mr Gorton, against Labor MP Dr J. F. Cairns' invitation of North Vietnamese representatives to Australia for Moratorium demonstrations.

During the Senate debate, the Leader of the Opposition, Senator L. K. Murphy, accused Government senators of racism.

Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin replied: "The Leader of the Opposition tried to tell the people of Australia that the reason we had refused this man (Mr Gregory) was because he was coloured."

"But Mr McGraw is a white man." The motion was defeated. The NSW Moratorium

Five Senators and a barrister have published a letter to the Editor of the "Herald" against the Government's refusal of a visa to Dick Gregory. They say they support Government policy in Vietnam, but can see no reason to exclude Mr Gregory.

The writers, who have not signed in their official capacity, are Professor David Armstrong, Mr Harry Eddy, Mr Elwyn Lynn and Mr David Stove (Sydney University). Professor Owen Harries (University of NSW), Mr Kenneth Gee (barrister) and Mr Richard Argyier (publisher of the magazine Quadrant and secretary of the Australian Association for Cultural Freedom). Letters: Page 2.

convenor, Mr K. McLeod, said in Sydney, Mr Lynch's phrase "one-eyed" was more applicable to the Government.

LONDON, Thursday. — Mr Gregory today accused the US Government of bringing pressure to bear on the Australian Government to refuse him a visa.

Speaking at his London hotel, he said he had formed this opinion after visiting Australia House yesterday.

"I went there to find out why I had been refused a visa and they showed me a cable from Australia which said the refusal had been because of my anti-Vietnam views," he said.

"And if Australia will be dictated to from a country that is supposed to be the home of freedom then I'd like to know who is the comedian — the Australian Government or me."

Mr Gregory said a visa agency in the US had arranged visas for himself and Mr McGraw, a close friend.

"There was no fallacy on the visas; the agency had marked the purpose of our visit 'for sightseeing purposes' and all the visas as a formality," Mr Gregory said.

PAGE 8: Senate debate, PAGE 11: Protest by Askin.

Mr Gregory leaves Australia House in London on Wednesday after discussing the visa refusal.

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# Danger, funnyman at work

ISOBEL WOOD ON THE DICK GREGORY CASE

IT HAS been some time since the Commonwealth Government showed up in its people-banning mood.

Books, yes; films, yes — but the last intending visitor to have the boom lowered against him was Dr Ernest Mandel, way back in May. Dr Mandel, a Belgian scholar and Marxist, was to have attended a socialist scholars' conference in Sydney. The Australian embassy in Brussels refused him a visa.

A long history of bans and obstructions to would-be visitors holding liberal views preceded the snub to Dr Mandel. (For quite other reasons there was some doubt as to whether Mick Jagger would get in under the wire to make the film Ned Kelly.)

The inexplicable admission to Australia of Andrew Pulley, the young anti-Vietnam war Negro soldier brought here on a speaking tour by Resistance, a youth organisation, may have been simply a case of ministerial absent mindedness.

The trouble with Dick Gregory, from the Government's point of view, is that he is a big attraction, a tremendous crowd-pleaser in his days as an entertainer and equally so since he gave up his career and went over entirely to Negro civil rights.

In other words, he sways crowds. A black crowd-swayer at the Vietnam Moratorium would be low on the Government's list of desirable visitors.

Gregory was originally invited to Australia by the Reverend Ted Noffs of Sydney's Wayside Chapel. Having been told so often on his last visit to the U.S. that Australia was racist, Mr Noffs hoped that when Gregory got here and received a warm, friendly reception he would spread the word that although the country was white, it was also great. So much for that intention.

Richard Claxton Gregory is 38. He was born in St Louis and grew up in a home so poor he went to it "only when all other places were closed." He climbed up out of slum poverty via athletics, though his original idea in getting on the high school track team was a desire to use the shower, which was missing at home. His best distance was the mile.

His first engagement as an entertainer was at the Esquire Show Lounge in Chicago for \$30 a three 12-hour nights work. On the strength of a few weeks there he borrowed some money and re-opened what had once been a working-class night club. The only performers he paid the first week were the boys in the band.

"It's impossible to be in the nightclub business six months and not make a penny," he wrote in his autobiography, Nigger. "Absolutely impossible. I'll never believe it happened to me."

His success as a night club entertainer began in 1961 when he stood in for a sick comic at the Playboy Club in Chicago and opened up with "Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I understand there are a good many southerners in the room tonight. I know the South very well. I spent 20 years there one night..."

With money and fame assured Gregory began doing benefit shows for Negro civil rights, which led him into speaking for the cause.

Doing as well as talking, he went to Greenwood, Mississippi, for a Negro voter registration drive: "I was scared

to death. Making speeches, giving money, even going down South for a night or two with food — that was one thing. But getting out on those streets and marching against those bullets and dogs and hoses and cattle prods..."

In 1968 he led a march of 5000 demonstrators at the Democratic convention in Chicago. They were intercepted by troops of the Illinois National Guard and forced away by a barrage of tear-gas. Gregory was arrested with several of the 25 Democratic Party delegates who had joined the march.

The deprivations of American Indians, inept and hypocritical handling of the narcotics problem, the integration of schools, the high ratio of Negroes in the armed forces — all were subjects for his protest.

While the inheritors of Martin Luther King's programme are unable to break completely out of their formula of respectability, and the exponents of black power veer wildly towards civil war, Gregory manages to remain a stubbornly middle-of-the-road man. So all areas of the movement need him. He is the dynamic presence who comes on with comic bitterness and sarcasm between the gospel-singers and the Panthers.

Gregory went to gaol for the first time in Birmingham, Alabama, when he joined a Martin Luther King demonstration and was picked up with 800 other King supporters. And received his first bad beating: "End to end, up and down, they didn't miss a spot," he wrote.

Civil rights was, by 1963, taking up almost as much of his time as nightclub performances and comedy routine recording. But his comic stock was high enough so that he could always get an engagement.

Because of his visceral style, tough, cynical and bold, a critic called him the black Mort Sahl. "In the Congo," Gregory commented, "they call Sahl the white Dick Gregory."

In 1964 he walked off the job at Basin Street East, New York, when the manager asked him to soften his racial and political patter. "Bad as I need that \$5000 a week," he said, "I'm going fishing instead."

Gregory was to have arrived in Australia on Sunday week, September 13, to stay until September 23. He was to have been principal speaker, with John Kaputin from New Guinea, at the Vietnam Moratorium rally in Sydney on September 18, and to spend a day each in Victoria, WA, and SA.

His next stop after Australia was to be Zambia, where a 67-nation conference is being held early in October to discuss white attitudes to the Negro.

Dr Jim Cairns reported recently that he had hoped the celebrated author and civil liberties proponent Norman Mailer would come to Australia for the Moratorium rally in Melbourne. Mailer's agents could not help Dr Cairns, and the author himself was unavailable either to accept or reject the invitation.

Perhaps it was just as well. He too might have found himself on the undesirable aliens list.

DICK GREGORY: Visa refused, Moratorium defused

VISIT WOULD BE 'BETRAYAL OF AUSTRALIAN SERVICEMEN'

# LYNCH DEFENDS VISA BAN

Gregory is  
threat to  
the nation,  
he claims

By KENNETH RANDALL

The American Negro comedian and anti-Vietnam campaigner Dick Gregory had been refused entry to Australia because his visit would have been a threat to the maintenance of law and order, the Minister for Immigration, Mr Lynch, told Parliament yesterday.

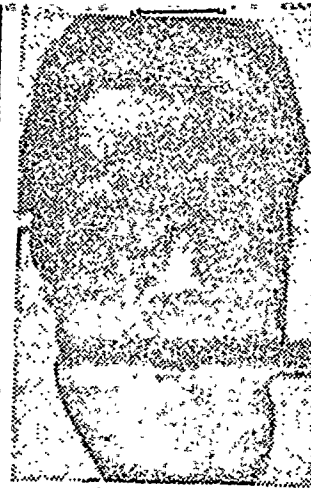
To allow such a visit, he said, would be a betrayal of Australian servicemen in Vietnam and damaging to their morale.

Mr Lynch's statement made the Gregory case the Government's first positive blow in the "law and order" campaign being pressed strongly by Liberal and Country Party members.

But a serious embarrassment arose in the campaign yesterday with the announcement that Mr John Kaputin, the most prominent leader of the militant Mataungan Association in New Guinea, would make an Australia-wide tour in support of the Vietnam moratorium on September 18.

Mr Lynch was questioned in Parliament yesterday by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Whitlam. Mr Lynch said the Government's policy was to allow the maximum freedom of travel to Australia.

People were not prevented from entering just because their political views differed from those of the Government.



MR KAPUTIN

BAN  
REASON 'SPURIOUS'

Gregory's application for a visa covering the period of the Vietnam moratorium campaign had been for the "stated purpose of sightseeing."

In view of recent Press publicity it must be obvious that the stated reason was spurious, Mr Lynch said.

"This Government is not prepared to allow the entry to Australia of persons whose activities are stated to be contrary to the national interest and where their stated purpose in visiting Australia is not judged to be bona fide.

"In the Government's view this applies where the intentions are related to a one-sided, distorted anti-war moratorium campaign inimical to the objects for which Australian troops are fighting in Vietnam.

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"If authority were given by this Government to persons seeking to enter Australia for this purpose that would, in the view of this Government, have the following effects:

"It would represent a betrayal of Australian servicemen in Vietnam. It would damage the morale of Australian servicemen in Vietnam.

"And thirdly, it would give encouragement to those who seek not peace but peaceful submission, to those who seek to promote the rule of the streets and the power of the mob with the subsequent threat that that involves to the maintenance of law and order in this country."

For these reasons the Government had refused Gregory a visa.

Mr Whitlam said the Government's action would react against Australia through damaging, world-wide publicity.

The moratorium-convenor, Mr K. McLeod, said Gregory had assured him he still intended to try to enter Australia after a conference next week of 67 non-aligned African nations in Zambia.

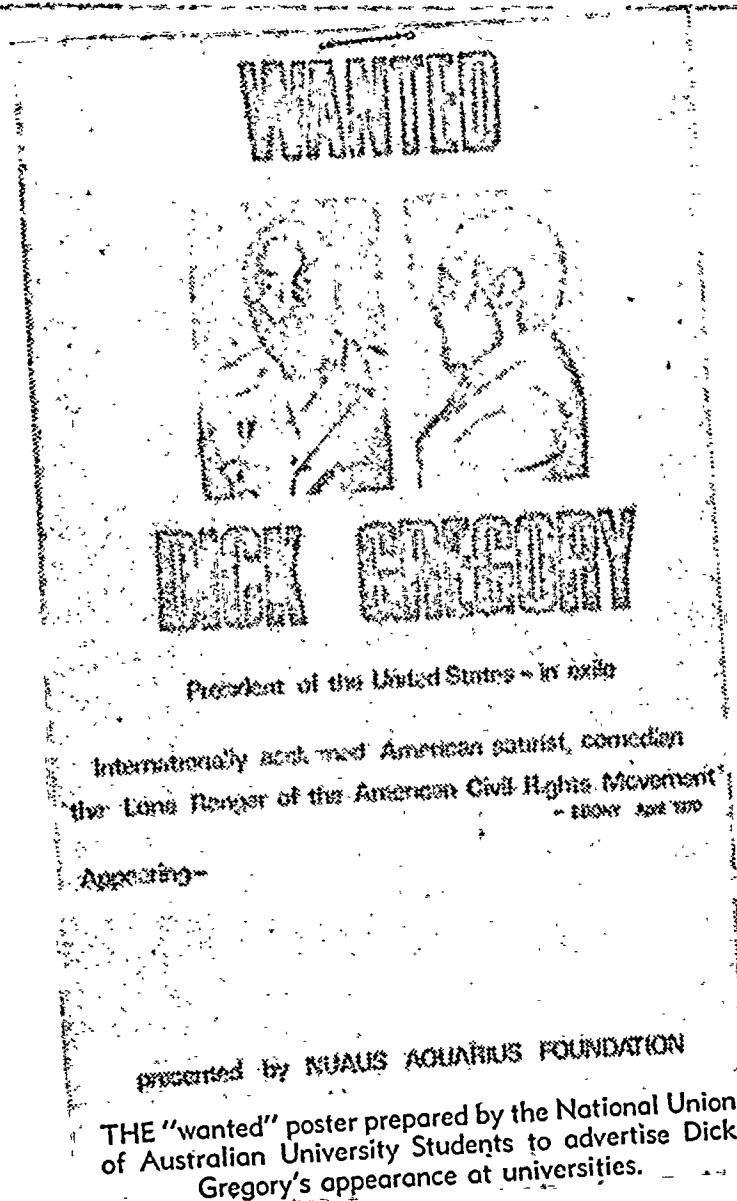
He would renew his visa application meanwhile but would make the attempt irrespective of the results.

Aquarius, the national student group which arranged for Gregory to tour Australia, accused the Federal Government of confusion over the group's motives.

The group said it intended that Gregory should tour university campuses to stage performances of comedy and social satire — not to take part in political or anti-war rallies.

Mr Kaputin will arrive in Sydney on September 12 or 13 for three weeks to speak at meetings in all States, including the main moratorium rallies in Sydney and Melbourne.

The Mataungan Association's record of civil disobedience raises the law and order issue more obviously than the Gregory case. But the Government is unlikely to stop Mr Kaputin's visit.



THE "wanted" poster prepared by the National Union of Australian University Students to advertise Dick Gregory's appearance at universities.

*The Australian - Sept 27, 1970*

## Gregorian moratorium

BANNING BOOKS is bad enough, banning people is preposterous. To ban a man from visiting Australia the Federal Government ought to have the strongest evidence that he is likely to cause great harm. That is certainly not the case in the banning of entertainer Dick Gregory.

Mr Gregory was invited to come to Australia to make speeches at universities and moratorium rallies. On his visa application he gave "sightseeing" as the reason for his visit.

To refuse a visa on the technical ground that this is not an accurate description of the proposed visit is ridiculous; it also shows a distinct lack of a sense of humor. At most all that was called for was the filing of a new visa application.

But the Government's real reason is that Mr Gregory is opposed to the Vietnam war, and might influence others to accept his view. It believes that it would be contrary to Australia's national interest for Mr Gregory to take part in the moratorium.

How extraordinarily vulnerable the Government must feel to over-react so badly. It is surprising it didn't consider refusing re-entry to Dr Cairns when he went overseas. Or Mr Whitlam.

Surely Australia's national interest is not threatened by a comedian who advocates full civil rights for black people and a cessation of the Vietnam war. The country doesn't need to be protected from men like that, but from the whims of people who try to keep our minds closed.

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Sydney Morning Herald - Sept 4, 1970

# Govt abusing its powers—Murphy

The Senate Leader of the Opposition, Senator Murphy, accused the Government of abusing its powers to deny freedom of speech in Australia.

He said the Government had refused American Negro Dick Gregory a visa to visit Australia because he had committed "the twin crimes" of holding different views from the Government on the Vietnam war and of being black.

On Wednesday, the Minister for Immigration, Mr Lynch, told the House the Government had refused a visa for Gregory to attend the Moratorium campaign because Gregory's entry would pose a "threat to law and order."

Senator Murphy was speaking on an urgency motion he moved on "the attack on freedom in Australia involved in the Government's refusal to allow Mr Dick Gregory to enter this country."

He said Australia was getting a reputation all around the world for being racist.

The Government had signed the universal declaration of civil rights which gave everyone the right to express his opinions but the Gregory case was another example that the Government "is breaking this down."

Senator Murphy said the Opposition was entitled to and would continue to speak out against involvement in the war.

One by one the Government was breaking down the liberties of the Australian people.

During a reply by the Minister for Housing, Senator Dame Annabelle Rankin, Senator A. Hendrickson (Lab, Vic) interjected: "You're a murderer."

Senator Hendrickson said he was provoked into making his interjection and withdrew it.

Senator Rankin said that at the same time as Mr Gregory applied for visa, the Australian Consul-General's office in New York had also received an application from a James Robert McGraw, president of the Columbia Baptist Church, New York.

He had also stated his purpose for the visa as "sight-seeing." "His visa was also refused," Senator Rankin said.

"The Leader of the Opposition tried to tell the people of Australia that the reason we had refused this man (Mr Gregory) was because he was coloured."

"But Mr McGraw is a white man."

The Deputy Leader of the DLP, Senator McManus, said protests against the Government's refusal to grant entry to Mr Gregory were based on phony emotionalism.

"The whole thing is a lot



SENATOR MURPHY

of hypocrisy by people who have no time for human rights and liberties but who are attempting to serve the interests of people in North Vietnam."

Senator McManus said the people who became worked up about Mr Gregory and South Vietnamese atrocities were cool and calm when they read about Vietcong firing shells into bunkers.

He said the Moratorium organisers wanted to import Mr Gregory as a "stirrer" to assist them in their program of depriving other people of their civil rights.

Senator McManus said he had heard Mr Gregory had been asked to come to Australia on a business basis and would have been paid \$1,000 for his Moratorium activities.

"Mr Gregory's principles seem to depend a good deal on his pocket," he said.

Senator J. M. Wheeldon (Lab, WA) accused the Government of having a double standard over Mr Gregory.

"They are the ones who

posture as defenders of democracy and yet at the same time they prevent free transit of a person into this country without producing one shred, one tittle of evidence as to why they did it," he said.

Senator Sir Magnus Cormack said that Mr McGraw had edited a book of Mr Gregory's writings which had been published in the United States.

He said Mr Gregory had "clearly and unequivocally" advocated the use of force to gain civil rights for Negroes in the United States.

Closing the debate, Senator Murphy accused Government Senators of racism.

"I have heard members of your party speak about niggers and, 'those niggers are not fit to govern themselves,'" he said.

"This is rampant throughout your party."

Government voice:

"That's not true."

The motion was later lost 24-23. The DLP voted with the Government.

In the House, the Minister for External Affairs, Mr McMahon, said leaders of the Moratorium committee were favouring a regime which had committed ruthless murders.

"They must ask themselves what would happen if the free allied cause was defeated, not only in South Vietnam but also in Laos and Cambodia," he said.

"Surely we must assume that exactly the same ruthless measures would be followed."

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

4 SEPTEMBER 1970

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: OCT 5 1970

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM - BN

Re Bureau airtels, 8/24/70 and 8/25/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 12 copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. No local dissemination being made as the activity being reported does not involve other agencies within this Division, and could possibly serve to pinpoint this source.

Source is  (U)

Enclosed memorandum is classified confidential to protect the identity of the source, who is of continuing value.

Subject is an Agitator Index (AI) subject and his activities are being constantly followed and promptly reported.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

On September 18, 1970, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on September 17, 1970, Dick Gregory [redacted] had been denied a visa to enter Australia, by the Australian Immigration Ministry. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Dick Gregory, by profession, is a nightclub entertainer (comedian), who, in the past, has concerned himself with civil rights and social issues, and prefers to be known as "a commentator on affairs - social and political." During the school year, 1969-1970, Gregory spoke on the campuses of 320 colleges on the subjects of United States' racial problems and United States foreign policy; especially the "prosecution of the War in Vietnam."

Source advised that Gregory's purpose for wanting to go to Australia was to speak at a rally against the United States' continued presence in Vietnam. Gregory did not advise [redacted] any alternative plans he may have had, regarding any future attempt to visit Australia. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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SAC, CHICAGO (100-49406) (P)

AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM  
MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN  
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Re Chicago letter to Bureau, 7/23/70.

By airtel dated August 25, 1970, the Bureau,  
under the caption "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM - EM",  
advised that information had been received from the  
[redacted] that

GREGORY and one [redacted]

[redacted] New York, New York, had made a joint  
application for a visa to visit Australia. They were  
scheduled to arrive [redacted]  
[redacted] on route to Sidney and the duration of their stay  
would be two weeks. (U)

On September 18, 1970, [redacted] who has  
furnished reliable information in the past, advised  
that he learned that GREGORY had been refused entry  
into Australia in that his visa application for the  
purpose of sightseeing was not bona fide. Source said  
that as of that date, he had not learned anything further  
regarding GREGORY's travel plans. (U)

An LHM regarding GREGORY's proposed travel to  
Australia will be submitted under Chicago file 157-347  
(Bufile 100-440423). (U)

Sources and informants of the Chicago Office  
could furnish no information indicating that Mrs. NANCY  
RUBIN, wife of JERRY RUBIN, or Mrs. CORETTA KING, are  
contemplating a trip to Australia. (U)

Chicago will continue to maintain contact with  
the sources regarding this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)  
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TO DIRECTOR 157-12382

CHICAGO 157-347

FROM TAMPA 157-3163

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. RM. 00: TP.

DETECTIVE [REDACTED]

ADVISED INSTANT DATE THAT SUBJECT IS SCHEDULED TO MAKE  
SPEECH AT ROLLINS COLLEGE FIELD HOUSE, WINTER PARK, FLORIDA  
AT EIGHT PM, OCTOBER SEVENTH, NEXT. APPEARANCE OF SUBJECT  
SPONSORED BY STUDENT EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE,  
ROLLINS COLLEGE AND TOPIC OF SPEECH WILL BE "SOCIAL PROBLEMS-  
SOCIAL OR ANTI-SOCIAL."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1564) (P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka,  
RM-BN

Enc. for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

Local authorities are cognizant of subject's intended visit to the Miami area.

Chicago is requested to advise if there is any specific coverage requested of GREGORY's visit to the Miami area.

Miami will follow and report on subject's visit.

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BY: C. E. J. [Signature]

Approved: [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Miami, Florida  
October 6, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-1564

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

[redacted] advised on October 6, 1970, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, who is also known as Dick Gregory, is scheduled to appear at Florida Memorial College on October 20, 1970. He said GREGORY's appearance will be an official college function in connection with their Lyceum series of lectures.

[redacted] described GREGORY, a nationally known night club entertainer, as a civil rights activist who has publicly endorsed civil disobedience and militant action by Negroes under the auspices of the civil rights movement.

[redacted] said that Florida Memorial College is a predominantly Negro college located in the Opa-Locka section of Dade County, Florida.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the U. S. Attorney, U. S. Secret Service and 111th M. I. Group, Miami, Florida.

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Date: October 7, 1970

To: Director, FBI (100-440423)

From: Legal Attache, Rome (157-22) (RUC)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM - BN

Reference: Bureau airtel 8/25/70.

Information set forth in the enclosed memorandum was received  
on 10/6/70 from:

- ☐ Italian Defense Intelligence Service (SID)
- ☐ Division of Confidential Matters, Italian National Police
- ☐ Central Bureau, Italian Criminal Police
- ☐ Political Section, Police Headquarters, Rome, Italy
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The records of the Foreigners' Office, Police Headquarters, Rome, Italy, revealed that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, born October 12, 1932, in possession of U. S. passport No. K-761916, issued at Washington, D. C., on June 5, 1969, registered at the Hotel Parco dei Principi on September 5, 1970. He was accompanied by [redacted]

[redacted] in possession of U. S. passport [redacted] issued at Washington, D. C., on [redacted]

GREGORY and [redacted] stayed at the hotel until September 9, 1970, when they left Rome for an unknown destination. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM ST. LOUIS (157-5822) 1P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA; RM; OO: CHICAGO

ON OCT. ELEVEN, LAST, [REDACTED] ADVISED

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THAT GREGORY WILL SPEAK AT ST. LOUIS UNIVERSITY AT EIGHT PM ON OCT.  
FIFTEEN, NEXT, AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY SPEAKERS SERIES PROGRAM. (U)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES ADVISED. ST. LOUIS DIVISION INFORMANTS  
WILL COVER. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED BY LHM UPON COMPLETION OF SPEECH. (U)

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Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865)

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON

GREGORY AT SHAW UNIVERSITY,

RALEIGH, N. C.,

10/5/70

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CE T-1 is [redacted] (PROB) who furnished information to SA [redacted] All investigation set forth in LHM conducted by SA [redacted] with exception of investigation on 10/6/70, which was conducted by SA [redacted]

No recordings of GREGORY's speech are known to have been made and therefore none obtained.

- ENCLOSURE
- ② - Bureau (Encs. 11) (RM)
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Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 8, 1970

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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY AT SHAW UNIVERSITY,  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 5, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

On October 2, 1970, CE T-1 advised that comedian RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, known as "Dick" Gregory, was scheduled to speak at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, on October 5, 1970, at 8:00 p.m. T-1 stated that GREGORY's appearance is sponsored by the Shaw Student Union and further that GREGORY will be paid \$1,100 for his appearance.

On October 2, 1970, Captain [redacted]  
North Carolina, Police Department, and [redacted]  
North Carolina, [redacted]

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[redacted] were advised of GREGORY's scheduled appearance.

On October 6, 1970, Captain [redacted] supra, advised no incidents had been reported in connection with GREGORY's appearance at Shaw University.

On October 8, 1970, T-1 advised that on the night of October 5, 1970, GREGORY, beginning at approximately 8:00 p.m., spoke to about seven hundred persons in the Spaulding

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GREGORY AT SHAW UNIVERSITY,  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 5, 1970

Gymnasium on the campus of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. The audience was made up of ninety-nine per cent blacks and GREGORY was well received.

T-1 said that GREGORY spoke about the black movement, the need for it and the need for blacks to participate in it. GREGORY stated that the present NIXON Administration, including Vice President AGNEW, is not black orientated and does not appear to be on the side of the blacks.

T-1 said that GREGORY stated the future of this country rests with college students. GREGORY went on to say that things have not changed much in four hundred years although the young folks have come up with a moral thrust that scares the old folks. GREGORY said that the noises made by kids running around the streets today were only a warning but said it is the last warning this country is going to get and added, "The country better make some quick adjustments or she is going to blow it."

T-1 said there were no incidents.





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Title	APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY AT SHAW UNIVERSITY, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 5, 1970
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Memorandum prepared at Charlotte, North Carolina, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-5865) (C)

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY AT GUILFORD COLLEGE,  
GREENSBORO, N. C.,  
10/8/70  
RM - BN

Re Charlotte airtel 10/8/70 enclosing LHM to Bureau.

Enclosed to Bureau are eleven copies of LHM re captioned matter. Copies disseminated locally to Military Intelligence and Secret Service.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of this LHM.

No recording of GREGORY's speech is known to have been made.

Investigation, Greensboro, N. C., conducted by SA

Since GREGORY has appeared in the Charlotte Division and no further appearances are scheduled, this case is being closed.

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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY AT GUILFORD COLLEGE,  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 8, 1970  
RACIAL MATTERS

The Greensboro Daily News, in its issue of October 9, 1970, reported that GREGORY had appeared before an overflow audience at Guilford College's Dana Auditorium the previous night, October 8, 1970. GREGORY had pled for the youth to support the women's liberation movement and had denounced the nation's war policies, according to the article. He had also defended college youth against their detractors and warned of the dangers of suppression.

The article stated that the audience was made up in a large part by college students, who applauded vigorously when told by GREGORY that a big job faced them in saving America, "even if you have to alienate your mama and papa".

The article concluded by saying that GREGORY had cautioned against violence, saying "You can't cure America with dynamite and double barreled shotguns. If you think the way to save crazy folk is to dynamite them, then you're crazier than they are". GREGORY was also quoted as saying "If democracy is as good as they tell you, why are we going all over trying to ram it down people's throats with guns?" He compared repression to plugging the spout of a boiling tea pot, causing it to blow up.

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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY AT GUILFORD COLLEGE,  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA,  
OCTOBER 8, 1970

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Lieutenant [REDACTED] North Carolina,  
Police Department, [REDACTED] advised October 8, 1970,  
that GREGORY's speech had been held on the campus of Guilford  
College without any incidents of any kind occurring.

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS (157-5822) -RUC-  
RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
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Re St. Louis teletype to Bureau, 10-13-70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eleven copies and for Chicago two copies of a self-explanatory LHM reflecting GREGORY's speech in St. Louis, Mo. on 10-15-70.

Copies of this LHM are being furnished locally to the U. S. Attorney, U. S. Secret Service, and 113th MI Group III.

This LHM is being classified CONFIDENTIAL because it contains information from racial informants of continuing value.

Sources in this LHM are as follows:

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 11)
- 2 - Chicago (157-347) (Encl. 2) (RM)
- 2 - St. Louis (1-157-5822)  
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No attempt was made by the St. Louis Division  
to tape GREGORY's speech. [REDACTED] (PROB)  
personally attended the speech. ~~(U)~~

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

St. Louis, Missouri

October 19, 1970

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 11, 1970, SL T-1 advised that the Busch Student Activities Board, an official body of St. Louis University, had scheduled Dick Gregory to speak at their campus on October 15, 1970 in the Sesquicentennial Room of Busch Memorial Center. The speech was part of the regular Speaker's Series at the university. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On October 14, 1970, a letter was received from an anonymous source by St. Louis University officials which was postmarked St. Louis, Missouri. The letter read as follows:

"FREE DEPUGH

FREE DEPUGH

"BLACK BOGUS BABY IS BACK ON THE TOWN

"Make him know He's Not Welcome

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"BOYCOTT, Disrupt His Speech

"The Commie Niggerpig and Civil Riots Advocate.  
DIRTY DICK GREGORY will be speaking at St. Louis  
U. in the Sesquicentennial Room on Oct. 15 1970  
At 8 P.M. Join us at Grand & Lindell At 7:30 P.M.  
and March On Him.

INSULT HIM

"Tell the Pig to GET OUT OF TOWN.

"Treason Must Be Punished

Fourth of July Movement."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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No information exists concerning the "Fourth of July Movement" and university officials were of the opinion the letter was the work of an isolated crank.

On October 15, 1970, SL T-2 advised that approximately 1,500 people, the majority of college age, attended Gregory's speech at St. Louis University which began about 8:00 P.M. on October 15, 1970. St. Louis University students were admitted free; the others paid \$1.50. The racially mixed audience responded well to Gregory's speech. This source advised that Gregory was paid \$1,000 for the speech, although university officials declined to confirm this officially. ~~(S)~~ (U)

On October 15, 1970, SL T-3 advised that Gregory's speech, which lasted approximately one and one-half hours, was more of a series of jokes and barbs directed against a long list of Gregory's targets, including Federal and state officials, the police, the "hard-hats", newspapers, and numerous others. Gregory did not advocate violence during this speech. This source advised there were no attempts to disrupt, demonstrate against, or heckle Gregory's speech. ~~(S)~~ (U)

There were no arrests in connection with the above speech.

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An article appeared on page 4A of the October 16, 1970 issue of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a daily newspaper published in St. Louis, Missouri, relating to this speech. This article is reproduced below.

## Gregory Jokes Yield To Political Lesson

By CHARLES STAPLES  
Globe-Democrat Staff Writer

With a sure touch, Dick Gregory humorously enthralled his audience at St. Louis University Thursday night, and then sobered it with the theme that repression against activists should be viewed as the natural response to the nation's fear of a moral force.

Between the Agnew and Nixon jokes, the message was for young American activists to expect repression as a natural reaction to fear, caused by them taking a moral issue to the streets.

"Repression is more detrimental to the oppressor than to the oppressed," he told the sell-out crowd of about 600.

In a speech filled with symbolism, he likened repression to trying to plug a teakettle to stop its whistling.

"WHEN A teakettle blows in one-room kitchenette, everybody gets burned. 'When a whole country reacts with fear to a moral force, there is only one way for it to go down.'"

Gregory's speech, the first of a series sponsored by the University's Student Activities Board, also dealt with his being named by U.S. Rep. Richard

Ichord as a college speaker tied in with left-wing groups.

The comedian-turned political activist looked gaunt as a result of his numerous fasts. He wore the movement-type denim jacket.

While he did not speak on the merits of street demonstrations directly, he told the gathering, "If the German youth had forced Hitler to come on campus and gas them, the whole world would have been alerted to him."

GREGORY SAID the solution to the whistling teakettle was not to try to repress the noise, but to fix conditions that made it boil.

"Law and order will be a problem until the freaks in Washington stop talking law and order and start talking bread and butter," he said.

Gregory told the predominantly youthful audience:

"You young people are the most morally upright people in the world today."

An article appeared on page 2A of the October 16, 1970 issue of the Metro-East Journal, a daily newspaper published in East St. Louis, Illinois, relating to this speech. This article is reproduced below.

# Gregory: 'When country is afraid of moral force, it's on way down'

By John Shaffer  
Metro-East Journal Staff

"When a country is afraid of a moral force, that country is on its way down," comedian Dick Gregory told an overflow crowd at St. Louis University Thursday night.

Gregory, who attended Southern Illinois University—Carbonale and now is a militant spokesman for black rights, mixed humor with philosophy as he said the future of this nation rests with today's students.

"I hope you understand your importance," he told the students. "I hope you understand who you are. I hope you understand the destiny of America depends on you."

Between his serious and reflective moments, his humor touched many bases.

On President Nixon—"I feel much better this week than last week because Nixon came back home. Whenever the President leaves the country I get scared because I figure he knows something I don't."

On Vice President Agnew—"Agnew reminds me of the kind of cat who would make a crank call to Russia on the hotline. He seems so dumb, I wouldn't be surprised if he hijacks a train one day."

On dumping poisonous gases in the Atlantic Ocean—"I hate to see it dumped out there, but it sure is better than in the ghetto."

On the senators who recently

questioned him about his civil rights activities before a Senate subcommittee—"Here are cats who spend \$2 million getting elected to a job that pays \$55,000 a year."

On his kids—"My son thinks I'm a square. I haven't made the FBI's 10-most-wanted list, yet."

On Nixon's election in 1968—"Americans have been going to the polls for so long hoping to elect the lesser of two evils, it was due time you were going to get the eviler of the evils."

Gregory said he spends about 98 per cent of his time on campus in recent months, and today's generation of students is the most moral of any generation.

Lashing out at what he called the "right-wing, cracker-controlled newspapers" of the St. Louis area, he said law and order is going to continue to be a problem in this country until those in Washington "stop talking about law and order and start talking about a brand new government."

He said the government could "fall from within" in four to six years.

Gregory said today's repression of youths is caused by the

youths "bringing this great moral force to the streets."

"Man has a right to be afraid. It is also man's right to react to that fear," Gregory said. "You young folks have scared us to death with this moral force," he said, citing recent acts by "hardhats."

Saying that a country afraid of a moral force shows the country is "on its way down," Gregory said both Nixon and Agnew are always talking derogatory of students but not dope pushers.

"If Nixon and Agnew would only spend half their time badmouthing kids, and the other half of their time badmouthing dope pushers, maybe some of those hardhats would get mad sometime during their lunch hour and attack a dope pusher."

Comparing a revolution to a boiling teakettle, he said you can plug up a teakettle to stop its whistle but unless the pressure is relieved, "it's going to blow."

He said youths taking to the streets should be a warning signal, like the teakettle's whistle.

"When this thing blows, if it comes to that, America's going to blow and everybody's going to go," he warned.



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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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Reference

St. Louis memorandum  
dated October 19, 1970.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1564) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
 RM - BN  
 (OO: CHICAGO)

Re Miami airtel and LHM, 10/6/70.

Enc. for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two copies are enclosed for Chicago.

Sources and informants of the Miami Office reported no activities in the Miami area in connection with GREGORY's visit.

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Miami, Florida  
October 22, 1970

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. 157-1564

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

It was reported by memorandum dated October 6, 1970, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, who is also known as Dick Gregory, a nationally known night club entertainer, and civil rights activist, was scheduled to speak at Florida Memorial College, Opa-Locka, Florida, October 20, 1970.

The October 20, 1970 edition of the "Miami Herald", a Miami, Florida daily newspaper, contained an article by Herald Staff Writer MIKE BAXTER captioned, "GREGORY Chokes Off Laughter". This article reported that DICK GREGORY spoke to 100 black students at Florida Memorial College Tuesday evening, October 20, 1970. During this speech he talked of the recent arrest of ANGELA DAVIS who he described as a "black Communist accused of buying the guns used in the San Rafael, California Court House parking lot shoot-out." He said that there was no way for her to have purchased those guns without the authorities knowing as she was watched "doubly", being both a black militant and a Communist. He stated "The good thing about the trial that will come out now is that the police killed the judge." He also indicated that DAVID R. POINDEXTER, JR., her companion when arrested, was a Government "agent". He cited a 1968 issue of the Black Panther newspaper which he indicated described POINDEXTER as an "agent". *Fla*

A characterization of the Black Panther Party (BPP) is contained in the Appendix section of this memorandum.

It was also reported that GREGORY said the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, MALCOLM X, the KENNEDYS and others. He predicted the United States would experience a CIA coup d'etat within

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about sixteen months. He said that he planned to move to Canada to avoid this CIA coup d'etat. He said the CIA has a "space sensor" that can over-fly a building and report on who is inside and who has ever been inside.

The article stated that GREGORY's appearance at Florida Memorial College was one of 300 appearances scheduled during a ten month period. From Miami he was flying to Wisconsin for another speech.

Officer [redacted]  
[redacted] Dade County Public Safety Department, advised that there were no problems or activities at Florida Memorial College or in the Miami, Florida area during GREGORY's visit on October 20, 1970.

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Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the U. S. Attorney, U. S. Secret Service and 111th M.I. Group, Miami, Florida.

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## APPENDIX

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP),  
also known as  
Black Panther Party for Self-Defense

According to the official newspaper of the BPP, the BPP was started during December 1966 in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

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"The only way to make this racist U.S. Government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is...by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgment against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. Government."

The BPP headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/5/70

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (157-1316) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
RM

OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of a Letterhead Memorandum (LHM) regarding the appearance of captioned subject at Akron University, Akron, Ohio, on October 16, 1970. Two copies of this LHM are also included for the Chicago Office.

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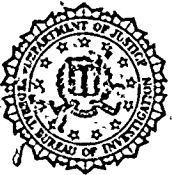
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio

November 5, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

The following article concerning the scheduled appearance of RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, more commonly known as DICK GREGORY, on the campus at Akron University, Akron, Ohio, on October 16, 1970, appeared in the October 17, 1970 issue of the "Akron Beacon Journal," Akron, Ohio, a daily newspaper of general circulation.

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Saturday, October 17, 1970 Akron Beacon Journal A 3-

# 'White Kids Are New Niggers' — Dick Gregory

By LARRY FIELDS

Back a few years when Dick Gregory was professionally funny rather than professionally furious he wrote his autobiography and titled it "Nigger."

Friday night he appeared at Akron University, courtesy of the Black United Students, and devoted a considerable portion of his talk to plugging the name of his book.

He flung the word "nigger" around so frequently there was the odor of Mississippi—and a Ku Klux Klan convention—at Memorial Hall.

ACCORDING to Gregory, just about everybody except the founding fathers and the white Anglo Saxon Protestants have been "niggers" at one time or another since the Pilgrims first set foot on Plymouth Rock.

About 2,000 persons, equally divided by color and mostly young, crowded the auditorium.

The first "niggers" were, he said, the Indians, who were raped, robbed and murdered by the white man as he bloodily pushed his way from Plymouth to California.

The Indians, Gregory declared in his two-hour list of complaints, were followed by the Irish who he said were so dumb they were made cops.

cause nobody can be that dumb."

PARENTS didn't get off either.

"Remember," Gregory told his youthful audience, "that they voted for Nixon and Agnew."

Even America's founding fathers got verbally slapped.

"They were no heroes," he said. "They were just a bunch of thugs whom the king and queen of England didn't feel like killing so they put them on a boat and sent them away."

"And the damn boat arrived."

IT WAS the beginning of Homecoming Weekend at AU, and as Gregory spoke fire-



DICK GREGORY

crackers could be heard exploding outside.

Gregory said he now spends about 98 pct. of his time speaking on college campuses. Certainly he must have been paid for Friday's appearance—he is paid for college talks—but how much and from whom is not known. Admission was free.

It is known, however, that the Black United Students at AU are not financially flush.

THE JEWS were next, he claimed, only they were so slick they were permitted to become merchants.

Then there were the Italians. Gregory declared they were given the job of pushing dope.

He said they have what amounts to a governmental carte blanche in the narcotics business.

"Why is it," he asked, "that any 9-year-old ghetto kid can find the heroin man and the FBI can't?"

The blacks, he said, were always "niggers" until about 10 years ago when Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown changed things.

GREGORY insisted that America has always needed "niggers," and when they lost their grasp on the old reliables they had to find substitutes.

And the replacements were, he said, "middle-class white kids" who discovered their new role in the American scene when four were "murdered" at Kent State University May 4.

THE FORMER funny man attacked the special state grand jury for acquitting the Ohio National Guard for the tragedy at Kent State and indicting 25 students.

"It's not surprising," he said, "because the students are kids and kids are the new 'niggers' and they obviously were guilty because they got in the way of the soldiers' bullets."

Vice President Agnew also came in for some honorable mention.

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On October 19, 1970, Lieutenant [redacted]  
[redacted] Akron Police Department, Akron, Ohio,  
advised that GREGORY's appearance took place as scheduled.  
GREGORY addressed a group of students, estimated at 2,000  
persons. Lieutenant [redacted] stated that there was no incidents,  
violence or any demonstrative action as a result of GREGORY's  
appearance on the campus of Akron University.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-NEW)

SUBJECT: SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY,  
BELMONT COUNTY CAMPUS,  
OHIO UNIVERSITY,  
ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO  
11/10/70  
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On 11/2/70, [REDACTED] (PROTECT) advised that DICK GREGORY will speak at the Belmont County campus of Ohio University, St. Clairsville, Ohio, on Tuesday, November 10, 1970 at 8:30 PM. The speech is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Arrangements have been made by Cincinnati to cover the speech with sources and Bureau and Chicago will be furnished results.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY - RM. OO: CHICAGO

RE CINCINNATI TELETYPE TO PITTSBURGH, DATED NOVEMBER NINE, SEVENTY, CAPTIONED "SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY, BETHANY COLLEGE, BETHANY, WEST VIRGINIA, NOVEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, RM."

ON NOVEMBER TEN, SEVENTY, [redacted]

[redacted] BETHANY, W.VA., ESTABLISHED SOURCE,

ADVISED THAT DICK GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT BETHANY COLLEGE, NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY, AT EIGHT O'CLOCK PM, SPONSORED BY STUDENT BOARD OF GOVERNORS. HE ADVISED GREGORY IS NOT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR ON CAMPUS NOVEMBER ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

ON NOVEMBER TEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY, [redacted]

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ADVISED GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK NOVEMBER THIRTY,  
NINETEEN SEVENTY, AND IS NOT SCHEDULED AT BETHANY, NOVEMBER  
ELEVEN, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

IN THE EVENT GREGORY DOES APPEAR NOVEMBER ELEVEN,  
NINETEEN SEVENTY, AT BETHANY COLLEGE, APPROPRIATE SOURCE  
COVERAGE WILL BE AFFORDED BY PITTSBURGH.

PITTSBURGH, AT PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, WILL FOLLOW  
AND REPORT GREGORY'S SCHEDULED APPEARANCE AT BETHANY COLLEGE,  
ON NOVEMBER THIRTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY.

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SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY, BETHANY COLLEGE, BETHANY, WEST VIRGINIA  
NOVEMBER ELEVEN NINETEEN SEVENTY RM

RE CINCINNATI AIRTEL TO BUREAU NOVEMBER THREE LAST.

FOR INFORMATION PITTSBURGH, GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT  
BELMONT COUNTY CAMPUS, OHIO UNIVERSITY, ST CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO, DURING  
EVENING NOVEMBER TEN NEXT. CINCINNATI COVERING THIS SPEECH THROUGH  
SOURCES.

[REDACTED] THIS DATE ADVISED GREGORY WILL SPEAK AT  
BETHANY COLLEGE, BETHANY, WEST VIRGINIA, SOMETIME DURING NOVEMBER  
ELEVEN NEXT.

PITTSBURGH MAKE ARRANGEMENTS UNDER EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS TO COVER  
SPEECH BY GREGORY AT

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BETHANY COLLEGE AND FURNISH RESULTS TO BUREAU AND CHICAGO.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM-BN

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are 14 copies of an LHM regarding captioned subject. One copy each is designated for Legats London and Rome for their information. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Gregory's activities in front of the UN were observed by SAs JOHN FRANCIS MAHER, RAYMOND MOHR and [REDACTED]

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New York, New York

November 17, 1970

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NY 157-1093

Richard Claxton Gregory

On November 16, 1970 at 11:00 PM, 25 persons including Richard Gregory entered the United Nations Building at New York City, New York, protesting the "genocide practices of the United States Government".

The group left the United Nations Building at 11:45 PM and held a Press Conference across the Street from the United Nations between 42nd and 43rd Streets.

Gregory was one of three persons who spoke at the Press Conference. He remarked that the group on Saturday (November 21, 1970) will be larger and the demonstration at the United Nations from 2:00 - 4:00 PM that date will be for the purpose of letting the public know of the genocide policy of the United States Government against the Blacks, Puerto Ricans and other minority groups.

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Richard Claxton Gregory

The above activities were sponsored by the National Coalition Against War Racism Repression.

About 50 persons attended the Press Conference including the Press, Radio and Television media.

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-3720) CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
(RUC) GENERAL INVEST. DIV.

Subject: SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY, ☒ DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIV.  
BELMONT COUNTY CAMPUS, OHIO UNIVERSITY, ST. CLAIRSVILLE, OHIO,  
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Summary of Complaint: 100-440423-581

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Pittsburgh.

LHM is being disseminated to U.S. Secret Service,  
109th MIG, NISO, USA, all Columbus, Ohio; and OSI, Dayton,  
Ohio.

The first confidential source mentioned in LHM is  
contacted by SA \_\_\_\_\_

ACTION: UACB:

- 2-Bureau (Enc. 1) ☒ No further action being taken and  
(RM) ☒ LHM enclosed ☒ Copy furnished to USA, Columbus, Ohio.  
2-Chicago (Enc. 2) (RM) ☐ FD-376 (enclosure to LHM)  
1-Pittsburgh (Enc. 1) ☐ LHM being submitted  
(Info) (RM) ☐ Report being submitted  
4-Cincinnati ☐ Preliminary investigation instituted  
(1-157-3720) ☐ Limited investigation instituted  
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RE: SPEECH BY DICK GREGORY,  
BELMONT COUNTY CAMPUS,  
OHIO UNIVERSITY,  
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NOVEMBER 10, 1970

A first confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory spoke at the Belmont County Campus, Ohio University, St. Clairsville, Ohio, on November 10, 1970. Gregory's speech started at approximately 8:30 PM and lasted until 11:15 PM. The speech was attended by approximately 400 people. Gregory's talk centered on politics, the police, the ghetto areas, hunger in America, Black Nationalists, and persecution of minority groups. Throughout his speech Gregory kept stating, "You youngsters have a big job ahead of you; we adults have left you a terrible mess."

The following in essence are quotes and other statements made by Gregory during his speech:

Gregory stated his speech by telling stories about President Nixon and Vice President Agnew in which he stated that Nixon goes abroad "hugging the fascists" and "Agnew is the type of cat who would make a crank call to the Russians on the hot line."

He stated that man has created the problems that our nation is facing and it is up to the young people to solve them. The problems can be solved by ethical, not "strong arm" means, as the "great men" in Washington think. "Politicians should not campaign on a law and order issue." "Let's not talk about law and order; let's talk about bread and butter." "Fortyfour million people in America go to bed hungry every night." There is more dog food sold

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BELMONT COUNTY CAMPUS,  
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NOVEMBER 10, 1970

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in the supermarkets near low income housing than anywhere else, and no dogs are allowed in low income housing. More people than dogs are eating dog food. "Freaks talk about law and order while people go hungry. Check out your own home; your parents put Nixon in office. You should not be able to walk down the street safely while people are starving. When I become afraid and hungry it is my basic right to react."

"When I was a boy you made me want to get to your white girls by your movies and advertisements. We never saw a shapely colored girl used in advertisement. The only thing we ever saw were slurred "ads" such as Aunt Jemima and Uncle Ben."

"At age nine I knew every pimp, whore, and dope peddler in the area, but the police and the FBI can't even locate them." Most police are too busy making "shake downs" to see what's going on. My children see the prostitutes soliciting right on the street with a cop standing right there. You send me the cop from your neighborhood and I'll send you my ghetto cop and we'll see how fast you send him back. Give us black cops in black areas so we can see how he lives and what he is doing off duty. That way we can control him."

"You never read where a white pimp or dope peddler was shot in bed like the Black Panthers. Double barrel shotguns are outlawed in war as being inhumane, but our police are allowed to use them on Black Panthers and you college kids. You never hear the President or the big politicians say something should be done about the dope peddlers, but they sure do talk about the Black Panthers and college kids. Police and National Guardsmen shoot Panthers and college kids. People's property rights cannot be placed ahead of human rights. If the government thinks it can stop a revolution with the National Guard, it has another thought coming. What's going on is nature's way

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of warning you that you had better do something or something is going to happen."

"There is no generation gap. The older people know what you are talking about and they don't want to listen. They paid the price to make alcohol a symbol of manhood, and now they don't want you to have 'reefers.' Morality scares older people and repression is a reaction of this fear. Parents put down kids, not build them up."

"You must understand where and how this country was started and where she is going. It was started by a bunch of 'cut throats' that escaped from England. Our country was stolen from England by the 'cut throats' and is still being run by 'cut throats.' It is your duty to correct the government when it steps out of bounds. The Constitution of the United States gives you that right."

"The United States is the only country in the world's history to start cowboys and Indians. The 'great white father' first started with the Indians. When the Indians did not want to play Indian any more, they put him on reservations. Next the 'great white father' told the Jew to be the Indian. When the Jew did not want to be the Indian any longer, the 'great white father' said, 'Jew what do you want to be?' The Jew said, 'I'll think it over,' and he is still thinking. Then the Irishman became the Indian. When the Irishman no longer wanted to play the Indian, the 'great white father' said, 'What do you want to be?' The Irishman said, 'I want to be a cop,' and the 'great white father' made him a cop because the Irishman is so dumb. Then the Italians became the Indians and when they no longer wanted to be the Indians, the 'great white father' made them the pimp, and dope peddler, and formed the Mafia which their 'great white father' controls. Then the Negro became the Indian and, when the Negro wanted to stop playing Indian, the 'great white father' reacted and this caused all of the disturbances in the 1960's. The 'great white father' is actually the father of all and he shoots his own sons instead of helping them. The 'great white father' owns the police and they have the master plot. They don't want the Indians to have guns."

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"This thing called education is making people dumb. Schools and colleges only teach you what they want you to know."

"May 4, 1970, at Kent State is when the 'great white father' picked other 'Indians and niggers,' you college kids. He shot four of them. Two hundred years ago in 1770 the British shot four in Boston and they were throwing snowballs. Look at what happened between 1770 and 1776. Ask the Indians, they know. Watch out from 1970 to 1976, because history repeats itself."

"If democracy is so 'damn' good, why do we go all over the world trying to sell it to others?"

"We can do something about the National Guard. If everyone boycotted Christmas, the Sears and Roebuck Company would put enough pressure on the 'great white father' to do away with the National Guard. You must act right now and do something before Thanksgiving."

"You've got a big job, America is worth saving. The answer is not guns or dynamite, your strength is in your great moral force."

A second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, attended the speech by Dick Gregory on November 10, 1970, and furnished essentially the same information as the first confidential source. The second confidential source said that Gregory also made the following statements during the course of his speech:

Gregory stated the Black Panthers were shot and killed because they bring food to the hungry children in the ghetto areas. He said there was much publicity and continues to be much publicity about the shooting of four Kent State students, but little has been said about the killing of two black students at Jackson State in Jackson, Mississippi.

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Gregory said that Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown have taught the Negro one good lesson and that is be natural and stop imitating the whites.

He said that one day the young people are going to have to write history. Most of the "old fools" do not understand what we keep telling mama (America). We keep telling mama that she is sick and we want to help her, but she does not listen.

He said there are a lot of questions for the young people to ask. If democracy is so good, why do we go all over the world trying to ram it down the throats of other people? Why don't the other people come begging for it? The fate and destiny of America is in the hands of the young people. He said the answer is not in dynamite and guns, but in the great moral force of the young people which is the only thing that scares America.

Both sources commented that throughout the speech Gregory used very profane and at times what they considered to be obscene language.

Further information concerning Carmichael and Brown of the Student National Coordinating Committee and the Black Panther Party is attached hereto.

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STUDENT NATIONAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

A source advised the Student National Coordinating Committee (SNCC), formerly known as the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, is a nonmembership organization founded in 1960, during the civil rights movement in the South.

Under the leadership of Stokely Carmichael, who served as National Chairman during the period 1966-67, SNCC evolved from a civil rights oriented group into a full-blown black revolutionary organization.

A publication entitled, "1967, High Tide of Black Resistance" indicates the year 1967 was considered by SNCC as a historic milestone for the liberation of black people in the United States and the year that revolutionaries throughout the world began to understand more fully the impact of the black movement. The publication declared that "liberation will come only when there is final destruction of this mad octopus--the capitalistic system of the United States with all its life-sucking tentacles of exploitation and racism that choke the people of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. The realities of black life, together with the recognition instilled in SNCC workers, forced its members to further popularize the legitimacy of self-defense and rebellions when oppression became too great."

A second source advised that H. Rap Brown succeeded Carmichael as National Chairman of SNCC in May, 1968, and served in that capacity until June, 1968, at which time SNCC reorganized, creating ten deputy chairmen in an effort to relieve pressure by law enforcement.

In April, 1969, SNCC moved its national headquarters from Atlanta, Georgia, to New York City, where it is presently located.

H. Rap Brown announced at a press conference in New York City on July 22, 1969, that he had been elected Chairman of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He announced the organization was dropping the word "Nonviolent" from its title, and will be known as the Student National Coordinating Committee, with a Revolutionary Political Council functioning as its governing body. Brown, at that time, stated the use of force is necessary in obtaining revolutionary goals.

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BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP),  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE

According to the official newspaper of the BPP, the BPP was started during December, 1966, in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther," regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968, had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill RICHARD NIXON."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times," issue of December 13, 1969, was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

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APPENDIX  
RE: BPP.

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"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is...by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U.S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 11/25/70

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM-BN

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of LHM, dated and captioned as above. No local disseminating being made, so as to preclude the possibility of pinpointing this source.

Source is [redacted] and he has been targeted to develop information regarding information reported in this Letterhead Memorandum (LHM). (U)

This LHM being classified confidential to further protect the identity of this source, who is of continuing value.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY

On November 10, 1970, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory planned to travel in the near future to Morocco to prepare himself "spiritually and physically" for a fast, which he plans to conduct at St. Paul Cathedral, London, England, during the period between Christmas and New Year. ~~(U)~~

Gregory is an American citizen; by profession a comedian, who is a self appointed political activist and human rights advocate.

Gregory's fast will be his method of expressing opposition to the sale of arms to the government of South Africa, by both the British and United States of America governments. ~~(U)~~

Travelling with Gregory will be  though no information is available to indicate that she might be planning to demonstrate for any cause. ~~(U)~~

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, PITTSBURGH (157-652) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM pertaining to captioned subject.

Source mentioned in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa. (established source).

Information in the LHM was furnished to SA WAYNE MORSE.

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 30, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 25, 1970, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on November 22, 1970, Richard Gregory spoke at Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, under the auspices of the college. This source related that Gregory received a fee of \$1,000 for his appearance and speech at this college.

The source further related that the appearance of Gregory was attended by approximately 400 people, which was estimated to be 300 students and members of the faculty and approximately 100 persons who were residents from the Waynesburg area. Gregory spoke for approximately two hours and appeared to have a well-prepared speech, and the source advised that he was sure it had been repeated many times.

The source related that there were no outside incidents and no reactions, one way or another, to his appearance by the community and that they had accepted him as a critic and a comic.

The source advised that Gregory made excuses for the activities of the Negro people and at times appeared to be vindictive, stating that the Negro had been so oppressed and had been put down for such a long period of time, that his activities were excusable. The source advised that this talk was sprinkled with humor, no rabble rousing, and was fairly well received by those in attendance.

The source advised that after the speech there was a question-and-answer period which lasted for about an hour, and the results were exceptional with good response by Gregory to all questions put to him. Gregory related that his role is that of a social critic, and he could not furnish any answers to the social problems existing in the United States today.

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Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Source mentioned in LHM is [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

December 4, 1970

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On December 1, 1970, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that on November 30, 1970, Richard Gregory spoke at Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va., under the auspices of the College, namely, the Student Board of Governors.

The source advised that Gregory spoke at the College fieldhouse before an estimated audience of 1,000, comprised mainly of students from Bethany and surrounding colleges and faculty of same. Gregory spoke from 8:30 p.m., until 10:30 p.m., and appeared to have a well-prepared speech. The source related that there were no outside incidents and little reaction, one way or another, to his appearance, and that his remarks, for the most part, seemed to be accepted in the vein of a vaudeville performance.

Source noted that Gregory's speech centered on persecution of minority groups, politics, law enforcement, the ghetto areas in America, social ills and black nationalists.

Gregory began his speech by pointing ridicule at the current Administration, relating that if President Nixon claimed a victory of the recent elections, all he would need would be two similar victories and he wouldn't have any party left.

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Gregory then talked of right wing newspapers and how they were labeling college students as rabble rousers.

Gregory then turned to attack on law enforcement, citing the stupidity of the practice of using white policemen in the ghetto area. He advised that the white police were getting paid off in the ghetto area and recalled that when he was five years old, he knew the identities of the pimp and dope peddler when the white policemen were unaware of these identities.

Gregory recalled World War II and advised that the United States Government was racist because the bomb was dropped on Japan instead of Germany simply because the Germans were white. He compared this to the present times, saying that the United States would rather fight with the Vietnamese than with the Russians because the Russians are white. He related that if an African nation were supplying arms to the Viet Cong, the United States would wage war on the African nation.

Gregory stated that revolution was controlled by evolution; that it can't be stopped and has to happen. He recalled colonial days, describing the Pilgrims as a group of cutthroats who were placed on a ship because the queen thought it was going to sink. He said the Boston Tea Party was no more than the riots in the ghettos and should not be publicized by racists who write textbooks. Gregory explained that since colonial days, the United States Government has had to have an "Indian." He noted that after the American Indian, the Irishman became the Indian, and he eventually became a policeman because he was so dumb. Then came the Italian, who later formed the Mafia. Then came the Jews, who became the merchant society, and then the Negroes. Gregory at this point pointed his finger at the audience and stated that now the college students are the "niggers."

He stated that the Kent State incident was like a mother giving birth to a child and that no matter how many troops from the National Guard were to be called in, the mother would still give birth. He talked of the drug problem and compared it with the alcohol used by the parents of dope users.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Regarding the black nationalists, he spoke of how white people are appalled by the fact that the minority group uses weapons. He stated that if the whites had to grow up in the ghetto area, they wouldn't think twice about using guns. He spoke of the free food program being sponsored by the black nationalist groups and pointed to how dog food was being consumed by a large populace in certain ghetto areas. Gregory commented on the absurdity of politicians campaigning on a law and order issue when, in fact, people were starving in the ghetto areas.

The source concluded that Gregory's speech, sprinkled with humor and, on many occasions, profanity, appeared to be well received by those in attendance. Source stated that Gregory had expressed his views on what he considered to be deficiencies in our country, but had not formulated any opinion as to how these ills could be corrected.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 12/4/70

FROM : SAC, NEW ORLEANS (157-6951) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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OO: CHICAGO

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Re New Orleans airtel to Bureau, <sup>12/5/70</sup> 2/11/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above reflecting the contents of a speech given by the subject at McAllister Auditorium on the campus of Tulane University on 11/12/70.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of same LHM.

Contents of speech contained in LHM were furnished to the New Orleans Division by

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LHM has not been classified confidential, inasmuch as the auditorium was completely filled, and identification of informant could not result from contents contained in LHM.

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New Orleans, Louisiana  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 13, 1970, a source, with whom contact has been insufficient to determine reliability, advised that on November 12, 1970, Dick Gregory spoke at McAllister Auditorium on the campus of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. Source reported that the auditorium was almost filled to capacity for the speech; and the following are salient parts and quotations from the speech:

Gregory first spoke about how the United States Government first developed. He stated that the people who arrived at Plymouth Rock were outcasts from Europe, but they did not discover a country that was not already occupied. These people started killing the red men (or Indians) and, when the people (or cowboys) could not rule the Indians, they got the dumb Irishmen to become the cops, and the Italians to be the Mafia. The cowboys (or Government) used the Irishmen as the police and the Mafia as a Syndicate, and with the protection of the Government, the police and the Mafia became drug dealers.

As time went on, the Government, police, and the Mafia became one. As the red men disappeared, they still needed Indians, so they later turned on the Negro or black man. As time passed, the Negro got tired of being killed and misused and not being able to live like other people of this country. Gregory stated that, as a result, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and Government has gotten rid of all of the Negro leaders, such as Martin Luther King, Stokely Carmichael, and Rap Brown. He also claimed that Jim Garrison,

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the New Orleans District Attorney, is being killed in some way because he was trying to open the people's eyes about the Kennedy assassination.

Gregory stated that it will not be long before there will be a change in this Government but that it should not be by bombings since this would be worse than doing what the outcasts who first came to this country did.

Gregory then stated that it is a shame that 44 million people have to go to bed hungry each night while this Government sends money all over the world. Gregory said that, when he was fasting for some thirty odd days while in jail, he was watching TV, and a commercial came on about dog food. He stated that all at once the dog food looked so good to him. He said the dog was wagging his tail, and he (Gregory) began to wag his own tail. He thought suddenly about how much dog food is being sold in the major metropolitan cities and about the 44 million people who were going to bed hungry each night. Gregory stated he called in fifteen researchers and determined that most of the dog food was being sold in the low income areas and around the Government housing project areas in large cities. "At the price of \$.10 a can, brother, you had better look out if you are asked out for a hash dinner because you could be eating dog food."

Gregory also mentioned how much money a United States Senator has to spend to try and get elected. "Why in the hell would any man spend two million dollars to receive what he does? You've got to be kidding!" He went on to say "You young people have a lot of work ahead of you, and it is going to be tough sliding, not because of the generation gap but because you young people are defying the old ways."

Gregory mentioned the Kent State killings and how an innocent girl was killed along with an honors student who was in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC). Then some people in the auditorium shouted "Right on, right on," and then arm signals were given of the power sign. He also



said that, when people try to do some good, they are shot down. It was the same way in 1770 when the British had control, and the people stood up against them. He kept on saying "You have a big job ahead of you."

Gregory said, "If you don't wake up soon, you will find yourselves in a bigger mess than the Negro was in, but the Negro is going to do something about it, and it isn't long off. The Negro has come a long way since 1960 and, baby, we are tired of this shit. You take care of the whites, and let us take care of the blacks. You whites are afraid of the Black Panthers. We're not. We love them. When a white cop comes in our neighborhood, he's only there for an eight hour duty and then goes home. If he should kill some little boy in our neighborhood, it's okay. But if this should be a Negro cop and he lives in our locked Negro neighborhood, we could take care of the situation. This cop may be in one of our black barber shops getting a haircut and a shave. While the barber was putting the shaving cream over the face and putting the razor next to him to shave him, I walk in and ask him why he killed our sons. It's a damn shame we can't have it this way."

Gregory went on to say "You had better do something about it, you cats. It has to be soon and before 1976. If you wish to make a go of it, we have to change it all. If we had black people in power, such as the President and such, it would be different. We're tired of this shit."

He said "You white people have indoctrinated us to believe that the whites were gods, that they never did anything wrong. You put your TV trash in our living rooms. You put your Miss America in our living room as a beautiful thing, but when a Negro man puts his hands on these beautiful white things, they are hit in the head or killed. It was all right for the white cops or pimps to use the Negro woman. Nothing was done about that."

Gregory said that, when he was five years old, he saw how the prostitutes were paying off the cops and how he or any young fellow could buy dope, but the FBI could not

find these pushers or dealers because of the city Government. He said his father was killed in 1942 by a German, and after the war a German could come to this country and move right next door to the "U.S. cat," but when a Negro wanted to, he was told to "get the hell out." So why should not the Negro get mad since he was born in this country.

At the end of the speech, Gregory sent his regards to Jim Garrison and wished him all luck in surviving whatever was wrong with him.

# Here he is, Folks, Dick Gregory: Fizz, crackle, zap, ba-room

By PETER COUTROS

WORDS, WORDS, WORDS tumble from his lips, incessantly moving lips, as though a dictionary had imploded within him and he was now spewing forth nouns and verbs and double that in adjectives and adverbs. The words became sentences, the sentences paragraphs and the paragraphs parthenogenetically evolve into exhortations, harangues, stretches of wit and lengthier tracts of rage.

More simply, it is Dick Gregory, middle name Claxton, doing his thing; his very own, peculiar-to-him thing.

Usually, he plies his tirade before crowds of young people, on one-nighters before collegians two decades younger than his 38 years, or in such subterranean sauce-mills as the Village Gate, where he was seen last week.

Records are another of his media, with a four-sided album, "The Light Side, the Dark Side," emerging as one of the big hits on the charts. His autobiographical "Nigger!" was well-received by book reviewers.

But the essential Dick Gregory is sharpest in person. Either in a roomful of anti-establishmentarians or in an interview, Gregory is effusive, super-charged, molite.

Vocally, he roams the upper registers. To emphasize his point further, he saws at the air, chops away at invisible foliage, fetching an image of Leonard Bernstein breaking Bach down for the masses.

His commanding stage presence enhances his five-foot-nine height. His weight varies according to which stage of his fast you catch him in.

He has lost as much as 40 pounds during these fasts, which he utilizes as hunger strikes against the system. Of late, he has taken to dieting even between fasts.

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Dick Gregory

A very "sick"  
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**DON'T EAT** any meat at all now, I limit myself to vegetables, uncooked vegetables," he says, adding by way of explanation, "You cook vegetables and you burn up all the nutrients in them."

Gregory and his wife, Lillian, have eight children "and none of them eat meat, either."

Home to Dick is an apartment in Chicago for, though he has earned well over a million dollars, he has managed to spend most of it without acquiring the requisites held dear in an acquisitive society.

What happened to the million-plus?

"Why, I don't even have any life insurance," he starts. "You start owning things and your attitude changes. My wife and kids will survive."

There is some indication that much of his earnings has gone to help his "brothers," but he never gets around to the specifics. Still, the inclination is strong to take him at face value about his family never going hungry.

Taking Gregory at his word is what one must

settle for. Keeping up with him is well-nigh impossible, ruling out any chance to catch him in an untruth. In the period between September 27, 1969, and June 4, 1970, he spent \$35,000 on plane fares, fulfilling engagements on scores of campuses.

Catching up with him on the ground is no mean task, either. As part of his health regimen (he has abandoned cigarettes and whiskey along with the meat and cooked vegetables), he runs up to six miles a day. Or so he says. The skeptics are asked to feel his face, feel how smooth and young the skin is. What can be felt in that sparse patch of skin not adorned with beard does seem smooth, but not having felt it before the "new Gregory" materialized, where can one discern the difference?

**STILL**, IT MUST be conceded that Gregory is as ready for battle as any 38-year-old can be.

What battle? For Gregory and, presumably, for those who accept his preachments and/or humor as gospel, the struggle is with White America. Make White America synonymous with racist America and you are right on with Dick Gregory.

The Gregory who relishes confrontations in 1970 is more caustic than the Gregory of 1960, whose bag of tricks held more wit than anger. A hardening of the laugh glands, perhaps? Or a reflection of the political murders which have reddened so many pages of our history?

"America always had its nigger. Sometimes he was the Indian, other times the Jew or the Irishman. It started with the Pilgrims. They started at Plymouth Rock and shot and murdered their way clear to California," Gregory says, launching into an in-

dictment which pauses only when breath seems to be running short.

Just at that point when the listener is about to concede that all is lost, it is idle dreaming to think there can be any salvation, Gregory shifts gears just long enough to suggest ways and means of restoring hope.

"The Constitution is America's health chart," he explains patiently. "Americans should get to know it better, because a man without knowledge of himself and what he stands for is like a tree without roots."

"What do I stand for? My bible is 'The Battle Hymn of the Republic', especially where the words say, 'As He died to make men holy, so let us die to make men free . . .'"

The closest he's come to dying is when he was shot while helping to quiet the Watts riots of 1965. Before and after that turbulent time, Gregory spent much time in jail.

It is fatuous, of course, to suggest that Gregory speaks for the blacks of America, either the larger number of moderates or the more militant minority. And Gregory doesn't make that claim.

**BUT** ON THE other hand, "in every neighborhood, there's some black man who's always ready to say what the white folks want to hear instead of the things they ought to hear."

"So, all I ask is, if you don't go to that black man for a comment on the President's speech in Cambodia or what happened at Kent State, don't let them give you a comment on me and my brothers."

Stoutly defending his right to speak out for the blacks without presuming to be their spokesman, Gregory cites "Martin and Malcolm, Stokely and Rap" as blacks who complemented each other in the cause of civil rights in "a country which puts property rights ahead of human rights."

"And Sammy Davis has been beautiful, the way he helped me take 20,000 turkeys to Mississippi in 1963. Sammy doesn't know how to say 'no.' One little old lady down in Jackson told us she was over 93 and never had turkey in her life and maybe now that she was without any teeth, it was too late, but she thanked us anyway."

"Bill Cosby may be the most significant thing that ever happened for black folks and he doesn't even know it. Now, my kids can see him every week and identify with him. White folks can see him, too, and see a black man who isn't in a jail scene or some Commie rally."

Misgivings have been voiced about Gregory's dedication to civil rights. Gauging the depth of any man's sincerity to any cause is to probe his soul. How much of Gregory's intentions can be gleaned by such surface things as the naming of his twin daughters? He called one Pamela Paula Inte, the other Paula Gratton. Get it? Inte-Gratton. The girls' mother was pregnant with them when she was locked up during a civil rights protest.

### Gregorian chants

There are few things on which Dick Gregory DOESN'T have an opinion. He DOES have an opinion on:

**THE PRESIDENCY:** When I ran for the office two years ago, I was the only real candidate for President. The others were running for sheriff.

**THE FBI:** If a nine-year-old can find a dope pusher, why can't the FBI?

**NONVIOLENCE:** It's a favor and not an obligation, and while I hate to admit it, it has helped the black's cause.

**LOOTERS:** If you're going to shoot all looters, make it retroactive and give the Indian a gun.

**SPIRO AGNEW:** He's the kind of cat who'd use the hot line to make a crank call to Moscow.

**SPACE FLIGHTS:** I heard we've got lots of black astronauts; saving them for the first space flight to the sun.

**WIRETAPS:** They've got so many bugs on my phone, I'm putting roach powder on it.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.:** It's the only place where a guy can hold up a bank and get mugged on his way to the getaway car.



DICK DERISIVE



NEWS photos by Dennis Coruso

DICK DEMURE

DICK DENOUNCING

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY  
(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65, 12/5/66,  
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Date: 12/14/70

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Date Searched: 11/28/69

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

SUMMARY

~~Gregory, Dick  
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Gregory, R. C.~~

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Gregory, Richard Claxton  
Gregory, William Richard Claxton~~

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

DNC.....Democratic National Convention of 1968, Chicago, Ill.

PD.....Police Department

WDC.....Washington, D.C.

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"The Sunday Star", published in WDC, on 2/27/66, contained an article entitled "Negroes Plan Armed Union Rights". The article stated that a group of militant Negroes had announced plans to form an armed District chapter of the Deacons for Defense and Justice "to defend" against "civil rights abuses". The article continued that Dick Gregory was one of three persons who led the speakers in attacking ghettos, welfare programs and "police brutality", before an audience at radio station WUST Music Hall, 9th and V Sts., N.W., WDC.

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Former [redacted] advised that on 3/19/68, Dick Gregory spoke at Tulane University, New Orleans, La. Prior to Gregory's talk, he introduced Willie Floyd Ricks [redacted] to those attending by stating "I want you to meet one helicat who makes Stokley and Rap sound like moderates". Following Gregory's speech, Ricks was observed in Gregory's company during the remainder of the evening.

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[redacted] advised that on 4/9/68, Ramon Lopez Tijerina [redacted] related that the Alianza Federal of Ciudades Libres group was helping to form a Peace and Freedom Party (PFP) in Albuquerque, N. Mex. Dick Gregory was to run as the Presidential candidate of the PFP, and Reies Tijerina, brother of Ramon and leader of the Alianza Federal de Mercedes, was to run for Vice-President.

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[redacted] advised that on 4/9/68, at a meeting of the CP at San Antonio, Texas, there was a discussion of the third party, the PFP, and it was indicated that Ramon had been talked to about that and it was felt that a third party could be formed, having Gregory and Reies on the ballot.

[redacted] p. 18,19

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[redacted] (Prob.) advised that on 4/9/68, following his appearance at the University of Portland, Portland, Oregon. Dick Gregory made an appearance at the residence of [redacted] where a group had met for a Black Students Union meeting. Gregory stated that he had flown to Portland that day from Atlanta, Ga., where he had attended the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King. Gregory stated that he was going to stay in this country until it falls, then he was going to leave. He said "I hate this country". His purpose for appearing at various colleges, Gregory said, was to encourage militancy and revolution among the students. He indicated that he was a candidate for President of the US and that following the election he could travel to foreign countries to see if he would be recognized as the President in exile. Gregory in answer to questions as to what students could do to help the cause of destruction in this country, stated that he would say nothing that would cause him to be guilty of conspiracy. However, he did state "keep on doing what you are doing" and noted that in Chicago there was a gasoline station near the freeway where a pipe from a gasoline storage tank could be broken, thereby permitting gasoline to flow on the freeway. Gregory indicated that he was opposed to racial violence, but that violence was the only way for Negroes to gain their manhood.

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[redacted] (Prob.) gave substantially the same information as above. He advised that Gregory told of his travels throughout the US and eulogized Dr. King. Gregory advocated violence and said that it was not right for the children to do the looting and killing. If it needed to be done, it was the responsibility of adults.

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[redacted] furn-  
ished information in connection with a letter dated 6/18/68, addressed  
to his wife from [redacted] Calif.  
The letter included the statement that [redacted]  
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[redacted]  
[redacted] (protect identity) advised  
on 5/8/68, that [redacted] of Dick  
Gregory and [redacted] he made a speech at SC on 4/17/68.

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[redacted] on 6/5/68, furnished a Summer of Support (SOS)  
(62-112287) pamphlet which in part stated the purpose of SOS and the  
establishment of coffee houses near military installations. Among  
the entertainers listed as invited by SOS to entertain at the coffee  
houses was Dick Gregory (locality not given).

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Pamphlet enclosed

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Sgt. [redacted] Chicago PD, Chicago,  
Ill., on 6/6/68, advised that [redacted] who along with  
two other individuals was wanted in East St. Louis, Ill., for killing  
a policeman and was at that time in custody in Chicago, stated that  
he and the other two had been given money by the "Black Culture, Inc.",  
an East St. Louis black militant group, to flee East St. Louis. [redacted]  
also said that if they needed help in Chicago they were to contact Dick  
Gregory, Apt. 1030, 1451 East 55th St., Chicago.

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The "Daily Olympian", a newspaper published in Olympia, Washington, on 6/30/68, carried an article concerning the dismantling of the "Tepee Village" of Janet McCloud\* on the grounds of the state capitol in Olympia. According to McCloud, the camp had started out as a protest against the incarceration of Dick Gregory for his part in a well-publicized incident of illegal net fishing by Indians in the Nisqually River.

105-190030-3 ep. 2  
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\*Northwest Representative of "The Survival of American Indians Association".

[redacted] advised that on 7/5/68, at a special convention of the CP, USA, held at the Diplomat Hotel, NYC, [redacted] (not further identified) in a report commented on the Government's restrictions against the Indians' fishing in certain Indian reservations. In this regard he stated that Dick Gregory was at that time in jail because of his fight to help the Indians in the State of Washington. [redacted] felt the CP should give Gregory their support and fight for his release from jail.

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100-3-69-11584 ep. 4  
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The following references in the file captioned "Congress of Racial Equality (CORE)" set forth information pertaining to the planned 1968 National Convention of CORE, 7/1-7/68, to be held at Columbus, Ohio. Dick Gregory was listed among the speakers and resource people for the convention.

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100-225892-10-36 ep. 2  
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[redacted] advised that on 3/23-24/68, at a YMCA Camp near Chicago, a conference was held for the purpose of establishing plans for the disruption of the DNC in Chicago in August, 1968. At the conference the Negro representatives decided to hold separate meetings. The source was of the opinion that this so called Black Caucus would follow the lead of Dick Gregory and support any action which he suggested.

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176-763-2 ep. 2  
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SI176-794-2 ep. 2  
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On 8/2/68, Dick Gregory, who was seeking the Peace and Freedom Party (100-447961) nomination for the Presidency, was to speak at the Glide Memorial Church, Taylor and Ellis Street, San Francisco, Calif. (Source not given).

100-447961-49 ep. 1  
(13)

[redacted] (protect identity) advised that on 8/3/68, Eldridge Cleaver, Black Panther Party leader, won the State Peace and Freedom Party (100-447961) delegation in balloting for the Presidential nominee. His nearest rival was civil rights leader Dick Gregory. Both Cleaver and Gregory spoke before the conventions in Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. b7D

100-447961-46 ep. 1  
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Richard Claxton Gregory, Chicago, was listed among independent Black Nationalist extremists and was reported as still active at that time. (Chicago Report 8/9/68.)

157-8415-9-20 p. 1,8  
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Detective [redacted] (protect identity), furnished a brochure regarding the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) (100-438794) Convention held in Memphis, Tenn., 8/14-17/68. Listed on the agenda of activities for 8/15/68, was the presentation of a Special Award to Dick Gregory by Dr. Ralph David Abernathy, SCLC president. b6 b7C b7D

Brochure enclosed  
100-438794-2327 ep. 6,39  
(12)

[redacted] (Prob) advised that Eldridge Cleaver\* was reportedly disenchanted with the Peace and Freedom Party (100-447961) convention which was held at Ann Arbor, Mich., 8/17-18/68, and was considering declining the Presidential nomination in favor of Dick Gregory.. b7D

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100-447961-56 p. 20-22  
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\*Minister of Information, Black Panther Party

[redacted] advised that on either 8/26 or 27/68, during the DNC he had spent the day in Lincoln Park, Chicago, selling literature, posters and buttons, in support of Citizens for Independent Political Action (CIPA), 1903 Hayward St., Chicago. This activity was carried on in conjunction with representatives of the Peace and Freedom Party which organization was rather loosely organized and desired to support Dick Gregory as a local Chicago candidate and Eldridge Cleaver as a national level candidate. Seibel indicated that it was the view of most CIPA representatives that it would be better to support the national candidacy of Cleaver rather than to support the local candidacy of Gregory because the latter was regarded as a comedian which did nothing for him as a candidate for public office.

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[redacted] advised that on 8/29/68, during a demonstration in front of the Conrad Hilton Hotel on Michigan Ave., in Chicago, Dick Gregory introduced an individual who, he claimed, was a deserter from the US Army.

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A review of Chicago PD information concerning speeches in the vicinity of the Conrad Hilton Hotel on 8/29/68, including a speech by Gregory, failed to develop any information concerning the above incident.

176-78-1 p. 2

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[redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, advised in an interview on 9/18/68, that Richard (Dick) Gregory was known to him only as a Negro entertainer.

176-51-29 p. 3

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The following references set forth information regarding the activities of Richard Claxton Gregory during the period 12/8/67 through 9/20/68, in connection with the demonstrations which transpired in Chicago during the DNC. Gregory, an entertainer and civil rights activist who had been arrested numerous times in connection with his civil rights activities, prior to the DNC made a nationwide tour speaking at various colleges. At the colleges he called for persons

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to go to Chicago during the DNC for the purpose of participating in demonstrations. A number of times Gregory announced plans to disrupt the DNC. He said the convention would be held only over his dead body unless his terms were met. However, in April of 1968, Gregory announced cancellation of his plans to protest the DNC. Nevertheless, Gregory did appear in Chicago during the DNC and spoke at the "LBJ un-Birthday Party" and to the demonstrators, participated in rallies and led a march of demonstrators in the direction of the Amphitheatre where the DNC was being held. The march was halted by the authorities and the marchers returned to Grant Park where the march had originated. Gregory again led a large group out of the park, supposedly toward his home. Once again they were stopped by the police and upon Gregory's urging, the marchers continued to move forward thereupon forcing the police to arrest a large number including Gregory. Background data set forth.

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44-40353-162 p. 13,746,761,783, 898,903,1011,1012, 1062,1145,1148, 1234, 1235,1283,1294. (arrested)	(9)
-242 p. 26,27 (arrested)	(9)
-243 p. 30,85,93,138,226, 275,346	(9)
-321 p. 4	(9)
100-0-39339 ep. 1-4	(11)
100-438281-175 p. 206,249	(2;12)
100-449698-10-8	(14)
100-449698-47-28 p. 4, ep. 15-17,23	(14)
100-449923-41p. 26	(14)
157-1760-16 p. 3	(17)
157-8249-5 ep. 5	(17)
157-8589-249 ep. 18,21,22 (arrested)	(17)
-739 ep. 1	(17)

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-1552 ep. 11 (arrested)  
-1688 ep. 8  
-1691 ep. 6  
-1696 ep. 9  
-1719 ep. 10,11 (arrested)  
-1730 ep. 3,5,7,10

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176-32-6 ep. 3

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176-34-23 p. 4,6,17  
-56 p. 10

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176-39-15 p. 13,19,20,57,58,  
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-19 p. 16,17,29,33,37,  
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176-51-99 p. 9,22-24

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176-60-13 ep. 1

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176-62-37 p. 26,28,39

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176-72-1 p. 13

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176-73-49 p. 7

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176-115-1 p. 5

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176-138-4

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176-245-1 p. 5,6

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176-333-6 p. 2,3 (arrested)

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176-653-2 p. 5

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176-706-3 p. 5,6

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176-863-12 p. 3

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176-1410-26 p. 5,20 (Photo)  
-82 p. 1  
-112  
-303 p. 1,9  
-401 p. 14,15

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[redacted] made three telephone calls\* to the Chicago area. (Source not given).

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According to the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, one of those calls was made to a number assigned to [redacted] and Richard Gregory, 1451 East 55th St., Chicago.

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\*According to serial 59 the above calls were made during the period 3/16/68 to 9/22/68.

[redacted] furnished a flyer bearing the heading "Flames of Liberation" which was distributed on the campus of Marquette University (MU), Milwaukee, Wisc. Among other items the flyer stated that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak at MU on 9/25/68. The reverse side of the flyer contained the statement "Liberation Timetable" which set out a number of dates including the above date indicating that Gregory would speak on Revolution in America.

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[redacted] advised that on 9/25/68, Gregory spoke in the Brooks Memorial Union of MU. At the completion of his speech Gregory headed a group of demonstrators and marched to Milwaukee P.D. Headquarters where 14 persons arrested for entering Selective Service Headquarters, Milwaukee, and destroying its records, were incarcerated.

[redacted] Detective, [redacted] on 9/26/68, advised that when the above demonstrators arrived at Milwaukee PD Headquarters, Gregory was arrested for failure to pay a traffic citation which was almost one year old. He was later released.

105-138315-30-30 ep. 2-4  
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[redacted] advised that at a meeting of the Students for Peace, a campus approved student organization at the University of Pittsburgh (UP), Pittsburgh, Pa., activities planned by the Resistance (14-2965) of Pittsburgh during September and October, 1968, were announced. Included was a planned visit to the UP by Dick Gregory and a large demonstration of support was being planned.

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14-2965-39-9 ep. 2  
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The "Minneapolis Tribune", a newspaper published in Minneapolis, Minn., on 10/30/68, published a report on the remarks of Harry Edwards [redacted] in a speech at St. Cloud State College, St. Cloud, Minn. In regards to the Presidential election, Edwards forecast that Dick Gregory could draw 25 million votes on November 5th if he were in the running for President.

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[redacted] advised that on 11/3/68, [redacted] a member of the Secretariat, CP, USA, advised that Charlene Alexander Mitchell, CP, USA, candidate for the Presidency of the US, had been telling people not to vote for her and to cast their vote instead for Dick Gregory (locality not given).

100-3-114-1244 ep. 1  
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[redacted] advised that on 11/4/68, Charlene Alexander Mitchell, Field Secretary of the CP, USA, Commission on Black Liberation, and the CP, USA candidate for President of the US, spoke at Howard University, WDC. Mitchell's comments dealt with the platform advocated by the CP, USA. She requested those present to get out and vote for the various Black candidates such as Dick Gregory, well known Negro militant who advocated programs similar to certain segments of the CP platform.

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100-442529-2754 p. 3  
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[redacted] advised that the United Black Students (UBS), University of Miami (UM), Coral Gables, Fla. (157-9543), tried to give

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the impression that they sponsored the appearance of Dick Gregory at the UM on 11/6/68, but actually the UM had arranged for his appearance in the spring of 1968, prior to the formation of UBS, UM. Following his speech at the UM, Gregory met with a black only group for approximately one hour.

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157-9543-25 p. 5  
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The following references in the file captioned "Peace and Freedom Party (PFP)" set forth information regarding the activities of Richard Claxton Gregory during the period 7/16/68 through 11/8/68, in Michigan, Kentucky, Virginia and New York. Gregory, an entertainer and civil rights activist, was a nominee for the Presidential candidacy on the PFP ticket. At the PFP founding convention, Gregory stated that "This corrupt and insane nation should be straightened out or destroyed so the rest of the world can breathe fresh air". He also stated that "There are a lot of people I'd like to shoot", but added that he would not because he was a coward. The CP, USA, officially supported Gregory's nomination for President of the US. Eldridge Cleaver won the nomination over Gregory.

REFERENCE

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62-112423-23  
-29 ep. 3,8,12,16,17,  
33,45  
-30 ep. 2  
-35 ep. 1  
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-66 p. A,1-3,9-11  
-99X p. 2  
-107 p. 1,5,29,53,70,  
76-78,125,126,128,  
135-149,168,191,194,  
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Appearances in Grand Rapids, Mich., recent to January, 1969, by Dick Gregory were sponsored by "The Organizer", a newspaper in Grand Rapids, which appeared to be connected with individuals operating the "New Concept Book Store", 36 Hall S.E., Grand Rapids. (Source not given).

157-11215-2  
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[redacted] reported on 11/15/68, that Arthur I. Waskow of the Institute for Policy Studies, WDC, in his proposals for "Counter-Inaugural" plans in connection with the inauguration of the President in WDC on 1/20/69, endorsed a proposal by Dick Gregory. Gregory had proposed a Counter-Inaugural parade and the opening of a Black House on behalf of a President of the People in Exile. Waskow also suggested the inauguration of a "panel of people", which included Gregory, who would use the "Black House" as a WDC base.

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62-111181-2380 ep. 2,9  
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The following references in the file captioned "Demonstrations During Presidential Inauguration Ceremonies, WDC, 1/19-20/69" set forth information regarding the activities of Dick Gregory during the period 11/1/68 through 1/20/69, in connection with the above demonstrations. Gregory was invited to speak at a "conference on the movement", sponsored by the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), which was to be held at Federal City College, WDC, during the Inaugural period. At a NMC meeting, Gregory was suggested as master-of-ceremonies at a planned counter-inauguration ball to coincide with the Presidential Inaugural Ball. A house, to be called "The Black House" was purchased in WDC which was to be used by Gregory and another person in running an "American Government in exile".

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100-451694-42 ep. 5  
-182 ep. 1  
-188 ep. 2  
-324 p. 3

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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that [redacted] had succeeded in gaining WIU approval for speeches by Dick Gregory and others at a black conference on racial issues to be held on 1/23-26/69, at WIU.

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[redacted] (PROB) advised that on 2/8-9/69, a Convention of the New Politics Party of Indiana, which was composed of, primarily, individuals who supported Dick Gregory for President of the US in the 1968 November elections, was held at North Webster, Indiana.

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157-12824-1 ep. 3  
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[redacted] (protect identity) [redacted] advised that according to [redacted]  
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157-8415-243-55 ep. 1  
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The following references set forth information regarding student agitation and a sit-in at American University, WDC, during the period 2/25/69 through 3/2/69, in connection with an issue involving the rejection by the school administration of a request to hold an inaugural ball for Dick Gregory who was scheduled to be inaugurated as the "President-in'Exile" of the US on 3/4/69.

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62-112228-53-53 ep. 1,3-5,7,11,  
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100-439048-53-157 p. 61

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The "Washington Post", a WDC newspaper, on 1/25/69, contained an article which related that the Executive Committee of the New Party (NP) in a press conference at the Sheraton-Carlton Hotel, WDC, on 1/24/69, announced that the NP had elected Dick Gregory as a co-chairman of the party. The NP, which was building an "exiled government" in WDC, announced plans for the 3/4/69, "inauguration" of Gregory as "shadow" president of the US.

On 3/4/69, an FBI representative obtained a leaflet entitled "New Party Town Meeting", AME Church, 1518 M. St., N. W., WDC. The agenda included the topic "Hunger and Malnutrition in the United States", Dick Gregory (New Party President in Exile).

100-447935-6 p. 48,49  
(13)

The "Knoxville News-Sentinel", a newspaper published in Knoxville, Tenn., on 3/24/69, contained an article which stated that Julian Bond (157-10820), who had canceled a speaking engagement at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, the previous fall because of the school's refusal to allow Dick Gregory to speak, was scheduled to speak at the civic auditorium.

157-10820-5 ep. 1  
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In 1968, Dick Gregory, self-proclaimed "President-in-Exile", campaigned for the US Presidency as a write-in candidate, and was also on the ballot in several states as a candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party and the New Party (NP). The NP was described as building an "Exile Government" in WDC to "further the politics of participation".

On 4/1/69, during a meeting of the United Black Brotherhood (157-12777) in WDC, mention was made of a "Zerex" machine belonging to the NP which was being moved from the NP address in WDC, to the "Black House" of Dick Gregory elsewhere in the city.

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157-12777-25 ep. 3,4  
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SI 157-12777-36 p. 19  
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[redacted] Illinois State University (ISU), Normal, Ill. (protect identity), advised that it was the hope of the Black Student Association, a militant black student organization on the ISU campus, that Dick Gregory would appear on 4/11/69 and officially open the Association of Women Students (AWS) Symposium (157-12944), at ISU. However, due to his incarceration in the Cook County Jail, Chicago, Gregory could not appear as scheduled, therefore the scheduled kickoff for the AWS Symposium on 4/11/69 was cancelled.

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157-12944-10 ep. 1  
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[redacted] and [redacted] advised that a demonstration reportedly sponsored by the Chicago Peace Council, was to be held at the Cook County Jail, Chicago, on 4/13/69, to protest the incarceration there of Dick Gregory. Gregory was incarcerated on a charge growing out of a 1965 sit-in demonstration.

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On 4/13/69, SAs observed the above demonstration in front of the cell window where Gregory was confined. Gregory spoke from his cell window and gave "peace" and "black power" hand signs to the demonstrators.

100-444394-59 ep. 1  
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The following references in the file captioned "New Party (NP)" set forth information regarding Dick Gregory in WDC during the period November, 1968 through 5/3/69. Gregory was elected as a co-chairman of the NP and was to be inaugurated as "shadow" President of the US. During the November, 1968, elections groups in several states allegedly attempted to place Gregory's name in contention by a write-in campaign. One of the demands of student demonstrators at American University (AU), WDC, was that Gregory's inauguration gala take place at AU.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-452574-1 ep. 1,2  
-21 p. 6  
-31 ep. 1  
-38  
-47 p. 9, 18

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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that an announcement over a local radio station stated that Dick Gregory would appear at a "rap session" which would be held at the Page Park YMCA on 6/7,8/69.

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[redacted] PROB and [redacted] PROB advised that the above announced "rap session" failed to materialize.

157-14209-1 ep. 1  
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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that approximately two years before, Semu Huaute, who claimed to be a Chumash Indian from Southern California, was scheduled to go to Hanoi, North Vietnam with Dick Gregory for the alleged purpose of entertaining American prisoners at Christmas. The trip was subsequently aborted for unknown reasons. (Letterhead memorandum, 6/21/69.)

98-46341-6 ep. 3  
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The following references in the file captioned "World Peace Council (WPC), Berlin, East Germany, 6/21-24/69" set forth information regarding the activities of Richard (Dick) Gregory in connection with the above meeting during the period 6/20-24/69. Gregory, described as an entertainer, author and lecturer from Chicago, and his wife were members of the American delegation to the WPC. At the meeting Gregory was chairman of a Subcommittee on Racism. He was reportedly bored by the proceedings and rarely showed up. During one of his rare appearances he reportedly roused Soviet ire by stating that the Soviet anti-Chinese stance was nothing but racism. Gregory also was reported to have remarked that the Soviet delegates were running the show at the WPC.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-361031-1097

-1107 ep. 2  
-1107X ep. 1  
-1119 ep. 29  
-1120 ep. 1  
-1121 p. 2  
-1123 ep. 78  
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US Army Operations and Research Detachment, Frankfurt/Main, Federal Republic of Germany, furnished a copy of a letter postmarked 5/29/69 from [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The letter requested that personal invitations to attend the Assembly, 6/21-24/69, be sent to a number of important individuals including Dick Gregory, Chicago.

100-332485-51 ep. 9

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[REDACTED] advised that on 7/14/69, a delegation of three persons including possibly Dick Gregory, were to leave Chicago enroute to Hanoi. They were to go to New York and from there to Paris, then on to Cambodia, arriving in Hanoi, North Vietnam on 7/18/69. In North Vietnam they were to talk to GI's, North Vietnamese Government and youth organizations.

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[redacted] (protect identity), advised that on 6/27/69, Paul Krassner, Editor of "The Realist", a magazine, in a speech at the Washington Square Church, 135 West 4th St., NYC, stated that Dick Gregory was possibly a part of the Movement Speakers Bureau (MSB) (100-454802).

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[redacted] (Prob) on 8/14/69, made available an undated letter from the MSB, which listed Gregory as a member of the MSB Advisory Board.

100-454802-3 p. 6,10  
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[redacted] stated that she had talked to Dick Gregory [redacted] Gregory suggested that [redacted]

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He suggested that if he was able, he would come to WDC for a benefit performance for the [redacted] Gregory reminded [redacted] that he had been refusing to pay income tax and as a result the Internal Revenue Service had been seizing his share of any performances he gave. [redacted] offered to help supplement Gregory's benefit by getting in touch with local entertainers. (Source not given).

The above was set out in LHM, 8/28/69.

105-138315-53-93 ep. 4  
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[redacted] advised that on 9/8/69, at a meeting of the Washington Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam held at Pierce Hall, 16th and Harvard Sts., N.W., WDC, it was reported that no progress had been made in arranging a fund raising benefit featuring Dick Gregory.

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The "Quicksilver Times" (100-454525), WDC, issue for 8/29-9/9/69, listed Dick Gregory as a contributor.

100-454525-3 ep. 3  
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James Bowling, Fayette County Sheriff, Somerville, Tenn., advised that on 9/28/69, Dick Gregory participated in a march and rally by Negro demonstrators in Somerville, Tenn.

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SI 173-6726-7 ep. 1

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The following references contain information pertaining to meetings and affairs that Richard Claxton Gregory participated in during the period 6/22/67 through 10/15/69. Gregory was a speaker or scheduled to speak at many of these functions and his speeches generally concerned civil rights or the war in Vietnam.

DATE	LOCALITY	SPONSOR OR TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
6/22/67	WDC	Washington Mobil- ization Committee to End the War in Vietnam	100-453323-3 p. 17	(15)
4/5-7/68	University of Texas, El Paso	Afro-American Stu- dents Association (Black Students Conference)	157-14294-15	(20)
4/13/68	WDC	Center for Emer- gency Support, aka Committee for Emergency Support	100-41949-167 p. 5	(11)
8/20/68	Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kans.	National Student Association Con- gress (Scheduled speaker)	157-8589-542 p. 3	(17)
8/22/68	Barat College, Lake Forest, Ill.	National Welfare Rights Organiza- tion Convention	157-8813-4 ep. 2,3	(18)

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DATE	LOCALITY	SPONSOR OR TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
9/26/68	Maryland, Illinois	Baltimore Defense Committee (Demon- strations in con- nection with Cat- onsville Nine Trial	100-451045-46 ep. 1,2	(14)
10/11-14/68	McGill Uni- versity, Mon- treal, Canada	First Congress of Black Writers	100-446080-2222 p. 169	(13)
10/14/68	McGill Univer- sity, Montreal, Canada	Congress of Black Writers (Announced that Gregory might attend)	157-10743-40 ep. 2	(19)
10/14/68	McGill Univer- sity, Montreal, Canada	Congress of Black Writers (listed as a speaker on Con- gress program)	157-10743-47 ep. 24	(19)
10/22/68	University of Wisconsin, Madison	(Not given)	100-449613-17 p. 6	(13)
10-21-23/68	University of Wisconsin, Madison	"Vietnam Week"	62-112525-81 ep. 4-6	(10)
1/15/69	Colorado College, Colorado Springs	Colorado College- Symposium on the Subject of vio- lence. (To be a guest lecturer)	100-448162-27 ep. 1	(13)
1/17,18/69	Grand Rapids, Mich. Fountain St. Church	Blacks United for Freedom	100-449626-4 ep. 2	(14)

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DATE	LOCALITY	SPONSOR OR TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
1/17,18/69	Fountain Street Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.	Blacks United for Freedom	157-9412-3 ep.2	(18)
			157-11988-3 ep. 1,4,5	(19)
2/7/69	Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.	Augustana Representative Assembly Student Government Body and Afro-American Society, Augustana College. (Black Power Symposium)	157-12348-1 ep. 1,2	(19)
			-3 ep. 1,2	(19)
2/14/69	Acadia University, Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Canada	"Soul Day" (a Black Conference) (expected to attend)	157-12448-1 ep. 1	(6,19)
2/24/69	St. Petersburg, Fla.	Bayfront Center, St. Petersburg	157-11587-3 p. 2	(6)
4/11/69	Illinois State University, Normal, Ill.	Black Students Association-Association of Women Students Symposium (Scheduled to appear)	157-12944-1 ep. 2	(20)
5/19/69	Capitol Theater, Chicago	Malcolm X Black Hand Society of the World, Inc.	157-9393-9 ep. 2,3	(18)
8/17/69	San Clemente, Calif.	Los Angeles Peace Action Council (Demonstration against President) (to be invited to appear and speak)	100-454848-57 ep. 2	(15)

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DATE	LOCALITY	SPONSOR OR TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
10/14/69	Mankato State College, Man- kato, Minn.	Vietnam Morator- ium Day activities. Spoke on campus	100-454565-376 p. 4	(15)
10/15/69	University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.	Vietnam Morator- ium Day activities. spoke on campus	-490 ep. 8	(15)

The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" set forth information regarding the activities of Richard Claxton Gregory during the period 8/29/68 through 10/20/69, in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Michigan, New York, New Jersey, Tennessee, Virginia and WDC. Gregory, a professional entertainer and civil rights activist, actively supported most civil rights groups. He spoke at numerous universities, gave benefits, led marches, participated in voter registration drives, demonstrations and sit-ins in connection with civil rights activities. He was arrested in several cities across the US for those activities including in Chicago during the DNC in 1968. He served a jail term on a charge of battery and resisting arrest. Gregory spoke in a number of colleges and universities. He authored three books concerning civil rights. In 1968, Gregory was a Presidential candidate on the Peace and Freedom Party ticket.

REFERENCE	SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
157-6-2151 p. 1,3	(16)
157-6-4-3101 ep. 1	(2,16)
157-6-6-801 p. 1, ep. 2-5 -803 ep. 3,4,6	(16) (2,16)
157-6-9-7824 p. 1,2 -8005 ep. 16,17 (arrested)	(16) (6)
157-6-15-2870 p. 1, ep. 1-3	(16)

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157-6-21-1123	(16)
157-6-24-748 ep. 39	(16)
157-6-31-2361 ep. 112	(16)
157-6-49-2915 ep. 6a, 15	(17)
157-6-52-1788 ep. 12,13	(17)
157-6-56-618 ep. 4,5	(3)
157-6-64-2057 ep. 15	(17)

[redacted] on 11/5/69, advised that men like Dick Gregory were scouts for military groups in the US and Mexico whose purpose was to kill the President of the US. He described "the Mexico group" as being styled like North Vietnam regular forces around the DMZ.

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[redacted] (protect identity) advised that Dick Gregory was scheduled to appear at Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla., on 11/12/69, however, no plans had been made for any sort of demonstration in connection with Gregory's appearance.

62-112228-63-63 p. 2  
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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Dick Gregory located in files maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division IV, was not reviewed, and it is not known whether it is identical with the subject of this summary.

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

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Date: 12/21/70

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Remylet and LHM dated 11/25/70, and captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. No local dissemination being made, so as to preclude the possibility of pinpointing this source.

Source is [redacted] and he has been targeted to develop information regarding GREGORY's Mexican travel. ~~(S)~~ (U)

This LHM is being classified confidential to further protect the identity of this source, who is of continuing value.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
ALSO KNOWN AS  
DICK GREGORY

On [redacted] a confidential source, who  
has furnished reliable information in the past, advised

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On [redacted] the source advised that he

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Gregory advised that [redacted]

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Gregory, who is an American citizen and self  
appointed political activist and human rights advocate, had

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)

DATE: 1/5/71

FROM : SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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(OO:CG)

ReTPteletype to Director, 10/6/70.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM and 2 copies of an FD-376.

Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies of LHM bearing above caption.

Copies of enclosed LHM are being disseminated locally to Secret Service, Jacksonville; MI, Orlando, USA, Orlando and OSI, Patrick AFB, Fla.

Source utilized in enclosed LHM is   (U)

SA   Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Orlando, Fla., made a tape recording of subject's speech at Rollins College using a Kelcon SK-7 Recorder; however, poor acoustics in the field house made this recording unintelligible.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

January 5, 1971

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential-protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs, and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☐ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

  
 John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
U. S. Secret Service, Jacksonville (RM)

Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida

JAN 5 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Detective [redacted] Winter Park, Florida, advised on October 6, 1970, that he had determined that Dick Gregory was scheduled to make a speech at the Rollins College Field House, Winter Park, Florida, at 8 P. M. on October 7, 1970. Detective [redacted] stated that Gregory's appearance was sponsored by the Student Educational Entertainment Committee at Rollins College and the topic of his speech would be "Social Problems: Social or Anti-Social?".

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Detective [redacted] furnished a copy of the October 2, 1970, edition of "The Rollins Sandspur", the Rollins College student newspaper. This publication, in an article entitled "Dick Gregory Tries Again", disclosed that two years ago the Student Educational Entertainment Committee, with the agreement of the Board of Directors at Rollins College, signed a contract with Gregory to appear at Rollins College on March 19, 1968; however, this contract subsequently had been canceled either by the college administration or by student leaders. This article continued that Gregory was scheduled to speak at Rollins College on October 7, 1970, for approximately one hour on the topic "Social Problems: Social or Anti-Social?".

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 16, 1970, that

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Dick Gregory spoke for approximately one hour and fifteen minutes at the Rollins College Field House, Winter Park, on the evening of October 7, 1970. Gregory, in his speech, criticized the intellect of United States Government officials and used numerous illustrations to make the point that a modern revolution in this country is inevitable. This source said that Gregory in his speech did not advocate violence in this country.

The October 11, 1970, edition of the "Orlando Sentinel", an Orlando, Florida, daily newspaper, in an article entitled "Gregory At Rollins", stated that Dick Gregory, on the night of October 7, 1970, spoke to a crowd of 700 people at Rollins College, Winter Park. According to this article, Gregory directed his speech at the students present stating "the fate and destiny of America depends on young folks". He commented that America was going through a period of "repression", adding that views of minority groups were being repressed or ignored. The article quoted Gregory as saying "what you see going on in the streets today is nature's way of warning this sick, tired, old degenerate nation that if it doesn't stop and make some quick adjustments, she's going to blow". He further stated "the answers to solving the problems of America are not with dynamite, not with guns. So I say you youngsters have a big job. America is worth saving".

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, MEMPHIS (157-2650) (P)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE  
UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE,  
12/8/70  
RACIAL MATTERS

DATE: 1/12/71

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a LHM dated and captioned as above, setting forth information regarding GREGORY's appearance at Middle Tennessee State University on 12/8/70.

AGENCY: ~~ICDSC, MHC, OSI, SEC, SERV, INS~~  
~~DEPT. OF JUSTICE, FBI, CD~~

HOW FORW: RS

DATE FORW: 1-22-71

BY: CEE/JP 158040

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  - (1 - 157-1505)
  - (1-157-1168) (RACIAL SITUATION, MEMPHIS DIVISION)
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Memphis, Tennessee  
January 12, 1971

RE: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE  
UNIVERSITY, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE,  
DECEMBER 8, 1970,  
RACIAL MATTERS

On December 14, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] Middle Tennessee State University,  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee, advised that Dick Gregory spoke  
in the Memorial Gymnasium at Middle Tennessee State University  
on the evening of December 8, 1970.

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Gregory had been invited to speak on the campus by  
the university as part of its "Ideas and Issues" Program.  
This program is designed to bring prominent persons to the  
campus for speaking engagements throughout the academic year.

Gregory's topic was "Social Problems: Social or  
Anti-Social."

[redacted] advised that Gregory spoke of the overall  
civil rights movement in the United States and urged the  
youth of the Nation to become active in solving the problems  
of our society. He implored the use of violence as answer  
to these problems, however, and stated that the involvement  
must take the form of political action.

[redacted] advised that Gregory's remarks had been  
well received by the approximately 1,000 persons in  
attendance and that there were no incidents as a result of  
the speech.

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Date: 1/13/71

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 1-17-80 BY 2842/CLT

On 1/12/71, [REDACTED]  
Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, stated GREGORY was  
slated to appear on campus in Binder Physical Education  
Center on Friday evening, January 15, 1971 at 8:00 P.M. He  
is to lecture on social problems.

The event is open to the public with no admission  
charge and is being sponsored by the Academic Cultural Comm-  
ittee of the Student Senate at Hartwick College.

Secret Service, 108th MIG, and USA, Albany, New  
York, advised.

LHM will follow concerning captioned matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 1/19/71

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) RUC

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau dated 1/13/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual, with two copies to Chicago regarding appearance of subject, at Oneonta, New York on the evening of January 15, 1971. A copy of this LHM has been furnished to 108th MIG, Albany, New York, and Secret Service, Syracuse, New York.

The confidential source referred to in enclosed LHM is [redacted]

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DEPT: ~~ISD, ORD, IDIU, CD~~  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Albany, New York  
January 19, 1971

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory

[redacted] Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, advised on January 12, 1971, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was scheduled to appear on campus at the Bandin Physical Education Center Building on Friday evening, January 15, 1971, at 8:00 P.M.. He stated GREGORY was scheduled to lecture on special programs. He stated the event was to be offered to the public with no admission charge, and it is sponsored by the Academic Cultural Committee of the Student Senate at Hartwick College .

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On January 18, 1971, a confidential source, advised he attended a lecture given by GREGORY on the Hartwick College campus at Oneonta, New York, which began at 8:00 P.M. on January 15, 1971 and lasted until 9:30 P.M. He stated there was a crowd of about two thousand students and other people that attended the lecture. He stated the talk given by GREGORY dealt with the way Negro people are treated by the White people in the country. He said the United States is a racist country and he gave background information and declared that the United States is a "White America." He stated GREGORY also talked about the starving people in the United States, the richest nation of the world, and the fact that the Federal Government was not helping the situation.

He stated there was no disorder or any type of violence as a result of the talk.

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He stated GREGORY remained at Oneonta, New York the night of January 15, 1971 and departed on the morning of January 16, 1971.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

NEW YORK

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FROM ALBANY (157-253) 2P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY

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DATE 1-17-80 BY 3842/UC

RE ALBANY AIRTEL TO BUREAU, JANUARY THIRTEEN

LAST AND PROPOSED SPEECH BY SUBJECT AT HARTWICK

COLLEGE, ONEONTA, NEW YORK JANUARY FIFTEEN INSTANT.

ONEONTA, NEW YORK POLICE

DEPARTMENT ADVISED THAT ON THE EVENING OF JANUARY

FOURTEEN, LAST, A TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED

AT THEIR DEPARTMENT FROM ONE

REPRESENTING

HERSELF ON

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] STATED THAT THEY RECEIVED

A THREATENING ANONYMOUS LETTER WHICH STATED THAT  
DICK GREGORY WAS GOING TO BE SHOT WHEN HE LEAVES  
HIS HOME. NO OTHER DETAILS OBTAINED BY PD. GREGORY  
WILL ARRIVE AT ONEONTA, NEW YORK FOR HIS SPEECH AT  
THE COLLEGE SIX FIFTEEN TODAY. THE PLACE WHERE HE  
IS DEPARTING FOR TRIP TO ONEONTA UNKNOWN.

ALL LOCAL AUTHORITIES, ONEONTA, NEW YORK,  
ARE COGNIZANT OF ABOVE INFORMATION.

NEW YORK CONTACT [REDACTED] ABOVE TO ASCERTAIN IF  
EXTORTION VIOLATION EXISTS.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, MINNEAPOLIS (157-386) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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DATE: 2-17-71

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning GREGORY's appearance in the Minneapolis Division at Bemidji, Minnesota.

Enclosed for Chicago are two copies of the above-described LHM.

The source for information in the LHM is the Bemidji Daily Pioneer and Bemidji State College. MINN.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 17, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On Page One of the Tuesday, February 9, 1971, issue of the Bemidji Daily Pioneer, a newspaper of general circulation, published at Bemidji, Minnesota, there appeared a news article captioned "Youth Has Big Job" concerning the speech of Dick Gregory on February 8, 1971, at Bemidji State College as one in a series of programs sponsored by the Cultural Arts Series of the college. This article is set out in its entirety as follows:

" 'Youngsters, you got a big job before you.'

"With this message, popular black comedian-lecturer Dick Gregory spoke for two hours at Bemidji State College Memorial Hall entertaining and informing some 1200 persons with a multitude of topics ranging from birth control and sex, to women's liberation, black oppression and the Vietnam War.

"Addressing himself primarily to the college age youth in the audience, whom he called 'youngsters,' the popular Civil Rights leader who recently published a third book called 'No More Lies,' concentrated his talk on what he called the 'inconsistencies and myths' of American thought and life.

"The black comedian speaker who was applauded with a standing ovation at the end of his talk began with humorous jibes at Nixon whom he called a 'funny cat.'

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"He said he spent 98 per cent of his time on college campuses because today's youth is 'probably the most morally ethical...group of young people that ever lived,' repeated several times that the solutions to America's problems lies with the younger generation.

"Gregory pointed out inconsistencies in thought of Americans who honor the founding fathers of the country who rebelled against British authority while criticizing young radicals; those who allow Germans who were enemies during World War II to move into their neighborhoods where they would not allow Negroes to live, and those who were angry at the Viet Cong though not at the Russians who 'supply 98 percent of the weapons' used in North Vietnam.

" 'There are inconsistencies,' he repeated several times.

"Some of the topics Gregory commented on:

"George Washington -- 'Washington left in his will to free his slaves after his wife's death...I don't favor celebrating the birthday of a slave master myself.'

"Women's liberation -- 'We men wouldn't let you women take our babies away.' He advised women to teach their sons that peace at even at the cost of imprisonment is worthwhile.

"Life -- 'At five years old I knew what a whore looked like, what a pimp looked like, what a hustler looked like. If I knew at five how is it the government does not know?'

"Radicals -- 'Rather than a list of the radicals in the U. S. why doesn't the government come out with the list of companies that violate the anti-trust laws, the lists of syndicates within our cities...the clauses in the Food and Drug Act that allow them to put drugs in our food that kill us....!'

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

"Nixon -- 'I get up tight when Nixon leaves the country...I always get a sneaky suspicion he might know something. Everytime Nixon leaves the county Agnew becomes number one boy in charge...and he reminds me of the kind of cat that would make a crank call on the hot line to Russia.'"

A source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Gregory was paid \$1,500.00 for his appearance by the Bemidji State College.

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TO:** DIRECTOR, FBI (157-8840)  
**FROM:** SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093)(RUC)  
**SUBJECT:** RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Enclosed herewith for the Bureau and Chicago is one copy each of an article appearing in the February 17, 1971, edition of the "Daily News" regarding captioned subject.

NYO has developed no additional information regarding subject's foreign travel abroad. In view of the above information and the fact this case was re-opened to determine subject's future foreign travel abroad, NYO is closing this case since subject is presently residing in Chicago.

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DAILY NEWS, WEDNESDAY FEBRU

# A Thinking Man's GI Tour?

## Jane Fonda Plans Antidote to Hope

By JOSEPH MODZELEWSKI

Jane Fonda had a hurt look. Her Bambi eyes got moist like poached eggs when somebody mentioned sex.

"Are you serious?" she scoffed at a reporter who wanted to know if maybe she'd wear a bikini for the troops on her planned tour of United States Army bases to test the Army's liberalization policies on free speech in the military.

"That's what Bob Hope does. We're trying to get away from that sort of thing," Jane said, dismissing the Hope shows as mindless male chauvinism.

The pretty, petulant daughter of Henry Fonda did not say how she planned to entertain the boys, except that there would be no bump-and-grind Barbarella stuff. She is through with all that cheap exhibitionism, she said, dismissing her earlier nude films as "just a stage."

### Discusses Her Antidote (over)

Jane, together with court-martialed ex-Army doctor Howard Levy, was at the Hotel New Yorker, where she discussed her antiwar antidote to the Bob Hope tour.

The tour—which will star Jane, Elliot Gould, Dick Gregory, Donald Sutherland and Peter Boyle (of "Joe")—was called "a different view on the war."

Calling Hope a "superhawk," Jane complained that the ski-nosed comic has "a corner on the market on entertainers speaking to soldiers." Hope is a golfing crony of President Nixon and Vice President Agnew.

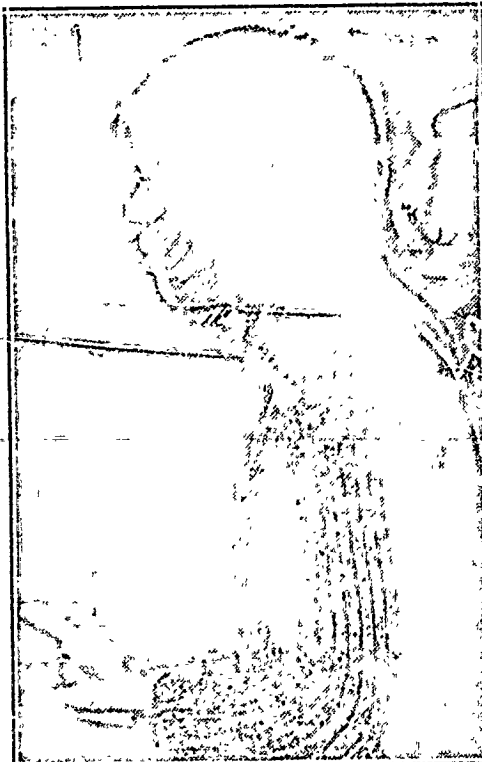
According to Dr. Levy, the antiwar troupe will visit Fort Bragg, N. C., first on March 13.

### The Same Old Army? (over)

Dr. Levy says, he has not received permission from Gen. John J. Tolson 3d, Fort Bragg commanding officer, to entertain the antiwar troupe prowling Green Beret military

Tolson is really serious about the old blood-and-thrust policy. He wants to show on the base," Levy reasoned. "All can it, and let the public know the same old Army."

He also wants the Army to underwrite the



NEWS photo by John Pedin

Will Jane wear a bikini? "Are you serious? ..."

costs of the production, "including lodging and transportation." The USO pays for the Hope show.

In the not-too-unlikely event that the Fonda show bombs in the Pentagon, the cast will still perform their skits in the Haymarket Square coffeehouse, an enlisted men's hangout in Fayetteville, near Fort Bragg.

Film director Mike Nichols is slated to direct the players, who will give a benefit performance under the sponsorship of the United States Servicemen's Fund, which is a sort of pacifist USO.

Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.

Page 4, "Daily News"  
New York, New York

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"A Thinking Man's  
GI Tour?"

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
 FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253)  
 SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
 Dick Gregory  
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 DATE 1-17-80 BY 2842/EC

On 2/16/71, [redacted]  
 [redacted] Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica,  
 New York, advised that on February 25, 1971, RICHARD  
 CLAXTON GREGORY is scheduled to appear in the  
 cafeteria Strebol Student Center at 8:15 p.m. The  
 subject of GREGORY's appearance is not known. He  
 stated that the event will be offered to the public  
 at \$2.50 per ticket, and to members of the college  
 community at \$1.50 per ticket. Tickets are being  
 obtained through the student activity office at the  
 college. The capacity of the cafeteria is approxi-  
 mately 1,000 people.

Secret Service, 108th MIG, USA, and local  
 authorities advised.

LHM will follow concerning captioned matter.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 2/27/71

FROM : SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory (Agitator Index)  
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(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 2/18/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual and two copies to Chicago regarding his appearance at Utica College of Syracuse University on the evening of 2/25/71. A copy of the LHM is being furnished to USA, NDNY, 108th MIG, Syracuse, NY, and Secret Service, Syracuse, NY.

The first confidential source referred to in the enclosed LHM is [redacted] Utica College of [redacted] source is [redacted]

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Albany, New York

February 27, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as  
Dick Gregory

One confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on February 16, 1971, that GREGORY was scheduled to appear on the campus of Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, New York, on the evening of February 25, 1971, at 8:15 pm. The subject of GREGORY's lecture is unknown, but tickets to the general public will be offered at \$2.50 each, and to members of the college community at \$1.50 each, and may be obtained through the Student Activity Office at the College.

On February 25, 1971, a second confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past advised that he attended a lecture given by GREGORY in the cafeteria of the Strebels Student Center at Utica College of Syracuse University, Utica, New York, which began at 8:30 p.m. on February 25, 1971, and lasted until approximately 10:50 p.m. on the same date. Source advised that the presentation was received with moderate enthusiasm by an audience of approximately 750 people. The audience was comprised of approximately 30 percent non white individuals. Source stated that the talk given by GREGORY dealt humorously with topics such as civil rights, ecology, illegitimate births, and student unrest. Source also stated that GREGORY also made humorous, critical quips concerning the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, and the activities of the United States Army Intelligence Personnel.

Source stated that there was no disorder of any type resulting from GREGORY's appearance, and to the best of his knowledge, there were no incidents or arrests as a result of the talk.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 3/22/71

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
(AGITATOR INDEX)  
RM

OO: CHICAGO

Enclosed are 11 copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) dated and captioned as above. No local dissemination being made.

Identification of sources:

CG T-1 is [REDACTED] (PROB).

Agent who received information from source is [REDACTED]

LHM is classified confidential to protect a source of continuing value.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

Dick Gregory, comedian, civil rights activist and self-described social critic, made approximately 200 lecture appearances, on college campuses throughout the United States during the academic year, 1970-71. (up to the present date).

The following is personal data concerning Dick Gregory:

Residence	1451 East 55th Street Chicago, Illinois
Employment	Comedian, author, lecturer and owner of Dick Gregory's Products, New York, New York
Marital status	Gregory is married and the father of eight children
Arrest record	Gregory has a record of numerous arrests relating to protest activity, and during the summer of 1968 he served 45 days in prison at Olympia, Washington, the result of a conviction for demonstrating in support of fishing rights of the Nisqually Indians. During summer of 1969, he served 25 days in jail at Chicago,

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ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

Illinois, the result of a conviction for demonstrating in protest of de facto segregation in the public school system thereat.

On January 20, 1971, CG T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, verified Gregory's residence and advised Dick Gregory Products deals in cosmetics for blacks and has been in existence for several years, and recently opened a Chicago outlet, "Dick Gregory Cosmetics, Incorporated, 9528 South Halsted Street, Chicago". This source advised that five percent of Gregory's income from his cosmetic business is donated to the United Negro College Fund.

Summary of Gregory's activities as an author and lecturer during the academic year 1970-71:

Publications

On January 20, 1971, CG T-1 advised that Dick Gregory has a new book on the market entitled "No More Lies", edited by James R. McGraw and published by Harper and Row.

The introductory notes on the jacket of "No More Lies" reads:

"Gregory came by his data in an unusual way - he lived it. He has burrowed in the archives of the minds and hearts of black and white America, hunting not simply for facts but for truth. This book is the result."

This same source quotes Gregory as follows, regarding the book:

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

"I was born in the ghetto of St. Louis, my childhood was one of firsthand experience with all the joys, sorrows, humor and tragedy of poverty."

"I broke onto stage anyway, and, after some hectic moments, received a rollicking response. I went from the depths of poverty to the pinnacle of financial success. Having experienced both, I had to find what really was the meaning to a man's life. People use to ask, 'Have demonstrations hurt your career?', but the only relevant question for me is 'Is my career getting in the way of demonstration?' Active involvement in the struggle for human dignity is the real value in life. A career is secondary."

"I've become increasingly impressed with the fact that the original patriots in this country always ended up on the side of the oppressed, but those who claim to be patriots today always end up on the side of the oppressor. Something is wrong. What is wrong is that America believes her myths rather than essential moral values - the sort of values articulated in America's most basic documents."

"The idea for 'No More Lies' originated and was, in large part, developed in the course of my many college lectures. In these lectures I am continually talking about a country which has lied to the current generation of youth and then when they catch us in the lie, we call it a generation gap. It isn't a generation gap. It's a moral gap."

// James R. McGraw is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church, and has served as a Brooklyn, New York, pastor and now edits Renewal magazine. //

#### Lectures

Reliable confidential sources throughout the United States have reported that Gregory receives approximately \$1,500 for his campus appearances, speaks for approximately two (2) hours on politics, the police, the ghetto areas, hunger in America, Black Nationalists, and persecution of minority groups.

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

Gregory's lectures are well attended, particularly by the white student population, and are terminated without incidents.

Sources conclude that Gregory's speeches, sprinkled with humor and, on many occasions, profanity, are well received. These speeches set forth Gregory's views on the deficiencies of the United States, while he admits he knows of no better place to live.

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TO: Director, FBI (157-12382)  
FROM: SAC, Tampa (157-3163) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM  
(OO: CG)

Re Tampa letter to Bureau, 8/12/70.

On 3/17/71 CS [redacted] advised that the University of South Florida (USF) Lectures and Events Faculty Committee has scheduled DICK GREGORY to speak in the gym of the USF campus Tampa, Florida, at 8:00 PM, Tuesday, April 13, 1971. (U)

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GREGORY'S appearance is part of the regular USF lecture series and his fee will be paid from money allocated by USF for student affairs.

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AT CHICAGO, ILL.

Will advise Tampa appropriate means of covering GREGORY'S speech on a college campus.

- ② - Bureau (157-12382)
- 2 @ Chicago (157-347)
- 2 - Tampa (157-3163)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM: SAC, EL PASO (157-176) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM - BN

OO: CG

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Chicago two copies of LHM pertaining to the subject's appearance at the University of Texas at El Paso on 3/11/71.

This appearance by DICK GREGORY received local newspaper coverage and no dissemination is being made to local Government agencies.

- ② - Bureau (Enc. 8) (RM)  
2 - Chicago (157-347) (Enc. 2) (RM)  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

202 U. S. Court House  
El Paso, Texas 79901  
March 24, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

David Dyer, reporter for "The El Paso Times," El Paso, Texas, reported on March 12, 1971, that Dick Gregory, black humorist, author, and Presidential candidate in 1968, was featured in the University of Texas at El Paso's Lyceum Series on Thursday night, March 11, 1971. Dick Gregory spoke in Magoffin Auditorium on the University of Texas at El Paso campus. He was greeted by a nearly full house.

Following his speech, Dick Gregory held a brief question and answer period with the audience. Concerning any future political plans, Gregory said that at the moment he has none but that he might have in 1972. A reception was held for Dick Gregory in the Student Union Building at the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP).

[REDACTED] UTEP, advised on March 22, 1971, that Dick Gregory's speech was entirely in a humorous vein and could not be construed as agitational or as advocating violence in any form.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_ b6  
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Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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6:55 PM URGENT: 4-5-71 ESB

TO: DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO  
FROM: CHARLOTTE (157-NEW)

APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA. DICK GREGORY, AT  
WESTERN CAROLINA COLLEGE (WCC), CULLOWHEE, N.C., APRIL SEVEN,  
SEVENTYONE, RM.

[REDACTED] WCC, ADVISED TODAY THAT  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY HAS BEEN EXTENDED AND INVITATION TO  
SPEAK AT GRAND HALL, WCC STUDENT CENTER ; ON APRIL SEVEN  
SEVENTYONE, AT EIGHT FIFTEEN P.M.

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INVITATION HAS BEEN EXTENDED BY PROFESSOR [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], WCC, AND THE LECTURE, CONFERENCE AND ENTERTAIN-  
MENT COMMITTEE.

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CHICAGO REQUESTED TO VERIFY GREGORY'S APPEARANCE AT  
AND ADVISE CHARLOTTE.

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ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO AFFORD COVERAGE TO GREGORY'S  
APPEARANCE AND ATTEMPTS TO TAPE HIS REMARKS.

CHARLOTE WILL FOLLOW AND KEEP BUREAU AND CHICAGO ADVISED

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TO DIRECTOR AND CHARLOTTE  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347) 1P

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM - BN.

*See 602*  
RE CHARLOTTE TEL TO THE BUREAU AND CHICAGO, APRIL FIVE,  
NINETEEN SEVENTY ONE.

ON INSTANT DATE, A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE  
INFORMATION IN THE PAST, ADVISED GREGORY TO APPEAR AT WESTERN  
CAROLINA COLLEGE (WCC), CULLOWHEE, NORTH CAROLINA, ON APRIL 5  
SEVEN, NEXT. *me*

ADMINISTRATIVE

SOURCE IS [REDACTED]

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CHARLOTTE SHOULD AFFORD GREGORY'S APPEARANCE SOURCE COVERAGE,  
AND REPORT RESULTS TO BUREAU IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION,  
WITH AN INFORMATION COPY TO CHICAGO. *100-446423-603*

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- 1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. J. P. Mohr (Creedon)
- 1 - Mr. C. D. Brennan

April 27, 1971

The Attorney General

Director, FBI

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

- 1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. A. Rosen
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. R. H. Haynes
- 1 - Mr. W. H. Atkinson

I thought you might be interested in the enclosed memorandum which contains comments recently made at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, North Carolina, by Richard Claxton Gregory, the well-known comedian and civil rights advocate. Gregory attacked the participation of this Government in the war in Vietnam and ridiculed the President and the Vice President of the United States.

The enclosed memorandum is also being furnished to the Honorable H. R. Haldeman at the White House and the Vice President.

Enclosure

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General (Enclosure)
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General (Enclosure)  
Internal Security Division

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NOTE:

See memorandum [Redacted] to Mr. C. D. Brennan, dated 4/26/71, captioned as above, prepared by WHA:glw. Classified "Confidential" since this letter contains information from a confidential source, disclosure of which might be detrimental to national defense interests.

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Via AIRTEL

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AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-12382)

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-3163) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM  
(OO:CG)

Re TP airtel to Bureau, 3-18-71, and CG letter  
to TP, 3-30-71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM  
concerning a speech by GREGORY at University of South  
Florida (USF), Tampa, Fla., 4-13-71. Also enclosed for  
the Bureau are 2 copies of FD-376.

Enclosed for Chicago are 2 copies of same LHM.

One copy of this LHM is being furnished to  
U.S. Secret Service, Tampa, Fla.

Sources referred to in LHM are:

TP T-1 is [redacted] (PROB)

TP T-2 is [redacted]

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possibly lead to the identification of sources of continuing  
value, which could be detrimental to the national defense  
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AGENCY: ASST. DIR., OSI, SEC. SERV.

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BY: [signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

April 23, 1971

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked:

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☐ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☒ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

Photograph ☒ has been furnished ☐ enclosed ☐ is not available  
☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1)  
U. S. Secret Service, Tampa

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Enclosure(s)

(Upon removal of classified enclosures, if any, this transmittal form  
becomes UNCLASSIFIED.)



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Tampa, Florida  
April 23, 1971

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On April 14, 1971, TP T-1 and TP T-2 advised that on Tuesday night, April 13, 1971, at 8:30 p.m., Dick Gregory spoke at the Howell Gym, University of South Florida (USF), Tampa, Florida. There were approximately 2,000 persons of college age in attendance, approximately 75 percent of whom were white. Gregory spoke for one hour and forty-five minutes and then held a question and answer session for an additional forty-five minutes. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Sources advised that the main theme of Gregory's speech was white racism, and then Gregory briefly discussed opposition to the Vietnam War. Gregory related his story of the white European American exploitation of minority groups. He stated the white man first exploited the Indians then the Jews, the Italians, the Irish, and finally the "niggers." The white man had exploited the "niggers" for over 100 years until 1968 when a "nigger" like Stokely Carmichael and H. Rap Brown began leading the opposition to white racism. Gregory also said the white man killed his last "nigger" in 1968, referring to Martin Luther King, Jr.

TP T-1 advised that Gregory then told the predominantly white audience that "there is a new breed of 'niggers!' You white barefooted, long haired, bearded, stinking, hippies - yippies, whatever they are - you are the

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

new "niggers!" He stated that if 50 of "the new niggers" got explosives and went to a bank and gave the explosives to 50 older people, and the older people blew up the bank, "the new niggers" will be charged. Gregory said the establishment cannot believe that older people would or could be responsible. ~~(S)~~ (U)

According to sources Gregory described the whites in this country as "wild, uncivilized, untamed cowboys." He said, however, violence is not the answer because that is what the white man wants. Blacks have to gain control of black communities by organizing and uniting. For example, blacks could boycott Chevrolet and buy Fords. The people who make Chevrolets would then have to make the necessary changes to accommodate black customers.

Sources advised that Gregory also briefly pointed out the Vietnam War as a great social injustice and praised the opposition of youth to the war.

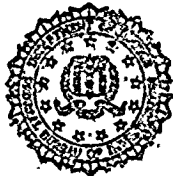
TP-T-1 advised that after Gregory's appearance at the USF, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] held a reception for Gregory [REDACTED]

The reception was attended by several members of the Afro - American Society, a USF approved campus organization of black students, and several members of the Center for a United Black Community (CUBC), a Tampa, Florida, organization of young blacks for black control of black communities. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida  
April 23, 1971

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Character

Reference Memorandum dated and captioned  
as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. C. D. Brennan *House*

FROM :

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALISTS

1 - Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
1 - Mr. J.P. Mohr (Creedon)  
1 - Mr. C.D. Brennan

DATE: 4/26/71

1 - Mr. T.E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. A. Rosen

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1 - Mr. R.H. Haynes

1 - Mr. W.H. Atkinson

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To recommend the attached letters with enclosed memorandum be sent to Honorable H. R. Haldeman, at the White House; the Vice President; and the Attorney General.

The memorandum enclosed with above letters summarizes a speech given by Gregory, black comedian and racist, to students at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, North Carolina, on 4/7/71. Gregory's speech was recorded by a source and a transcription of the speech reveals he utilized extreme vulgarity against the Director, President, and Vice President. He made his usual caustic scathing comments concerning racism, sex, and law and order.

He attacked U. S. participation in the war in Vietnam and accused the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) of involvement in the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

He also predicted a dictatorship would be established in the country within 18-24 months following overthrow of Government by CIA.

He referred to the Director as "one of the slickest, slimiest degenerate freaks." He stated further concerning the Director "one day you're going to find out about that sick perverted pimp" and "you can't keep a slimy freak like that hid for too long a time."

This is another case where a black racist agitator has been allowed the opportunity to degenerate the morals and values of a college student body.

Enclosures *sent 4-27-71*

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Memo to Mr. C. D. Brennan.  
Re: Richard Claxton Gregory  
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The enclosed memorandum will also be disseminated by transmittal form to Secret Service and Central Intelligence Agency.

No dissemination is being afforded Gregory's comments concerning the Director as it is believed such comments are only of interest to the FBI.

ACTION:

That the attached letters with enclosed memorandum be sent to Mr. Haldeman, at the White House; to the Vice President; and to the Attorney General.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

April 27, 1971

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-8185) (P)

SUBJECT: APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
aka Dick Gregory, at Western Carolina  
College (WCC), Cullowhee, North Carol  
4/7/71  
RM - BN

(OO: CHICAGO)

Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 4/6/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of LHM setting forth transcript of tape recording of subject's address. Also enclosed for Chicago are two copies of LHM. One copy of LHM is being disseminated locally to Secret Service.

As scheduled on 4/7/71, GREGORY addressed approximately 350 students at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, North Carolina, including approximately 70 Negro students from the college.

A tape recording of the speech was furnished by \_\_\_\_\_ of Western Carolina College. The amount received by GREGORY for his appearance is not known at the present time but according to \_\_\_\_\_

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[ ] but he advised the fee paid to GREGORY for his appearance would not exceed \$500 plus all expenses.

[ ] advised on 4/8/71 that it would be several days before he could determine the exact amount paid to GREGORY for his appearance and he would obtain this information from the records of the Lecture, Conference and Entertainment Committee.

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[ ] advised he was present during GREGORY's address and at the conclusion of the address no collections or donations were requested by GREGORY, nor was any money taken for GREGORY.

LEAD:CHARLOTTEAT CULLOWHEE, NORTH CAROLINA

Will recontact [ ]  
to determine exact amount paid GREGORY for his appearance at Western Carolina College and advise the Bureau and Chicago.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Charlotte, North Carolina

April 15, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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APPEARANCE OF RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
AT WESTERN CAROLINA COLLEGE (WCC),  
CULLOWHEE, NORTH CAROLINA  
APRIL 7, 1971  
RACIAL MATTERS - BLACK NATIONALIST

On April 7, 1971 RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY addressed approximately 350 students at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, North Carolina. GREGORY had been extended an invitation to speak to the student body at Western Carolina College by Professor [REDACTED] of Western Carolina College and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at the university. *NC*

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As scheduled, GREGORY addressed the student body at Western Carolina College Student Center at Cullowhee, North Carolina on April 7, 1971, at 8:15 p.m. GREGORY's speech covered various topics of current interest such as sex, environment, race, the Vietnam War, trial of Lieutenant CALLEY, President RICHARD M. NIXON, Vice President SPIRO AGNEW, FBI Director J. EDGAR HOOVER, and in a portion of the speech GREGORY predicted a dictatorship in the United States which would be initiated and controlled by the CIA within a period of 18 to 24 months. GREGORY accused the CIA of having been involved directly and indirectly in the assassination of JOHN F. KENNEDY and ROBERT KENNEDY. The speech lasted approximately one hour and fifteen minutes.

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The following is a transcript of a tape recording of the speech made by GREGORY at Western Carolina College:

"I would like to say thank you very much. Can you people way back in the cheap seats hear okay? I . . . NIXON is on television tonight, huh? That's a funny cat, man. You know, every time I get really uptight with NIXON myself and every time NIXON leaves the country I usually get a little uptight and I guess it really hasn't got anything to do with DICK NIXON. You see, any time the President of the United States, regardless of who it is, leaves the country I always get a little nervous and upset because I always get a sneaking suspicion he might know something. So I stay a little nervous and upset until he gets back. Not to mention the fact today, with NIXON being the President of the United States, every time NIXON leaves the country, AGNEW becomes the number one boy in charge. That kind of bothers me.

"See, AGNEW just reminds me of the type of cat that will make a crank call to the Russians on the hot line. Other than that, I kind of dig AGNEW myself. But what I mean by that is I don't have the normal hang-ups that most folks have about AGNEW. See, I kind of dig AGNEW because I kind of believe AGNEW is putting everybody on.

"Yeah, I don't believe it is humanly possible for one man to be born that dumb. He, you know if AGNEW was as dumb as he wants us to believe he is, he wouldn't be able to walk and chew gum at the same time. I wouldn't be surprised to pick up the paper one day and read where AGNEW hijacked a train. Tell the conductor, take me to Cuba.

"Of course, you can say anything you want to say about AGNEW but you have got to admit one thing, he's consistent. And I wouldn't be surprised if AGNEW got on television next week and called NIXON a honkey.

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"Now, I don't mean to scare you young folks or nothing like that. I don't mean to upset you or nothing like that, but you are aware of the fact that AGNEW finished college aren't you? Now, he stated off normal. Yeah, I was talking to one of his roommates not too long ago. He tells me AGNEW is really a dumb cat. Yeah, he told me AGNEW was so dumb that one night all the guys in his dormitory decided to hold a panty raid and said AGNEW was the only cat to come back with a jockey strap. You can't get much dumber than that, right?"

"Let me say it's a pleasure to be with you young folks this evening. I guess I can truthfully say I spend 95 per cent of my time today on college campuses and for a reason. And the simple reason is that you young folks in America today are probably the most morally honest, ethical, committed group of young people that's ever lived in the history of this country, barring none. And I just hope you youngsters don't have to continue to read these old right-wing cracker-controlled newspapers to find out who you are or what you're all about. Because you see, the average established newspaper in America today is not even morally sound enough even to discuss you young kids with yourselves. They call you hippie, yippie, irresponsible, bearded, smelly kids, whatever the hell that means. And my reaction to that has always been, why because you have a beard, why does that mean you have to stink? They don't say nothing about Abraham Lincoln. He didn't only have a beard, he was ugly too.

"I guess what I'm really trying to say to you youngsters in America today is I hope you understand who you are, what you're all about. I hope you don't have to depend on us older Americans to defining you and you actions.

"That's what my new book is really all about. I've been on the college campuses now for five years. It's called 'No More Lies, the Myth and Reality of American History.' And that's what the problem is in America today.

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For 400 years we lived in a myth in this country and now for the first time you young folks has forced this into reality. We can't deal with it.

"We got a lot of people can't deal with the reality that long hair and a beard is, because see, the myth we've lived in in this country for so long, that we're sick enough and slimy enough and degenerate enough to believe that morality is a Brooks Brothers suit and a clean-shaven face and a haircut once a week. You can commit all the adultery you want to in America as long as you get your hair cut short and shave and press your suits, you're a high, moral, upstanding gentleman. That myth, you got a lot of people that's against long hair and beards not because they're really guilty because they know damn good and well it's a hell of a thing to be born and raised in a so-called free society and know you better not walk in your house with a beard. That's a hell of a thing, baby. Understand that myth now.

"We got a lot of white folks griping today about them beards and long hair act like niggers used to act once upon a time. I don't want to go to them white schools, that nigger was scared. He knew he'd get his ass whooped if he went there. And rather than deal with reality, say I don't want to live in no white neighborhood. We got to deal with reality thanks to you youngsters. Really putting us uptight too.

"There was a time in this country we could always blame everything we didn't want to deal with on the Communists. Because a lot of you Southern white folks is still hung up on that trick more so than your Northern white brother is. It's that nigger bag y'all are in. That's what we used to do. We blamed all kinds of things on the ghosts we didn't understand. The ghost is going to get you. And it's so amusing to look at you white folks in America today reacting to the Communists the same way niggers used to react to the ghosts. Kind of makes you wonder who the nigger is today.

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"Yeah, just like most of you white folks think there's a communist behind every rock and the nigger used to think there was a nigger behind every tree, a ghost. There's a ghost, there's a ghost, there's a ghost.

"The sad thing, most of these white mentality thinking in America today, I don't mind you blaming stuff on the communists. Why don't you blame something bad on them? Do you realize white folks in America don't blame nothing but good things on the communists? And you march down the street in the morning and say liberate our Indian brother off the reservation. That's communist inspired. What the hell makes you think the Indians, the Russians is interested in getting the Indians off the reservation? March down the street and say feed hungry folks in America and them freaks say that's communist. Why do you blame all the good things on the Russians?

"You know, I wish I could take all these white folks that blame everything, I wish I could take you to Russia with me. I go every two years. Maybe if I could carry you there with me you wouldn't be blaming good things on the Russians because once you go there you find out them cats that run Russia ain't nothing but a bunch of slick, slimy degenerate white folks just like these slick, slimy degenerate white folks that run America.

"You see, there's a lot of people around the world that really don't know what's going down. And they get the news and they believe what they read. Can you imagine if we was living up on some primitive obscure mountain now and we heard about the communists, and every time somebody marched for liberation in America everybody blamed it on the communists, what the hell you think they think about the communists? They say oh man, the communists are behind a lot of good things.



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"You know, I wonder why the white folks in America don't start blaming some bad things on the communists. You know, any time it snows, blame it on the communists. Every time there's a flood, the communists, the damn communists did that. Every time somebody sticks up a bank we ought to blame that on the communists. Prostitute houses, no that's communist houses.

"I'm so damn sick and tired of you white Americans in this country blaming all good things on the communists. You can't even write a damn book in Russia without going to jail and every time somebody marches in this country for liberation, you white folks want to say the communists  
\_\_\_\_\_ (next couple of words unintelligible).

"I'd much rather live in America myself than in Russia. At least I know what these political degenerates are talking about. I don't understand no Russian, no. I don't know what niggers sound like in Russian. A cat might be calling me a nigger and I think he's saying good morning. Morning to you brother. (Next word unintelligible.) Morning, same to you and your mama. Whatever it was you called me, I hope it was something nice because I mean it for your mama too.

"You young kids really got us squirming in this country today. You got us dealing with reality. That's a hell of a thing. All your life your mama and daddy got that picture of that Christ boy around the house with that big beard on and that hippie hair, and the first time you come home looking like Christ, they run you out of the house. Yeah. You got to deal with reality.

"You know, there's people in this country wouldn't be caught letting a Jew in their church. How sick that is. Run down to your church every Sunday and that Jew boy mailed

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to the cross but you don't want a Jew in the church. Are you out of your mind?

"And I'm so glad you young white folks is pushing these folks in this country to deal with reality. Listen, down here in the South, the Southern white brother of yours has really put you in a trick. And you ain't got hip to it yet. He robbed you blind and gave you a nigger to play with, but you ain't going to never get a Boeing 747 in the South. Although your tax money builds airports for that Northern freak to have all them luxuries, but you sure don't get it. And the ones that you are going to get in the South is what that Northern white brother of yours comes to have his holiday in Atlanta, Miami and New Orleans. Mississippi won't get a 747 for 100 years. That's right. Sounds funny, but they got niggers to play with. You got niggers to play with. That's why all your schools are so much worse than them schools up North. You got to be out of your mind.

"Every slave brought to America, when the Northern white ship owners brought the slaves to America and sold them to Southern white folks for top dollar and then one day your Northern white brother said after he got all your money, get rid of the slaves. And you Southerners ain't had enough damn sense to ask for a refund.

"We are really trying to \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) with the Southern white brothers \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) because once we get you in line we can go get that vicious freak, baby. Yeah, that damn Southern white boy sold me to you than missed over you and then you're going to jump on me.

"There are people living in the North that are scared to drive through the South because the Illinois license plates have got Land of Lincoln on them. You got white folks that will throw a brick through your car if you got . . . This ain't bad, you know, this cat gets mad, throw a

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brick through anything he wants to throw it if that's what he wants to do. My hang-up is the same cat that throw a brick through my car because it's got Lincoln's name on the license, that same freak ain't got enough mentality to get rid of the \$5 bills that's got Lincoln's name and his damn picture on it.

"Well, he's missed over. We got to deal with reality now. You youngsters got a big job. Deal with reality, baby, understand what a mess we left you to clean up now. And if you haven't understood, you should understand by what happened last week. I don't care where your loyalty is, you swing with the left or swing with the right, don't be no damn fool. And damn good and well when the United States of America decides to take a confessed murderer of women and kids and old men and make a national hero out of that freak, boy we might be gone beyond the point of no return.

"I just got back in the country and I just couldn't believe that America was reacting behind CALLEY like they reacted behind that murderer. I can sympathize with him. I don't believe it's Calley's fault. If I walk up here tonight and somebody gives me a gun and says when you go up there shoot five people, now it might be their fault, but I did the shooting. I'm the murderer. He admitted he did it.

"Now we ain't talking about nothing somebody's blaming him for. He's the national hero now. That's why the whole world is raging at you. Then the President of the United States took him out of jail and put him in his quarters and the wild thing about that is NIXON is one of them law and order freaks. He ran so hard on law and order in 68, I thought he was running for sheriff instead of for President.

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"At least them Nazis faked us out with the Nuremberg Trial and made us believe they were sorry about what happened. And we're the ones that handled the Nuremberg Trial. No, I think what NIXON should have done was sympathize with Calley and his family and say he's going to see to it that everybody else go to jail who was involved like General WESTMORELAND and even LBJ. He was head of the Army then. Poor NIXON, this cat, he wasn't even involved. He wasn't even in office. He wasn't even working during the MeLai incident. He didn't have no job. He was unemployed. And now he even got in the White House now and is going to damn near take the rap.

"I really feel sorry for NIXON. It's something, you look at him on television, something about his jaws the way they hang. That's the saddest cat, his jaws hang over. It just makes him look like he's guilty of everything. If there's ever been a man in the history of man that needs a beard, NIXON is that cat.

"NIXON took him out of the stockade. He's back in his barracks now. Before NIXON took him out of the stockade when he was in the stockade he shared a room with another prisoner. Did y'all read about it, any of y'all read about the other prisoner he was with? The other man that was with Calley was in the stockade for forging checks. The check forger is still in jail tonight and the murderer is back in his quarters because this sick, degenerate nation created so much pressure that the number one man in the land instead of acting like a statesman, he acted like a slimy degenerate politician he is.

"The sad thing is, wouldn't this be a wonderful country if we Americans could raise so much hell tonight and put so much pressure on the President he would let the Indians off the reservation in the morning and relieve them from the reservation? Wouldn't that be nice? Wouldn't it be nice if we'd raise so much hell in America and put so much pressure on the President tonight that he'd be forced

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to deal with feeding 44 million people that go to bed every night hungry? Wouldn't it be wonderful if you Americans was morally committed to the extend you could put so much pressure on the President he'd stop paying billions of dollars to these rich farmers not to plant crops every year in a nation where people are dying from malnutrition?

"And the whold world is hip to you. It scared England so bad, she sent a formal protest over Sunday. Because England is probably the slimiest of the slimiest of the degenerates, but they do theirs discreetly and America has done pulled the cover off of them. Yeah, oh yeah, them Englishmen went over here and said we deplore your action on letting that murderer go. And England is the boss of murderers.

"I've never understood you American white folks. You don't even know how to be no bigot. But you \_\_\_\_\_ (next few words unintelligible), get blamed for it. You don't know how to be no bigot. And everybody in the history of the world who had some slaves was able to keep their slaves for 5,000 years. You couldn't keep us in slavery 100 years. You're a lightweight chump.

"And the Englishman is the world's number one bigot but he's learned the one mark of intellectuality, he's learned how to disagree agreeably. The number one killer on the face of this earth is that Englishman. But these heathens over here, they upset London so bad then they just had to say, Hey, wait a minute. Let the whole world know we ain't with them.

"Yeah, I know England was upset, yeah. Even over there in Algiers last week, trying to trick them niggers out of some oil, and America messed up with that Calley trial and

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took the cover off of them. You youngsters got a big job. My generation is responsible for the Calleys. And your generation with a moral commitment and integrity got to see to it that there'll be no more Calleys in your generation.

"If you think the way of solving the problem of wrong is by rewarding it like it was right, then you let somebody stick up a bank one day and get caught. Say you're all right and let him go. The next day he sticks up another one and kills somebody and gets in the electric chair, which if you had got him and punished him the first time he might be alive today.

"You youngsters got a big job. I say to you you have a big job in America and because the very faith and destiny of America depends on you young folks. Not just in America, all over the world we've left you youngsters a mess to clean up. You can always tell what man has messed up because he always passes laws against it. Anything man dirties up, he passed laws so he don't have to see it. That's why black folks got so many laws passed against us. Man messed us up so bad he don't want to see us. Why do you think the Indians got so many laws passed against them? We dirtied up the Indians so bad we don't want to see them. Why do you think you women got so many laws passed against you? We dirtied you up so bad. Why do you think sex got so many laws passed against it? Because we dirtied up sex and sex organs so bad we don't even want to see it. Anything man dirties up he don't want to see it.

"I'll pull my shoes and socks off and walk out of here tonight at 50 below zero and everybody will say Dick Gregory is crazy. I'll come around the building, come in, take off my tie, my shirt and my coat, my T-shirt, walk out there 50 below zero, nothing on my back, nothing on my chest, barefooted, and say oh, this nigger has really

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gone crazy. I'll come back in, take off my pants, walk out there with a pair of shorts on, 50 below zero. And everybody says huh huh, civil rights done ran him crazy. I'll come back in and take my shorts off and walk out their naked. I ain't crazy no more. Now I go to jail.

"Why do you think they put me in jail now, because they don't want me to catch a cold? Because I dared show a sex organ that man has dirtied up. Anything man dirties up he don't want to see.

"See, I can walk out there with my chest out and nothing happens. You women better not walk out there with your titties showing the way we dirtied them up. I'm right. And the day we men learn how to dirty up our breasts like we dirtied up yours, that's when we have to put little band-aids on when we go out too.

"Why do we make you women wear all them clothes? We dirtied you up so bad. That's why y'all scared us with them miniskirts. We didn't know what y'all were going to show us. Yeah, that thing kept getting up and up, whew! Well I must say you ladies, we haven't dirtied up your sex organ as much as we've dirtied up ours. Of course, you women are not aware of how much we dirtied up our sex organ because you never get to see us that much.

"If you women could just see men when they go to the men's room. Yeah, it's an awful sight. They you would really understand what we mean when a cat dirties up something he don't want to see it. A cat walks into the men's room, the first thing he does is look around and make sure ain't nobody looking. Then he walks all the way up into the stall and after he gets all way in the stall, he zips his pants down. You can tell when something happens because he starts looking up at the ceiling.

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"Oh, if the women's lib one night while the men were sleeping could slip into all the men's rooms and put mirrors up on the wall, the cat run there the next morning and say whew, whew! What happened Charlie? I saw it, I saw it, I saw it!

"Anything man dirties up he passes laws against it. That's right. I wook out here at night and walk across the street and walk up to a tree and zip my pants down and start peeing on the tree. And I really tried to find a way of saying peeing on the tree than peeing on the tree, but there's no other way of saying peeing on a tree than peeing on a tree. I had one old woman one night say you could say passing your water. I said hell, lady, I can spit and do that.

"But I walk up to the tree and zip my pants down and start peeing on the tree. What do you think happens? Here come the cops. All right, put both your hands up. Damn you boy, I said both of them. What you got in your other hand? If I told you you wouldn't believe it. All right, okay officer, okay. Now I go to jail, right? Worldwide news. Dick Gregory arrested, for what? Not peeing on the tree, you know, there's no law against peeing in public. I went to jail for indecent exposure. I dared show a sex organ that man had dirtied up.

"There is no law against peeing. I can stand here tonight and pee in my pants and they can't put me in jail. That's right. As a matter of fact all of y'all could pee in your clothes right there. The state legislature would be upset. That nigger came in and ran them crazy. They peed all over the room. Yeah, we could all go to the airport in New York and get on one of them Boeing 747's and fly to Paris, France and pee all the way across the Atlantic. Dig it now, it's very important what we're talking about.



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"Man has dirtied up sex so bad that nobody wants to talk about it. Nobody admits they do it. Nobody could get here on the face of this earth without sex. Nobody admits it. How'd you get here Charlie? I was published. Everybody do it and nobody admit it. What did you do last night? Mmmmmmm. We lie to our kids. Kids come and ask us an honest, legitimate question. Mommy, how'd I get here? Oh, ask your daddy. Daddy, how'd I get here? The stork brought you, get the hell out of here.

"We've dirtied up sex that bad. Nobody wants to talk about it. They lie about it. Nobody wants to see the sex organs. Dig it. We're born with sex organs that give us the magnificent ability to recreate human life. Can you believe that man has dirtied up this so bad that nobody wants to talk about it? Do you believe that the only people that would have the ability to have babies, you have to be worth 50 million dollars and pay 10 million dollars to go way up on a mountain and let a certain sun shine on you and then you could give new life. Oh, everybody would say oh, how wonderful that is. But you know, the poorest and the richest man can create new life, and we dirtied up sex organs so bad.

"Have you ever asked yourself how can the creation be dirty? How can a sex organ that gives you the ability to create new life be so dirty that you passed a law that if somebody shows it they go to jail? I'll tell you how. Man did not use his sex organs for creation. He uses it for recreation. Yeah, that's why we got all the hang-ups now.

"I say to you youngsters tonight in America, you have a big job. Yep, the very faith and destiny of America depends on you. Oh, you heard them talking about the many problems confronting America today. Many people seem to think some of the problems can't be solved. I say to you young folks in America today that every major problem

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in America tonight was created by man, which means these problems can be solved overnight if you young folks decide to solve these problems with honest, ethical statesmanship ability and not this sick, tired degenerate political muscle.

"That's what the problem is in America today. The same slimy, degenerate political forces that's created all the problems is now telling us they can't solve them. You're damn right. Hell, the Democrats and the Republican party is too degenerate and unfit to govern this country any more. That's why America is about 18 months to 2 years away from a dictatorship. I know that sounds strange to you now. You ain't going to believe it now because you're so busy in little petty things you can't see the handwriting on the wall. Every newspaper in America ran the story that every governor in America had a tap on his phone. Who in the hell do you think is tapping the governor's phones in America? The Black Panthers? Congressmen are complaining now J. Edgar Hoover is tapping their phones. What do you think all that's about?

"And that's another sad mark on the American mentality. People all over the world know J. Edgar Hoover is one of the slickest, slimiest degenerate freaks that's walked the face of this earth, and you damn Americans got that freak all built up like he is the ideal American image. You've got to be out of your mind. One day you're going to find out about Hoover. One day you're going to find out about that sick perverted pimp.

"Yeah, it sounds funny because you don't know about him and it don't do any good for me to tell you about him because where your mind is, you wouldn't even believe it. But it's going to break because you can't keep a slimy creep like that hid for too long a time. He's been in

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his halo for 40 some years perpetrating his slimy tricks on the American public. You're going to find out about him now. It's going to blow a lot of your minds.

"And when the CIA overthrows this government we can't blame nobody but ourselves, other than young kids, but us old folks. The last 100 years every time we go to the polls to vote, for 100 years every time we go to vote, we end up voting for the lesser of the two evils. Try that for 100 years. You've got to end up with the evil or the evil.

"You just watch that political arena. In order to become a U. S. Senator today you must spend 2 million dollars campaigning to get a 55 thousand dollar a year job. Hell, I know people can't even count got enough sense to figure that out. And Rockefeller in New York City spent 8 million dollars campaigning to become the Governor of New York again. Hell, for 8 million dollars I could have ran for God, and won.

"Oh, that's another trick we have made out of this country. We have really made a trick out of God. We start off tricking with God with little kids five years old. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, one nation, under God. You got to be out of your mind. Do you really believe this is a nation under God? Why, at this very moment we got Indians across this country locked up on reservations going through some inhumane conditions unparalleled any place else in the world and you are really slimy enough and sick enough and degenerate enough to believe that this honkey country is a nation under God. There isn't another country in the world where the people that harvest the crops is dying from malnutrition, like here in America. I tell you one thing, if this really, truly is a nation under God, I sure as hell would hate to see one under the devil.

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"And since NIXON wants to be such a good American, there's a whole lot of things he could be doing for this country other than letting some murderer out of jail. He could have got you out of Vietnam. Sitting and reading the paper today, Senator said he believed NIXON's speech is going to announce that by 1972 they're going to withdraw all the troops. Do you believe, I mean these young kids, do you know what that means? That means they're going to keep you youngsters in Vietnam getting you killed until it gets time to election and then they're going to bring everybody home. If that ain't a damn shame. He can bring you out to help win an election, but he can't bring you out to help keep you alive. If the federal Presidential election wasn't to be held again until 1980, we wouldn't even consider coming out of Vietnam until 1979.

"If NIXON really wants to do something for Americans, what he should do is get on television one night and release a list of all the dope pushers in America. Yeah, that would be \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible). And don't think NIXON couldn't find out who the dope pushers are if he wants to. I don't think I've ever been in this town before. I haven't been here two hours yet, and I could leave here now and go out and find some connections to make me some stuff. I know if I can coming to this old hick town and make connections in fifteen minutes to get some stuff, as dumb as I am, I'm sure NIXON with all his intelligent boys can find all the pushers across the country. Damn Army would not admit they're running dossiers and files on 25 million Americans. I can't believe that they ain't got no dope pushers in the files. I can't believe they got everybody but the dope pushers. So, if he wanted to know who's pushing the dope all he's got to do is go and ask the Army. Say, give me your dossiers on the dope pushers. Say, well we haven't got them. Say, well who're you watching, Priests?

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"If NIXON really wants to do something to help this country to show his patriotism to American Americans, what he ought to do one day is walk down to the Pure Food and Drug Administration and get that list of additives and chemicals and poisons that the federal government permits the food chains to put into your food that's wiping you out every day. To release that list to you. Yeah, that would do you a lot of good.

"I'm sure us Americans would be much better off knowing that there are documented evidence in the Surgeon General's Office, been there for twenty years, that proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is more stomach cancer caused in America every day from drinking coffee than lung cancer from smoking cigarettes. And I'm sure you coffee drinkers would be happy to know that wouldn't you?

"As a matter of fact, if NIXON really wanted to do something, what he should do is release that real cigarette report. Because y'all are down here in North Carolina where they perpetrated that trick. I bet y'all don't even know about it. Some of you probably do. I'll bet if they gave you that real cigarette report, baby, I'll bet you would have quite smoking overnight. Yeah, that report that scared a couple of people, that was the compromise report. So you can imagine what the real one was all about, couldn't you? Cigarette smoking causes cancer--that's the second most detrimental effect. If they had told you the number one effect tobacco has on the human body, I'll bet you would have give them up. If they had told you the number one detrimental effect tobacco and nicotine have on your body, it destroys your sex organs, I'll bet you would have quit smoking overnight if you could have got that true report, don't you?

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"That's why the Russians, every now and then you read in the paper where the Russians, 80 per cent of the Russians, quite smoking overnight. They sure are strong. They ain't strong. The Russians just released the real report. Hell, you'd quit too. That's right. I don't have to tell you right here in North Carolina.

"You hear the cigarette company keep saying cigarettes, don't you hear them saying tobacco don't cause cancer? You've heard them make that statement? They ain't lying. Tobacco do not cause cancer. No, cigarette smoking causes cancer.

"Let me explain it to you. You in this state, you really should know it. You ever been around anybody smoking Bull \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible)? You notice when you put the Bull \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) down on the ashtray and quit puffing on it it goes out? You ever notice that? Have you been around anybody smoking a pipe? And when you quit puffing on the pipe the tobacco goes out. It is normal for tobacco to go out when you ain't puffing on it. I tell you what's causing cancer in your chest, these stinking, filthy, degenerate cigarette industry folks decided they're going to come up with a way to make your cigarette burn when you wasn't puffing on it, being that it's normal for tobacco to go out when you ain't puffing on it and it's the damn chemicals that they add to the paper and the chemicals they add to the tobacco to make your damn cigarette burn when you ain't puffing on it is what's causing cancer of your chest and the federal government knows about it because they okayed them slimy, degenerate freaks.

"That's what we're talking about. How come you Americans can't find that out, since we got a President that's so patriotic and so . . . ?

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"As a matter of fact, if NIXON really wants to do something to help America one night while everybody in Washington, D. C. is asleep, why don't he slip down there to the building where the archives is kept and take the hinges off the door and get that JOHN KENNEDY file and get on television early one morning and explain to you Americans what is in the JOHN KENNEDY file that is so horrifying they can't release it to you for 100 years. I'm sure America would be much better off tonight knowing that the CIA was involved with the assassination of your President than having some murderer send out of the stockade back to his quarters.

"You youngsters got a big job. And you haven't got much time. Just keep your eye on them politicians. I'll be honest with you. I could never vote for DICK NIXON but I sure am glad he is President. I don't know no man alive today I'd rather see get President other than DICK NIXON. That's right, I mean it. I couldn't have voted for him, but see I looked at DICK NIXON when he was campaigning. He just had, I could just tell the way he looked if he ever became President of the United States he sure was going to put a hurting on white folks. You know, I don't have to tell you. You know white folks is hurting more today in this country than ever before in the history of America. I go across the country every day. I see more white folks crying today than ever before. I see white folks doing things I used to see nobody doing but niggers, shaking their head.

"I didn't realize how bad things was until this morning. I jumped on the plane and was walking to my seat and an old white cat sitting there looked at me and said can I speak with you my brother. I said your what? Things got so bad I'm your brother now. And when everything was all right I was the nigger and the coon. Things got so messed up I'm the brother now.

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"So I looked at him and said yeah, what's happening my man? He said they're really messing up all of us. I said who, the Black Panthers? He said no, NIXON and them. I said I don't even want to discuss that. That's white folks' business. He said well he's messed up the money, it's black folks' business too. I said what do you mean by that? He said black folks ain't got no money. I said don't bother, whatever money we ain't got y'all can't get. He said but I was reading in the Wall Street Journal this morning that at the rate we're going we're headed into another depression. I said y'all might be. We never came out of the last one. Oh, NIXON has messed with the money and you ain't seen nothing yet before he gets through with us, before 72 gets here that silent majority is going to be one of the most vocal groups you ever heard in the history of America. And not another man on the face of this earth would have become your President and got to messing with your jolly green Jesus.

"Oh, we know what your God is in this country and you fake out and got all them churches on every corner and wearing all them old crosses and that old cross on the hill comes in it now. The whole world is hip to you, knows what your God is. I've always wondered what is inside of these churches other than God that makes them lock them up at night so I can't steal it. I tell you what, I tell you what your jolly green Jesus is, that damn Calley, that damn Calley not would have gone to Vietnam had he taken him a flame thrower and walked into the New York City and walked into the Chase Manhattan bank and burned up all the money, they'd have had his ass so far under that jail tonight you'd have to pump air down to him. I know what you God is in America.

"What do you think would have happened to Calley had he not killed them people in the ditch, if he carried them bazookas to the Space Center and \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) and blew up that moon rock?



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"If you want to know what your God is in America Sunday morning when you go to church, this is your good freak-out day for church, oh everybody people that don't even mean it will be going Sunday. On your way into your church Sunday, on your way in, pull out a good old piece of American folding money and hold it right next to your church and see which one of these institutions you're going to find in God we Trust inscribed on it, your money or your church. This is your God. If you don't believe that, you let the churches in America decide next week we ain't going to church on Sunday no more, we're going on Monday. See who will have the most people in them next Monday, the factory or the church.

"Oh, we love the money. This is one of the few countries in the world you can kill your mama, get you some money, get you a good lawyer, walk into an American courtroom and plead temporary insanity and you damn near beat the case every time. I tell you what you better not do in America. You better not forge no check and get caught and get you a lawyer and walk into an American courtroom and try to plead temporary insanity. You kill your mama, you might be crazy, boy. You mess with the money, you got good sense and we're going to put you in jail. Oh yeah, we love the money.

"You know, you do in this country, now you can slip in some old woman's house tonight and take a poker and hit her in the head and beat her to death and rob her and get a nickel. Tomorrow morning when America finds out you killed that old woman over a nickel this country would be outraged. Killed that old beautiful woman over a nickel. You ought to give him the electric chair without a trial. Slip in that same old woman's house tonight and rob her and hit her in the head with a poker and kill her and get 10 million dollars. Tomorrow morning when America finds out about that money, everybody in this country would be saying she had no business with that kind of money around the house.

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"I say to you youngsters tonight in America, you got a big job. That's really what black folks is talking about in America today. Really talking about white folks reaction to us. I swear to you, we don't understand white folks' reactions to us today. All at once you got a lot of white folks saying niggers have gone crazy. What's wrong with them? I tell you one thing, niggers got more sense today in America than ever in the history of this country. When niggers were truly crazy, that's when most white folks thought we had some sense. Come here \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible), come here nigger. That's when niggers were crazy, but most white folks loved us then.

"Now, everybody wonders what's wrong with us. Damn good and well what's wrong. Any old blatant idiot knows America is a racist country that oppresses folks. And what's wrong with us? We're reacting to the racism and the oppression, that's all. I could understand white folks getting uptight in America if we were saying to white America, you can't be a racist no more. Hell, I'd be upset too if I had been \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) that long and somebody told me I had to quite. I can understand America being upset tonight if we tell America you can't oppress folks any more. We have not told America to stop oppressing people and we've not said to white folks you can't be a racist any more. All we've said is we're going to react to racism and oppression, that's all.

"And you run up here tonight and cut my wrists, I might not do nothing back to you, but my God don't get all uptight because I'm bleeding on your rug. Just look at them niggers. Every time you cut them they just bleed on your rugs.

"And one big problem in America, a lot of white folks been playing that nigger's game a little too long. Henry Cabot running around calling me the nigger and the coon as long as I

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was bleeding and that was all right. You got a lot of white folks in America that believe that I'm a nigger and a coon. Because you believe something about me, don't make it true. What do you think, would happen in America in the morning if all white folks woke up believing every black person in the black ghetto got 10 million dollars. Do you think that would make us rich, just cause you believed it? See, a lot of people don't understand that the same universal intelligence bank that put white folks head together also put black folks head together.

"And that's what my problem is in America today. It's the universal intelligence we have in our head that makes us react to these insults. You know how insulting it is to me some nights when I'm laying in my bed trying to go to sleep and I get to thinking about how a German killed my daddy during World War II. A german killed my father in 1942. I was 10 years old then. I'm 38 years old now. That means I would have gone 28 years without a daddy which really ain't no insult, because when daddies go to war they got to kill or be killed. The insult is that the same German that could have killed my father in 1942 and made me go 28 years without a daddy, that same German tonight you would permit to come to my daddy's country and live in a neighborhood you would not permit my daddy's boy in. We say you got to be sick, insane and out of your damn mind.

"And that's what we're reacting to. And that's your racism baby, your insanity. We're tired of these insults. We're not saying don't insult us. All we're saying is please have enough integrity to understand what we're going when you see us running out here. We're reacting to these insults.

"Angela Davis in jail tonight. I don't believe Angela Davis is in jail because she's black, no. Just check the records. You'll find out any time honest, decent folk

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book sick degenerate systems, they not only put you in jail, they'll kill you too. If you don't believe that, ask John Brown. Can't get no whiter than him. And the insult about Angela Davis is the fact that America has invited eleven white Russians to America to sit in on the Angela Davis trial but haven't invited no black folks. They invited eleven white fonkey Russians that don't give a damn about you or your white system, baby. Kruschev already told you, of course a lot of you might have been a little young when he said this, he said he could have buried you when he was Premier, he'd have been happy. That don't mean nothing. You can relate with white, yeah, regardless of what they're going to do to you.

"I wonder what America's reaction would have been had Lieutenant Calley been a Vietnamese and them folks in the ditch been American white folks. It would have been a different ball game then wouldn't it? You know, if them eleven white Russians decide to take America up and come to America for the Angela Davis trial, do you know they wouldn't search one of them Russians walking in that courtroom every morning like they'd search me? And dig it, baby, I would never say my ethics is any higher than the highest ethical man waoking the face of the earth but I'll say this, my ethics is as high as the highest, most ethical man walking the face of this earth and if anybody don't need searching going into a courtroom, I'm one of them.

"I say we're tired of these insults. Angela Davis was arrested under California law that says if you're involved with a crime in any shape, form or fashion, you don't even have to be on the scene when it is committed, they can indict you and prosecute you for the same crime just like you was there. Now, I don't know enough about law to know if that state law would hold up in the U. S. Supreme Court but I got enough universal intelligence in my head to know one thing, that Sirhan Sirhan was apprehended, indicted, tried and convicted.

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in the state of California for the assassination murder of BOBBY KENNEDY, and in the course of the Sirhan Sirhan trial it came out in open court that there was three other people involved with the gun that Sirhan Sirhan used to murder BOBBY KENNEDY with, but to this very day in the state of California no one but Sirhan Sirhan has been indicted and apprehended and convicted for the murder of BOBBY KENNEDY but Sirhan Sirhan. This is what we're talking about.

"We're talking about these insults. Every major black community in America today the police patrol our communities with double barrel shotguns. Listen to me good now. Double barrel shotguns was outlawed in the Geneva Convention as a weapon of war because they were deemed too inhumane. Police forces in this country will come in my black community with a double barrel shotgun, a weapon that this country would never be permitted to use on your front line of battle towards your most vicious enemy. Now we're not saying to white America to tell your cops to get your double barrel shotguns out. We ain't saying that. The insult is when Americans ask black folks to have respect for your local police, how in the hell do you thing I'm going to respect the man that carries a weapon through my community that you wouldn't be permitted to carry on the front line of battle and shoot a Viet Cong? You've got to be out of your mind.

"We're saying we're tired of these insults. We're tired of the insults of civil rights legislation. Do you know how insulting that is? You white folks in America are going to get your rights from the U. S. Constitution. We black folks are going to get ours on the civil rights bill. Hell, that's racial segregation. We are making progress. If it's so good, why don't you take it home and give it to your mama? All that civil rights legislation means today

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is for 100 years the man has changed my dollar for 32 cents and now today he's giving me 64 cents, but the difference is I can count today. I don't want no 64 cents change for a dollar. I'm going to stop the cheat. I'm going to get me a full dollar's change for a dollar or I'm going to try to fix it so this cash register would never ring again.

"As you read that civil rights legislation it gets even more insulting. Take that 1964 Public Accommodations bill that the Senate and the Congress passed. The black folks have a right to sleep in any motel, black folks have a right to sleep in any hotel, black folks have a right to eat in any restaurant, but when it came to bars and taverns we weren't covered. Now why do you think they didn't cover us under bars and taverns in the 64 Public Accommodations bill? Do you think the Senators and Congressmen know how bad alcohol is on the body and love black folks so much they didn't want us getting involved? I tell you why we weren't covered under that 64 civil rights bill with bars and taverns because that white woman goes in them bars and taverns and you know it's enough sixk white mentality in this country to believe that when the white woman gets two shots of alcohol in her belly she wants to give me her body. And what we're trying to say to white America since that white sister of yours seems to be your damn hang-up, why in the hell didn't you pass a law to keep her out of them taverns and leave me alone?

"That's what we're talking about. We're talking about we're tired of these insults. And now we're getting a lot of white folks coming to us saying what y'all want us to call y'all? Negro or colored or black? You can call us anything you want to call us. We're just saying it's safe to use the word black. And we don't mean to put no white Americans in no imposition or nothing like that, but we've looked around at you and we notice you white folks have little tag names y'all call one another for identification and if you take that little tag name and stretch it all the

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way back it will always end up going to a piece of land. German--Germany, isn't that clever? Italian--Italy, ain't that it? Let's try one. Irishman--Ireland. Negro--who? Negro takes me back to a sharecropper's shack. And so all we say is just call me black. And if nothing else, I can identify with night time.

"Understand we're tired of these insults. We're tired of the inconsistencies. Do you realize the inconsistencies white folks use in this country? George Wallace came up North in the last Presidential election and got so many white folks to vote for him they blamed him on us. How come you think George Wallace got so many votes from white folks up North? Bunch of bigots, hell no. Black folks created a white backlash. That's what did it. Oh you ain't seen nothing yet till NIXON gets through with you in 72. You're going to blame him on us. I can just see it now, if you niggers hadn't scared us, we wouldn't have voted for him.

"I'm talking about the inconsistencies, about the inconsistencies of the ways we fight wars today. I really learned a lesson last month. For the first time in my life I realized last month that you can take your mighty Air Force to another man's country and bomb the hell out of him but as long as you don't use no ground troops, it's not considered an invasion. That's an incursion (phonetic). And what upset me, is I got to realize how smart the Japanese was back in 1941. They didn't use no ground troops. Their air force bombed Pearl Harbor and we were so dumb and stupid we thought it was an invasion and declared war on them folks.

"I didn't know what incursion meant until about ten days ago. It means you going to get whooped. And NIXON sure got caught in the tree. He's sitting on the television said yes, the Laotian incursion is coming along just as we expected it. The same time he's saying that the South Vietnamese

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is getting whooped so bad they're jumping on the outside of the plane trying to get out. Now you know it's bad enough to jump on the outside of a plane to just land, but hell, they jump on the outside of a plane that's fixing to take off.

"I'm talking about these inconsistencies, about the inconsistency of World War II. World War II we fought the Japanese and the Germans. There were German citizens living in America and there were Japanese citizens living in America. We arrested all the Japanese citizens in America but not all the German citizens in America. We're talking about these inconsistencies. Put all the Japanese in jail but no Germans. I believe we did that because America is a racist country. Now I might be wrong.

"I'm talking about the inconsistencies, talking about the inconsistency of the Vietnamese war. And the way we Americans feel towards the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong that every time one of your red-blooded American boys gets shot down over the skies of Hanoi with a Sam (phonetic) missile, he got shot down with a missile that was made, manufactured, and hand carried free of charge from your white friends in Russia to them folks in North Vietnam. How come you ain't mad at the Russians? 98 per cent of all the ammunition and all the equipment the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong get to kill you with comes from the Russians, but you ain't mad at the Russians. Are you really that insane? That you know I'm paying somebody to attack your loved ones, your wife and your family, but you ain't mad at me, just mad at them and every day we go to dinner. See, we still bring the Russian Ballet to America. We still bring the Russian track team to America. What we're trying to say is we believe if 98 per cent of all the weapons and equipment the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong was getting in the last five years



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was coming from Ghana we believe this country would have declared war on Africa four years ago.

"We're talking about these inconsistencies. We're talking about the inconsistency of Muhammad Ali, I mean Cassius Clay. I forgot we can't remember Muhammad Ali. But if he had chose a good nigger name like Jabo Jones I bet you would have remembered that.

"Now we are talking about these inconsistencies. Muhammad Ali becomes heavyweight champ of the world. He lived in Louisville, Kentucky at the time. His boxing contract was owned by eleven white multi-millionaire businessmen in Louisville. One day Muhammad Ali received his induction notice from the Louisville draft board. Happily Muhammad Ali rushed down to the Louisville draft board. Happily they examined him and happily they found him to be 4-F. Nobody in America accused him of being unpatriotic. Nobody in America accused him of being disloyal. Nobody in America even questioned how the heavyweight champ of the world could be unfit to fight. One day Muhammad Ali's contract ended with the eleven white businessmen in Louisville. Instead of him renewing his contract with the white businessmen in Louisville, he signed a new contract with some black businessmen in Chicago. The Louisville draft board called him to come on back, they wanted to re-examine him. He went back. They re-examined him and this time they found him to be 1-A. I'm talking about your inconsistencies. As long as the white folks owned Muhammad Ali's contract he didn't have to get involved with the military, but the minute the black folks own it, it's a different ball game.

"We're tired of these inconsistencies. You know the biggest surprise I ever had in my life happened to me last summer. I went to Africa for the first time. I mean I went to Africa super-black. Had my natural \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible) and my dashiki was laying there, and I got with some young black dudes in Chicago and they taught me

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the latest handshakes through the leg, around the back, the whole scene, you know. The biggest surprise I ever had, I eg all the way to Africa around black folks for the first time in my life, only to find out I ain't nothing but a white boy. And that ain't funny. That's a hell of a surprise. I don't have no black hang-ups. All my hang-ups are white. Get all the way to Africa to find out I ain't nothing but a chocolate-covered white boy. That's right. I ain't got no black hang-ups. All my hang-ups are white.

"You see in Africa they have no homosexuality. So consequently the men walk down the street holding one another's hands and I don't have to tell you what happened to me every time one of them men grabbed my hand. I sure hope the boys back home don't see this. No see, I had no black hang-ups. All my hang-ups are white. And I tell you something else you better not ever go to Africa and put your hand or your mouth on a woman's titty. No honest, ethical civilized human being would ever stoop to the level of using a woman's breast for anything else other than to feed nature's new life. Only sick, slimy, insane, degenerate creeps would ever stoop to the level of using a woman's breast as a sex hang-up. So I said this, I better get back home where all my hang-ups are legal.

"No, I say to you youngsters you got a big job. This is what black folks is talking about in America today. We're talking about controlling the black community. We ain't talking about controlling the white community, no, we're talking about controlling the black community. My God, what are we talking about that for? White folks start accusing us of being separatists. Well, we been separated in America for 400 years and all at once we're going to get blamed for separatism. Yeah, you got a lot of white folks in America just act like two years ago black folks and white folks were just living next door to one

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another and going to school with one another. Two years ago we got mad at you, sad damn you whitey, and we all moved to a black ghetto by ourselves, right? We say to you folks that's concerned about separatism in America, since you're so concerned about separatism, how come you're not concerned about the Indian that's up there on that reservation? You can't get no more separate than that. Oh, that don't bother you. That's America doing it. If you want to get the Indian off the reservation in the morning, you'll get him off. Get that Indian off that reservation in the morning, you let that Indian hold a press conference tonight and get on television and say me like reservation. Don't want no more white folks on reservaion. You'd have an army up there about midnight and run him off.

"As long as you're doing it it's okay. Did you ever see a television show called the Dating Game? See that show? Every time a black contestant is on that show, the three guests just always happen to be black. That ain't racism. That don't bother nobody. That's the system. I tell you what would bother Americans. You let me go on that show next week and you find out that I refused to work that show because they had a white woman on and I want three black soul sisters. Oh, you never would hear the end of it.

"You know a black man can't drive a railroad train in America? That don't bother nobody. And as dumb as some white folks think niggers is, you don't need too much sense to drive a damn railroad train. All you got to do is follow the damn track. And as dumb as the railroad industry is, did you see last month where they lost 270 boxcars? How in the hell are you going to lose 270 boxcars? And then J. EDGAR HOOVER gets on television and announces we found them. Well that ain't no big thing. My little five-year-old daughter could have found them. All you got to do is show them the track they started on. Where in the hell are you going to take 270 boxcars, in your basement?

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"We're talking about controlling the black community. That's right. We say give us black cops in the black community. Everybody says that's separatism. Call it what you want to call it. We call it being smart. Now you're going to say we know why you want black police in the black community, police brutality. Most of you white folks don't know what police brutality is as far as we are concerned. A lot of white folks think police brutality is the whooping. It can't be the whooping as far as we're concerned because up until recently the average black cops in the black ghetto was equally as brutal if not more brutal than the white cop was. And not only would the black cop whoop me, he knew where to hit. Yeah.

"You're running through the ghetto, a white cop jump out of his squad car and chase me and catch up with me and take his night stick and hit me across my head, would damn near break his stick every time. A black cop chases me and catch me and catch up with me, he'd beat down on my bare feet on my corns. That's right, that's the worst thing a nigger got his his feet. That's right. You white folks has had us walking on them for 400 years working. Niggers' feet so bad it's all back on his heels, all over on his ankles. You white folks, oh, ain't he cool, ain't he got rhythm.

"We say give us black cops in the black communities. At least when that black cop is knocking me down he ain't calling me no nigger while he's whooping me. Give me a black cop in my community and at least when he pulls my car over for a moving violation he do not refer to my wife as gal. I say give me a black cop in my community so when I'm driving down the street with my light-complected black sister, he don't take me through some changes like that white cop do thinking it's a white woman.

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"Do you know how insulting that is? Especially to me. You have a black woman in the car and is light complected and that old white racist cop thinks it's a white woman, he got to take me through some changes. Pull over boy. For what? And this really insults me because this thoroughly convinces me when I was growing up in my little hometown you don't want no niggers fooling with no white woman. I ain't never had no white woman, don't never want one. If she's your hang-up, you can take her to the moon if you want to and get her the hell on out of my face.

"I'm so damn sick and tired of these insults. I'm really behaving nice, man. Sitting there with this black woman in my car and the white cop thinks it's a white woman. He's got to take me through all those insults just because his great great grandfather didn't have enough decency to keep his ass out of the slave tent. Yeah, just understand one thing. That's how we got this light, you know. There's a lot of white folks with the illusion that niggers got this light because we just rape you. But you know, that's how we got this light, right? Slave jumping on the master's wife, right? Yeah, come here Mrs. Ann. What y'all want Mr. Slave? You know. Again? Yeah.

"There's a whole lots of white folks in America with the madness and the illusion that every niggers wants to rape you. I had it happen to me last month coming out of my office in New York City. I come out of the J. C. Penney Building. I get on the elevator on the 40th floor by myself. Elevator stops at the 39th floor and an old white woman gets on, 90 years old, on crutches and a foot missing. She get on and see me and say Ahh. She tried to get off and I just held the door. I said lady, you've really got to be putting me on. I mean I heard of wishful thinking.

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"We're talking about controlling the black community. It's very important to us. See, they been giving tests in the black ghetto across this country where they've been asking five-year-old black kids to draw pictures of themselves, and nine times out of ten them little kids draw an animal. It's a hell of a thing. A system so vicious that it warps a little child's mind to the extent that when you ask him to draw a picture of himself he draws an animal. We're talking about controlling that black community so one day you'll ask a little black kid to draw a picture of himself and the only reason that picture won't look like him will be because he can't draw. It's very important to us.

"Have you ever, I guess you have, you've seen a picture of Beulah haven't you? The picture of Aunt Jemima? Seen the picture of Uncle Ben? Listen to me good now, because then you'll understand why we talk about controlling the black community. If you don't know what I'm talking about, go to the supermarket and get you them three products with Beulah, Aunt Jemima, and Uncle Ben on it. You know, Uncle Ben got on a tuxedo and Uncle Ben got on a bow tie. You know Uncle Ben ain't fat. Do you think it's an accident you made my man look better than my two women? We watch you very closely in America, and we notice you ain't never used no fat, out-of-shape hillbilly white woman to advertise nothing for you. Why do you want to take them liberties with me? That's what we're talking about, baby.

"We're talking about controlling the black community. That might not be no hang-up to you white folks to go to your supermarket and buy some baby food, but it's a hell of a hang-up for us. Have you ever bought some baby food in a black ghetto? What picture is on our baby food? A white baby. What the hell are you selling, white babies or turnips?

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"And so we say \_\_\_\_\_ (unintelligible), we haven't got time to explain our actions to white folks that misunderstand what we're doing. Stokely Carmichael and Rap Brown came through one day and said black is beautiful, and we all said black is beautiful. And white folks all across the country got all uptight. And you didn't even know what he was saying. You live way over in some old white racist, segregated neighborhood. You don't know nothing about us. Many white folks thought that we were talking about black was beautiful at the expense that white was ugly. We ain't got no hang-ups with your color. You're the one that's got the hang-up. You're the only man in the history of the world that fell in love with your skin. Only man walking around talking about I'm a white man. Everybody else says, Russian, I'm a Russian . . . (next few words unintelligible). I'm a white man. Fell in love with your skin and then denied me the pleasure to fall in love with mind.

"Everything black something's wrong with it. Black market, blackball you, angel food cake is always light, devils food cake is always dark.

"I say to you, we were not saying black was beautiful at the expense of saying white was ugly. It's unfortunate you white folks live so far away from us and don't know nothing about us. We were saying black was beautiful because up until five years ago even we was convinced that black was ugly. And we was running around with our lips all tucked in because you white folks said big lips was bad. Niggers running around hiding their nose. (Next few words unintelligible). Well, we mean black is beautiful, not at the expense of your whiteness. We mean black is beautiful. That's what nature gave us. And we ain't tucking in our lips no more. We're letting them all hang out.

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"Niggers used to run around being ashamed of the way they talk. Yeah, most white folks don't know that because you don't know nothing about us. But we was ashamed of the way we talked. If you check my history of what happened to me when I got here, when the slaves came over here the first thing they did was clipped our tongues. Can you imagine if I clipped your tongue and clipped your husband's tongue and y'all have a baby, y'all can't talk around the baby, and who does the baby hear talking, me, right? That's right. So we learned how to talk listening to white folks.

"If you don't believe it, record a record of me and listen to me and I sound just like you. And go to Africa and see who I sound more like, Africans or you. I can hear them now, I don't know why you colored folks don't apply y'allself and learn how to speak the English language, like us white folks in America. Hell, I wish all you white folks in America could get on a jet plane and fly to London, England in the morning and then you'd realize you can't speak English neither. And the only difference between you and me is we know we can't talk and we know you can't talk. What the hell do we want to run around sounding like you for? You see some nigger running through the black ghetto talking about gosh, come on you's guys. You know, you listen to them colored talk and you just can't understand what they're saying. That's right. That ain't no lie. And we listen to you whites talk and we can't understand what you're saying. We don't make no big issue out of it because we feel you're doing the best you can.

"You know you white folks should just listen to yourselves talk. You see, we listen to you talk all the time. Get you a tape recorder and record your conversation and play it back and write it down and get your English dictionary and see how many words you used you can't find in the English dictionary. Listen to yourself talk. We



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listen to you all the time. Jesus Christ, chucky, let's go get some nooky (phonetic). Some what? Now just what in the hell is nooky? My English speaking friend. I checked every English dictionary and I can't find no nooky but I know it exists cause the way you say it. Thirty-eight years old, been all around the world, I still don't know what nooky is. Just sounds like something I ain't never had, and don't never want. I'll just be happy with my wife and eight kids. Damn nooky, whatever it might be y'all.

"As I leave you youngsters tonight, I say to you you have a big job. I say you have a big job in America because America is worth saving at the expense of alienating your mother, your father, the President and even the Vice President. See, there's nothing really wrong with the U. S. Constitution that a little enforcement for everybody wouldn't straighten out. You youngsters got a lot of questions you have to ask and one important question is a simple question but an important question. And that question is, if democracy is as good as we tell you it is, then why in the hell are we running all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with a gun? And from the day you young folks work to make this democracy work right, that's the day you can bring the guns home. Because you see anything good, you don't have to force on people. They will steal it.

"So as I leave you tonight I say to you you got a big job. And you young Americans got the all important job of giving sanity back to an insane nation and I beg you young folks in America to understand the answer to America's problems is not dynamite, not guns. If you think the way you deal with the mentally deranged is slipping to the mental hospital at pitch black midnight and blow it up and kill everybody in it and your sicker than them folks lying inside there in the bed. If you think the way you deal with cancer is kill the patient instead of work with the

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germ, then we're all in trouble. And you youngsters' violence don't scare America. For every piece of dynamite you got, America has got a missile. For every gun you got she has got a tank. You know the one thing you have that scares the hell out of America and us old fools? It ain't your guns, your violence, it's your moral force. That's the one thing we can't match with you. That's what you won the great boycott with remember? Not dynamite. You stood in front of your supermarkets across this country for five years armed with nothing more than an honest ethical dignity and said please don't buy California grapes and you stood there so long and you looked so beautiful, we listened to you. And we stopped buying California grapes.

"You youngsters in America think you got enough force and violence after what happened at Kent University and Jackson, Mississippi and you was upset. Did you think you were strong enough to wipe out the National Guard with violence? No, but you young folks in America were strong enough to do away with the National Guard last year. If you young folks organized young people across this country and then said because of Kent University, because of Jackson, Mississippi, we're calling for a nationwide boycott of celebrating Christmas for two years, what do you think would have happened? Sears and Roebuck would have wiped out that National Guard for you.

"I say to you youngsters tonight in America if violence was the answer to problems, America would have solved the problems on the face of this earth thirty years ago. So as I leave you I say to you you got a big job.

"And I briefly say to you young white kids in America thank you for changing our civil rights movement into a human rights movement. Because of you young white kids in America, today for the first time we're talking about our Indian brother, and our Puerto Rican brother and our Mexican brother, and our Asian American brother.

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"But to you fellows in the house, when you go to bed one night, but before you go to sleep, think about all the women out here in the peace movement with you. Understand this, ladies are not out here in the peace movement because they're worried about going to Vietnam. You know something, you know if all the women left the peace movement in the morning, we don't have a peace movement tomorrow night.

"And some way you fellows in America are going to have to say thanks to these ladies and there's no grander way for you young men to say thanks to these ladies than getting behind the women's liberation movement and seeing to it it becomes a reality.

"You got a big job. You ladies got a big job too. You got to really reorientate your whole thinking. You women got to understand that nature put you on the face of this earth as a human being first and a woman second. And damn it, you deserve all the rights and courtesies that we give our fellow human beings as human beings. You got a big job.

"And so as I leave you tonight, I say to you that I hope you youngsters stay as honest and as ethical and as morally sound as you are and there'll be no guarantee and not only will America be a fit place for all human beings, but the world will be a better place because you was here.

"Thank you. God bless you. May you have fun."

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# How to end Viet war

Dick Gregory offers tips  
to young people here

BY MICHAEL BLACKMAN  
Activist Dick Gregory—who's pledged not to eat another bite of food until the Vietnam war is history—called on young people here last night to use their power, ethics and concern to bring back sanity to an insane nation.

"You have a big job to do and there's not much time left," the former comedian repeatedly emphasized to about 800 persons at the Xavier University Fieldhouse.

Gregory, who earlier in the day spoke at Kent State in an anniversary program honoring the four students killed there a year ago, was

brought to Cincinnati by the XU Afro-American Student Assn. and the Student Government.

THE SMALL, slim, 38-year-old black activist, employing mostly humor to reach his predominantly young audience, said in his two-hour and 20-minute talk that young people had the potential to effect drastic changes in America.

For instance, the war. "If you young people organized and decided you were not going to celebrate Christmas until it's over, you'd be surprised how quick that war would get over."

If President Nixon didn't end it under such a boycott, he said, then Sears Roebuck would. He also suggested young people might decide not to buy any more General Motors products until America is out of Vietnam—"hit the country where it hurts."

"THE WAR in Vietnam is in your hands," said Gregory, who April 24 at a peace rally in San Francisco vowed to subsist on a liquid diet until the war is over.

He said the "young folks" today were the most morally honest ever, and he hoped "you understand who you are and what you're all about."

"I hope you don't have to depend on the old folks to understand your actions." (Young people today, he said, are looked down upon by the older generation as were blacks in the early 1960s.)

GREGORY, gesturing generously throughout his impassioned talk, was met often with applause to his comments, which included:

- (About the Vice President) "I believe Agnew's putting everybody on—I don't believe it's humanly possible to be that dumb. You have to say one thing, he's consistent."

- (About the Army intelligence spying on civilians) "If you know anything about the Army, there is no intelligence. Who else would wear spit-shined sandals?"

- (About his bugged telephone) "First thing I did when I got to the airport was go to the phone and call my wife and read the alphabet to her backwards. Anytime I get ready to call my brother, he's already on the line—and he ain't even got a phone."

- (On the proper term—colored, black or Negro) "You can call me anything you want—it's just safer to call me black."

- (About making Lt. Galley a "national hero") "We just might be gone beyond the point of no return."

- (On the American system) "If democracy's as good as we say it is, then why do we go all over the world trying to ram it down people's throats with guns?"

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Author: Michael Blackman  
Editor: W. Friedenberg  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535  
April 28, 1971

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220


Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s) (1) (Registered Mail)  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Cincinnati, Ohio  
April 28, 1971

RE: APPEARANCE OF DICK GREGORY  
AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY, MIDDLETOWN,  
OHIO CAMPUS, ON  
APRIL 23, 1971.

Sgt. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that Dick Gregory spoke at Finkelman Auditorium on the evening of April 23, 1971, on the Middletown Campus of Miami University. His audience consisted of approximately 650 people, of which approximately 60% were black persons.

The speech lasted for approximately 2 hours and 10 minutes, during which Gregory talked of the plight of the Negro and poor whites in which he discussed his opposition to the war in Vietnam.

According to Sgt. [REDACTED] Gregory made no inflammatory statements during this speech and did not exhort his audience to any type of violent activities.

The Dick Gregory lecture was sponsored by the Black Student Action Association of the Miami University Middletown, Ohio Campus. The tickets to the lecture were free to students and the general public. There were no disturbances or demonstrations after the speech.

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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN, INTERNAL SECURITY -

MISCELLANEOUS.

MRS. NANCY RUBIN, WIFE OF JERRY RUBIN, MRS. CORETTA KING AND  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY HAVE BEEN INVITED AND HAVE EITHER  
ACCEPTED OR ARE CONSIDERING ACCEPTANCE TO ATTEND AUSTRALIAN  
VIETNAM MORATORIUM CAMPAIGN, NO DATE OR PLACE OF CAMPAIGN  
MENTIONED. [REDACTED] THEME OF AMERICAN DELEGATES  
TO FIFTH STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE WAS "IDEAL 'CORPORATE COMPLICITY'  
AND DAYS OF ACTION PLANNED IN THE U. S. BETWEEN TWENTY-ONE AND  
THIRTY, APRIL AGAINST COMPANIES WITH MILITARY CONTRACTS." [REDACTED]  
URGED SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES SUCH AS HONEYWELL  
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RE: AUSTRALIAN VIETNAM MORATORIUM  
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RECIPIENT OFFICES INSTRUCTED TO CONTACT ESTABLISHED SOURCES  
ONLY TO DETERMINE IF RUBIN, KING AND GREGORY OR OTHERS WILL  
ATTEND CAMPAIGN IN AUSTRALIA. ANY PERTINENT DATA DEVELOPED  
SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY BY LHM.

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SUBJ: DICK GREGORY

1. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SINGER DICK GREGORY AND HIS ASSOCIATE JAMES ROBERT MCGRAW PLAN TO TRAVEL FROM AFRICA TO BOMBAY AND TO CONNECT THERE WITH AL ITALIA FLIGHT 760 SEPT 13 FOR ONWARD TRAVEL THROUGH SINGAPORE TO AUSTRALIA.

2. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER SEPT 11 ASKED US TO INFORM CONCERNED U.S. AUTHORITIES THAT AUSTRALIA WILL DENY GREGORY AND MCGRAW ENTRY WHETHER IN TRANSIT OR OTHER CAPACITY, AND THAT THEY WILL NOT RPT NOT BE ISSUED AUSTRALIAN VISAS IN SINGAPORE.

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3. BOMBAY MAY WISH TO INFORM GREGORY AND MCGRAW OF THE SUBSTANCE PARA TWO.

4. FYI: PERM SEC OF FON MIN TOLD US THAT IF THEIR TRAVEL DOCUMENTS ARE IN ORDER AND IF GOS SECURITY AUTHORITIES HAVE NO OBJECTION, IMMIGRATION WILL PROBABLY PERMIT GREGORY AND MCGRAW TO ENTER SINGAPORE AS ORDINARY TOURISTS VISITORS FOR 7-DAY STAY WITHOUT NEED OF VISAS. PERM SEC ADDED THAT GREGORY AND MCGRAW WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE PERMITTED TO EXTEND THEIR STAY AND WHAT SINGAPORE IS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE

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PROSPECT OF UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY WHICH IS LIKELY TO BE  
GENERATED BY VISIT PERM SEC SAID GOS WOULD PREFER THAT  
THEY NOT COME HERE AT ALL AND SUGGESTED THAT CONGEN BOMBAY  
PERSUADE THEM TO THIS EFFECT.

5% WE SHARE GOS VIEWS IN THIS MATTER REQUEST  
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SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY

REF: STATE 149100

1. CONGEN BOMBAY UNABLE LOCATE GREGORY AND MCGRAW. ALITALIA HAVE THEM BOOKED ON FLIGHT 760 SEPT 13 FOR ONWARD TRAVEL TO SINGAPORE. NO OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING THEM WITH AIRLINE.

2. CONGEN HAS TURNED OVER TO ALITALIA LETTER CONTAINING INFORMATION AS PER REFTEL FOR TRANSMISSION TO GREGORY AND MCGRAW PRIOR THEIR BOARDING OF FLIGHT.  
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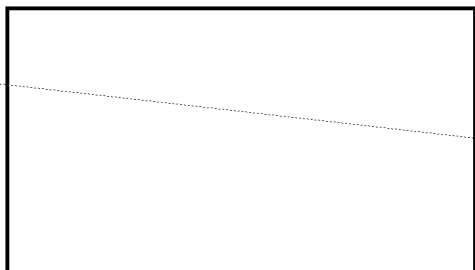
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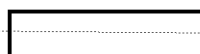
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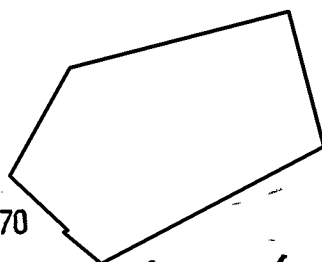


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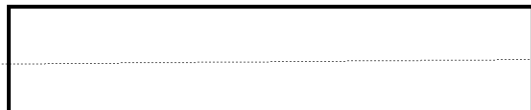
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2. The attachments may be considered unclassified when separated from this memorandum.

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Investigation in this matter was initiated as the  
result of information received in April, 1970, [redacted] to  
the effect that certain individuals in the U.S. including  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY planned to participate in an  
Australian Vietnam Moratorium Campaign, the date and place  
not mentioned. (C) (U)

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On [redacted] a confidential source  
advised that [redacted]  
The source said GREGORY'S [redacted]

This information was furnished to the Bureau by separate  
communication. (C) (U)

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No additional information has been received from  
Chicago's sources or informants regarding the captioned  
matter. Based on [redacted]  
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Accordingly, Chicago is placing this case in a  
closed status. If any information of pertinence is received,  
the Bureau will be advised.

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FROM: SAC, NEWARK (157-1939) *luc*  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM and for Chicago two copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above.

As set forth in the enclosed LHM, the subject spoke at the Newark State College located at Union, NJ, on 5/5/71.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Newark, New Jersey  
May 7, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS  
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On May 6, 1971, Chief of Police Raymond Edighoffer, Union, New Jersey, Police Department, advised that the above subject had on May 5, 1971, addressed a group of about one thousand students in the auditorium of the Newark State College, Union, New Jersey. Gregory had been invited by the College Center Board at the school.

Chief Edighoffer advised that Gregory, during his talk, stated that he knew that his telephone was being tapped by the Federal Government, but that it did not bother him, and that in fact he at times would call his number and put his baby on the line or recite the alphabet backwards. Gregory said that the Government knew that he knew that the line was tapped but that they continued to maintain the tap.

The "Evening News", a Newark, New Jersey, daily newspaper, in their May 6, 1971, edition carried a brief article concerning Gregory's appearance at Newark State College. The article mentioned the statements related above by Chief Edighoffer and further reported that the subject discussed the national economy, the legal system and the news media. Gregory was reported to have stated that he had never thought that he would see a time when Rolls Royce stock would sell for three cents and toilet paper would sell for sixteen cents a roll. He said that it was too bad that a man could plead temporary insanity for a murder but not for passing a bad check. He also commented that he hoped that young people would not have to read right wing newspapers forever.

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Chief Edighoffer advised that the appearance by Gregory was orderly and that there were no incidents. The students conducted themselves in a polite manner and Gregory concluded his talk by telling them that it was up to them to meet their challenge and solve the problems of the country.

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

CHICAGO

FROM LOS ANGELES (100-64492) 2P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY RM - BNT OO: CHICAGO

ROBERT HEAVY, CHIEF OF SECURITY, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT IRVINE (UCI) ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF UCI, ARE SPONSORING DICK GREGORY, COMEDIAN AND COMMENTATOR AT EIGHT P.M., MAY FOURTEEN SEVENTYONE, AT CRAWFORD HALL, UCI. HIS APPEARANCE COINCIDES WITH BLACK CULTURAL WEEK AT UCI SPONSORED BY THE BLACK STUDENT UNION, WHICH IS FEATURING A NUMBER OF LEADING NEGRO PERSONALITIES. DUE TO LIMITED SEATING, THIS EVENT WILL BE LIMITED TO STUDENTS AND FACULTY.

BLACK STUDENT UNION IS STUDENT BASED BLACK NATIONALIST ORGANIZATION.

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To: SAC, Chicago (157-347)

From: Director, FBI (100-440423) - *6/2*

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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A review of this file has determined subject has participated in demonstrations at the United Nations, at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and an antidraft march following a speech. He consistently includes in his highly inflammatory rhetoric comments attacking police, the Government, establishment, and public officials. He has called for financial support of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and openly sympathetic to the North Vietnamese. Such acts and statements appear to qualify him for Priority III on the Security Index (SI).

You are to submit summary report setting forth his activities since last report was submitted 1/26/68. Submit with the report your recommendations for his inclusion on the SI.

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Coverage of his speeches are to be left to the discretion of the field division where speech is made. His speeches are to be covered and reported under his caption only if sponsored by an extremist group, or if other extremists involved. If an auxiliary office is notified by you of a planned speech, the office should be advised at that time of the above. It is desired that in any speech he makes which involves statements inimical to the best interests of the United States, that such information as obtained from the news media or volunteered by sources should be submitted to the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.

You are reminded that no recordings are to be made of any speeches on college campuses without prior Bureau approval.

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory  
100-440423

Bureau does not agree with recommendation set forth in referenced letter that there is no continued need to cover subject's speaking engagements. Such coverage is a necessary intelligence gathering function and, as a result, you are not authorized to instruct all field offices there is no need to cover subject's speaking engagements throughout U.S.

NOTE:

Subject placed on Agitator Index 9/2/67. The Agitator Index has been deleted by the Bureau. Chicago recommends against inclusion of subject on SI, but states they will follow his activities, and plan to advise all field offices by 6/15/71 that auxiliary offices need not cover his speaking engagements on college campuses unless they are of some specific interest to that division.

Gregory, a Negro comedian, achieved his national recognition at Chicago's Playboy Club in 1960 as a political satirist. By 1964 he had injected himself in, or associated with, all major civil rights movements and activities. He has been arrested on numerous occasions for his civil rights activities. His rhetoric is highly inflammatory against the U.S. Government, police, FBI, and Government officials. He has associated with and been sympathetic towards known communists, communist sympathizers, the North Vietnamese, members of the New Left, and has encouraged support of the BPP. He is a black racist with a very sick mind, and although not a member of any extremist group, his statements and activities could warrant his inclusion on the SI as he is a definite threat to the Government and defense effort in time of a national emergency. Chicago being advised to submit summary report in order proper evaluations can be made for his inclusion on the SI.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/14/71

FROM : *CWB/A* SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
RM - BN  
OO: CHICAGO

As the Bureau is aware subject was formerly on the Agitator Index. This file has been reviewed and GREGORY does not meet the criteria for the Security Index, in that GREGORY has not in the past 1) exhibited personal characteristics of aggressiveness or a disposition toward violence, 2) advanced principles and aims of a subversive movement, 3) expressed or otherwise indicated a loyalty to any subversive organizations or their principles, 4) held membership in a subversive organization, 5) engaged in the recruitment of members for a subversive group, 6) supported the Soviet Union in acts and utterances, or 7) renounced his U.S. citizenship.

While the above factors are not all-inclusive, an examination of GREGORY's activities and utterances over the past several years reflects that he is a loyal citizen, although vocal in his criticism of his government (U.S.) and its institutions. GREGORY's utterances are usually made on college campuses, are well covered by the news media (have in no known instances caused any antisocial behavior), deal primarily with humorous criticism of governmental policies and/or officials, and calls upon the students to change the priorities of their lives.

Chicago plans to continue to follow subject's activities to insure that his activities continue non-subversive. However, Chicago sees no need for auxiliary offices to cover subject's speaking engagements on campuses, unless the occasion is of some particular interest to the auxiliary division.

UACB, on June 15, 1971, Chicago will advise all field offices regarding the new guidelines (as set forth above) for covering GREGORY's activities.

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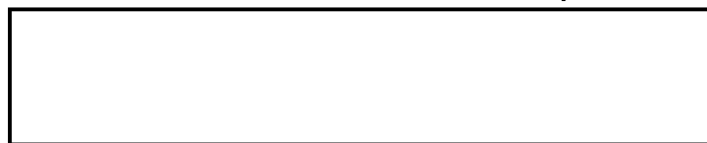
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Re Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, 5/13/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) regarding GREGORY's presentation at the University of California at Irvine (UCI).

Enclosed for the Chicago Division are two information copies of the LHM.

The following sources who are utilized in the attached LHM who attended GREGORY's speech, are:



No recording devices were permitted at the presentation, with only students in attendance.

Information furnished by sources contained in this LHM is classified confidential because the unauthorized disclosure of either the information or identity of sources would be detrimental to the national defense.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Los Angeles, California  
May 18, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

RICHARD CLAXTON  
GREGORY

On May 13, 1971, Robert Heavey, Director of Security, University of California at Irvine (UCI), advised that Richard Claxton Gregory was scheduled to speak at Crawford Hall at 8:00 pm, May 14, 1971, UCI, which will be sponsored by the Associated Students, UCI. This university sponsored presentation is part of Black Cultural Week at UCI which has been sponsored by the BSU at UCI.

The BSU is a black nationalist, campus based student organization.

On May 14, 1971, Robert Heavey indicated that Richard Claxton Gregory would be paid \$2,000 for his appearance at UCI out of Associated Student funds. *Calif.*

On May 14, 1971 and May 17, 1971, [redacted] advised that approximately 800 students attended Crawford Hall at UCI at 8:00 pm to hear Richard Claxton Gregory who spoke for approximately two and a half hours. Gregory, who criticized U. S. policy in Vietnam, criticized the FBI's investigation on the campus and the killing of students at the Kent State Campus in 1970 by the National Guard. b7D

Gregory was warmly received and received several standing ovations. No incidents or disturbances occurred during the presentation and the crowd was orderly. Members of the UCI, BSU acted as security and policed the audience.

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Reurep of SA [redacted] dated 8/31/71. *all* u

This report does not portray a summary of subject's activities since report was last submitted 1/26/68. Subject's participation in demonstrations at the United Nations and the Democratic National Convention during 1968 and involvement in an antidraft march following a speech in Chicago are not summarized. In 1971 subject made a speech at Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, at which time he urged the 5,500 students in attendance to organize economic boycotts as a means to persuade President Nixon to end the Indochina War. The report does not contain any samples of the inflammatory rhetoric which generally is presented in his appearances before college student bodies, and criticizes the activities of the United States Government. u

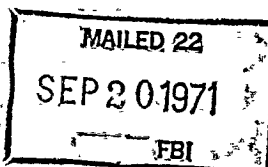
Specifically, such statements as he made 1/25/68 at Whittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, that the American System must change "or we will burn the country house by house" are to be reported. u

You are to promptly submit a supplemental summary report which will report therein samples of his inflammatory rhetoric which could incite individuals to take action against established authority, his participation in demonstrations, and his support of black extremist groups such as the Black Panther Party. u

You are to reanalyze investigation incorporated in your summary report to be submitted consistent with instructions previously forwarded to you by Bureau airtel 5/25/71 relative to inclusion of subject on Security Index. u

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Letter to Chicago  
Re: Richard Claxton Gregory  
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Score appropriate form errors for Agent and supervisory personnel responsible for preparation of referenced report and insure that Agents and supervisory staff conducting investigations in this type of case are fully aware of reporting responsibilities of the Bureau in the extremist intelligence field. *h*

NOTE:

Gregory, a Negro comedian,, achieved national recognition at Chicago's Playboy Club in 1960 as a political satirist. By 1964 he had injected himself into, or associated with, all major civil rights movements and activities. In connection with these activities, he has been arrested on numerous occasions. His rhetoric is highly inflammatory against the United States Government, police, FBI, and Government officials and is of the nature that could incite individuals toward civil disorder. He has associated with, and been sympathetic toward, known communists, communist sympathizers, the North Vietnamese, members of the New Left, and black extremists. He primarily addresses college student bodies. He is a black racist with a very sick mind, and although not a member of any extremist group, his activities and statements pose a definite threat to the Government and the defense efforts during the time of a national emergency. Chicago is remiss in this instance for failure to report a summary of his activities since this matter was last reported. Instructions issued to Chicago to submit supplemental summary report setting forth information called for above in order that a proper evaluation can be made relative to his inclusion on the Security Index, as well as to fulfill our responsibilities in disseminating information in the extremist intelligence field. *h*

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REFERENCES: Chicago letter to the Bureau, dated 5/14/71.  
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ADMINISTRATIVE

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY is not being recommended for inclusion on the Security Index as no justification for such a designation is evident from the review of this investigation. In all instances known, GREGORY has practiced and advocated non-violent actions to affect the changes he feels are needed in society. u

Attached herewith are two copies of an FD-376. u

This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL to protect the identities of sources of continuing value. u

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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August 31, 1971

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Director

United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☒ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
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  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
  - (b) ☒ Expressions of strong or violent anti-U. S. sentiment;
  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
6. ☐ Individuals involved in illegal bombing or illegal bomb-making.

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Very truly yours,

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*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))  
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## Date:

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Bureau File #: 100-440423

## Title:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

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EXTREMIST MATTER

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## Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, born 10/12/32 at St. Louis, Missouri, resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY is employed as a night-club entertainer. GREGORY regularly appears as a guest lecturer on university campuses throughout the United States, where he criticizes the United States' involvement in the Viet Nam War and its treatment of the black citizens of America. GREGORY holds no membership in any extremist organizations. *u*

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of information from sources, who have furnished reliable information in the past, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was opposed to the Viet Nam War and advocated the paralyzing of the economy of the United States in order to stop the war. *u*

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I. BACKGROUND

Date of Birth

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri. u

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Residence

RICHARD GREGORY resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. u

[CG T-1, 1/9/68] ~~U~~

Employment

Since 1958, GREGORY has been employed as a night club comedian-entertainer. GREGORY publicly acknowledges that his break in the entertainment field came in 1961, with his appearance at the Chicago Playboy Club. More recently GREGORY has derived a major portion of his income by engaging in speaking tours at various colleges and Universities in the United States. In respect to his entertainment activities, GREGORY is president of DICK GREGORY Enterprises located at 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712, Chicago, Illinois, which was incorporated in the State of Illinois, on March 31, 1961. u

[CG T-2, 1/11/68] ~~U~~

Education

GREGORY graduated from Summer High School, St. Louis, Missouri. GREGORY attended Southern Illinois University, where he subsequently graduated. In 1953 GREGORY was voted outstanding athlete of Southern Illinois University. u

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Marital Status

Marriage License No. 2514702 on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois reflects RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was married to [redacted] who was born on [redacted] in [redacted] Ohio, on February 2, 1959 in Chicago, Illinois. The Reverend [redacted] who is the father of [redacted] presided over the ceremony. u

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Credit

On January 8, 1968, the files of the Chicago Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked at the request of Investigative Clerk (IC) [redacted] This office maintains the file on DICK GREGORY, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago, and the following is reflected: u

A Judgment on June 9, 1966, against DICK GREGORY Enterprises, Inc., and DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$7,527.50, no disposition or further information is reflected. u

A Judgment on January 28, 1966, for the amount of \$323.00 reported against GREGORY by Hertz Rent-A-Car, no disposition is reflected. u

A Judgment on February 15, 1967, for the amount of \$302.05 against DICK GREGORY by Pacific Telephone Company, no disposition is reflected. u

A Judgment on April 7, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$207.79 by the Sheraton Blackstone Corporation, no disposition is reflected. u

A Judgment on August 17, 1965, against DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$388.38 by Burelles Press Clipping Company, no disposition reflected. u

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Arrests

The records of the Records and Communications Center, Chicago Police Department, were checked by IC [redacted] on January 9, 1968, and the following is reflected: u

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On May 6, 1963, GREGORY was arrested at Birmingham, Alabama, and charged with parading without a permit. u

On March 1, 1964, GREGORY was arrested by the San Francisco, California Police Department, charged with criminal contempt for law order, charges were dismissed. u

On February 16, 1965, DICK GREGORY was arrested by the Selma, Alabama Police Department, on charges of disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected. u

On June 8, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by the Chicago Police Department, charged with disorderly conduct, no disposition is reflected. u

On June 11, 1965, GREGORY was arrested by Chicago Police Department, charged with battery, no disposition is reflected. u

On August 2, 1965, GREGORY was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and breach of peace, disposition is reflected as \$200 fine for disorderly conduct charges and \$200 for breach of peace charges. u

Identification Record

The files of the Identification Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., reflected the following under FBI No. 796 519E: u

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
Police Department Birmingham, Alabama	DICK GREGORY #119457	May 6, 1963	parading without permit	
Police Department San Francisco California	DICK GREGORY #190584	March 1, 1964	J-14270 Section 166.4 Penal Code (criminal contempt disobey law ordered by Court)	dismissed
Police Department Selma, Alabama	DICK CLAXTON GREGORY #11178	February 16, 1965	disorderly conduct	
u Cook County Jail Chicago Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #361540	June 8, 1965	12-3 193-1	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	RICHARD C. GREGORY #104815	June 8, 1965	disorderly	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK C. GREGORY #104815	June 11, 1965	battery	
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #104815	finger- printed August 2, 1965	disorderly	200 and no 200 and no on charge of disorder- ly Breach of Peace
House of Correction Chicago, Illinois	DICK GREGORY #65-13150	November 15, 1965	193-1 disorderly conduct	2 cases \$200 fine \$200 total \$400 fine

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Contributor of Fingerprints	Name and Number	Arrested or Received	Charge	Disposition
u Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50126	February 15, 1966	unlawful use of set net for fishing for game fish to-wit steelhead in two counts (Nisqually River)	
Sheriff's Office Olympia Washington	RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY #50171	March 1, 1966	aiding and abetting in setting a gill net capable of taking a game fish	u
PD Milwaukee Wis	DICK GREGORY #108750	10/8/67	disorderly (civil rights)	\$100 & costs 11/22/67

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Foreign Travel

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A source advised that as of June 21, 1964, GREGORY was then visiting Moscow, U.S.S.R. u

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The records of the Passport Office, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. were checked on December 13, 1965, and the following was reflected: u

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was issued Passport No. E500889 on June 12, 1964, at New York. At that time GREGORY indicated his approximate departure date as June 14, 1964, via Air France for seven days to France, Germany, East Germany and Russia. The purpose of the trip was to attend the "World Peace Mission." GREGORY indicated his permanent residence as 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. u

On February 10, 1966, CG T-4 advised that GREGORY does not schedule visits to Canada regularly. He has performed for Theatrical Attractions 174 Front Street, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, in the past. This agency booked him for appearances three times in Toronto, twice in Windsor and once in Winnipeg. GREGORY maintains no booking agent in Canada. ~~u~~ (U)

[ (CG T-4, 2/10/66) ] ~~u~~ (U)

GREGORY appeared at the Cave Theater Residence, Vancouver British Columbia, Canada, from January 19, through 29, 1966. While in Vancouver, GREGORY stayed at the Georgia Hotel, 801 West Georgia Street. u

[ (CG T-4, 3/18/66) ] ~~u~~ (U)

The August 10, 1966, edition of the "Windsor Star", a local newspaper published in Windsor, Canada, reported that DICK GREGORY was currently appearing at the Top Hat Supper Club in Downtown Windsor. u

On November 14, 1966, the 4 Star Final edition of the "Chicago Sun-Times", a daily newspaper published in the Chicago area contained an article disclosing that DICK GREGORY had announced his intentions to visit United States war prisoners in North Viet Nam during the forthcoming u

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Christmas holidays. This announcement was made by GREGORY while appearing on a British television program in London on November 13, 1966. GREGORY disclosed he would ask North Viet Nam President HO CHI MINH for permission to entertain United States war prisoners during the Christmas holidays. U

On December 2, 1966, "Chicago Tribune", a daily newspaper published in Chicago, reported that inquiries by such newspaper at the London Office of BERTRAND RUSSELL revealed that a North Vietnamese visa is awaiting GREGORY in Paris. U

BERTRAND RUSSELL is the internationally known British philosopher-pacifist who recently conducted mock war trials in Copenhagen employing the United States as a defendant for its involvement in the Viet Nam war. U

On December 1, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference relative to his proposed Vietnamese trip. At such time GREGORY stated he would seek no information about the condition of the American prisoners, and numbers, or their location while in North Viet Nam. GREGORY stated that he did not want to know anything about the war. U

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On December 10, 1966, DICK GREGORY held a press conference at the Village Gate, an entertainment spot in Greenwich Village, New York City. GREGORY advised that he was notified by BERTRAND RUSSELL that his planned trip to Hanoi, North Viet Nam, to entertain United States prisoners-of-war had been turned down by the North Vietnamese. The reason given was the extensive bombing of North Viet Nam by United States Forces. DICK GREGORY stated that he sent a telegram to the Hanoi Government advising that he was not interested in political affairs, but was primarily concerned with the entertaining of United States prisoners-of-war in North Viet Nam. DICK GREGORY further stated that he is not a Communist and would never be one. U

[CG T-5, 12/10/66] X (U)

On April 13, 1967, DICK GREGORY arrived in London, England, from Chicago. GREGORY intended to remain in London until April 30, 1967. The purpose of his visit was to engage in television appearances. U

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## II. ACTIVITIES

On January 15, 1971, GREGORY gave a lecture at Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, which lecture was attended by two thousand persons. GREGORY's speech dealt with the way Negro people are treated by the white people in this country and the starving people in the United States - "the richest nation in the world." u

[CG T-1, 1/18/71] x (U)

On February 25, 1971, GREGORY lectured to 750 persons at Syracuse University, Utica, New York, on civil rights, ecology, illegitimate births, and student unrest. u

[CG T-2, 2/25/71] x (U)

On March 11, 1971, GREGORY was featured in the University of Texas at El Paso's Lyceum Series. Source advised that his talk was entirely in a humorous vein and could not be construed as agitating or advocating violence in any form. u

[CG T-3, 3/22/71] x (U)

On April 7, 1971, GREGORY addressed approximately 350 students at Western Carolina College, Cullowhee, North Carolina, on various topics of present interest, such as sex, race, environment, the Viet Nam War, etc. u

[CG T-4, 4/8/71] x (U)

On April 13, 1971, GREGORY spoke at the Howell Gym, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, to an audience of approximately two thousand college-age persons. The main theme of the talk was white racism and the Viet Nam War. u

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On May 5, 1971, GREGORY addressed an audience of approximately one thousand students at Newark State College, Union, New Jersey, on the state of American morality. *u*

[CG T-6, 5/6/71] ~~u~~ (U)

On May 14, 1971, GREGORY spoke at Crawford Hall, University of California, Irvine, California, where he addressed approximately eight hundred students on the United States' involvement in the Viet Nam War. *u*

[CG T-7, 5/17/71] ~~u~~ (U)

On May 26, 1971, GREGORY addressed an audience at St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Southgate, Michigan, on the United States' involvement in the Viet Nam War. *u*

[CG T-8, 5/27/71] ~~u~~ (U)

GREGORY regularly appears in nightclubs and theaters throughout the United States as a comedian. GREGORY is the author of a book entitled, "No More Lies," published by Harper and Row, January, 1971. *u*

[CG T-9, 3/20/71] ~~u~~ (U)

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To: SAC, Springfield (157-775)

From: Director, FBI (100-440423)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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ReSite 9/20/71 captioned, "Speech by Richard Claxton Gregory, aka Dick Gregory, Horton Field House, Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois, October 18, 1971. Extremist Matter - Black Nationalist."

Springfield Division is not to record speech by Gregory at Illinois State University through use of Bureau personnel or sources. Through established sources, Springfield should determine if Gregory makes any statements inimical to the best interests of the United States or promotes extremist causes. Such statements generally can be obtained through review of news coverage and/or is volunteered by established sources. In the event such statements are made, they should be set forth in form suitable for dissemination and submitted to the Bureau and to Chicago.

For information of the Springfield Division, subject in his speeches generally uses inflammatory rhetoric against the U. S. Government, Government officials, and law-enforcement agencies. He has spoken in the past before numerous student bodies on college campuses without demonstrations or incidents developing during the time of his speeches. It is to be noted, however, that since 1964, he has actively participated with all major civil rights movements and activities and has participated in demonstrations, several of which led to his arrest by local authorities.

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory  
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In any event, Springfield should furnish news media coverage of subject's speech to the Bureau and Chicago Division, even though his speech may not be extremist or promote extremist philosophies. u

NOTE:

Subject is a Negro comedian who is a black racist with a very sick mind. Although not a member of any extremist group, his rhetoric could incite reaction among a college student body. Springfield requested Bureau and Chicago to advise them of coverage desired pointing out his speech could be recorded with full security assured. His speech will allegedly consist of issues and choices for 1971 - 1972 and would be attended by the staff and students at Illinois State University. Bureau-controlled recording of his speech is not desired as his inflammatory rhetoric has been well established and the potential for embarrassment to the Bureau far outweighs any advantages to be obtained through such action. Information copy furnished Chicago as they are office of origin on subject. u

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TO: DIRECTOR

CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM: SPRINGFIELD (157-775) (2P)

SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY,  
HORTON FIELD HOUSE, ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY, NORMAL, ILLINOIS,  
OCTOBER EIGHTEEN, SEVENTYONE. EXTREMIST MATTER - BLACK  
NATIONALIST.

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A SOURCE WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE  
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THE UNIVERSITY FORUM BOARD AT ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY (ISU),  
NORMAL, ILLINOIS, HAS REQUESTED THE USE OF HORTON FIELD HOUSE,  
A GYMNASIUM AT ISU, FROM SEVEN TO ELEVEN PM, OCTOBER EIGHTEEN,  
NEXT, TO PROVIDE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR A SPEAKING APPEARANCE BY  
DICK GREGORY, WELL KNOWN BLACK COMIC AND CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCATE.  
GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON ISSUES AND CHOICES FOR NINETEEN  
SEVENTYONE-SEVENTYTWO, AND HIS APPEARANCE WILL BE OPEN TO ALL  
PERSONS ENROLLED OR TEACHING AT ISU.

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY AND SECRET SERVICE, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS, ADVISED. *u*

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GREGORY IS INCLUDED IN BLACK NATIONALIST PHOTO ALBUM,  
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BUFILE ONE HUNDRED DASH FOUR FOUR ZERO FOUR TWO THREE. HE  
IS CHARACTERIZED AS A CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST WHO PUBLICLY ENDORSES  
CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND MILITANT ACTION BY NEGROES. *u*

CHICAGO AND BUREAU ADVISE WHAT COVERAGE DESIRED OF  
GREGORY'S APPEARANCE. CHICAGO SPECIFICALLY ADVISE WHETHER OR  
NOT GREGORY'S APPEARANCES IN THE PAST HAVE PROVOKED INCIDENTS OF  
VIOLENCE SO THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES MAY BE ADVISED. SUTEL. *u*

BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER OR NOT DESIRED THAT GREGORY COMMENTS  
BE RECORDED. NO SECURITY PROBLEM ANTICIPATED IN RECORDING  
SPEECH OR IN COVERING THROUGH CONFIDENTIAL SOURCES. *u*

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)  
SPRINGFIELD (157-775)  
FROM CHICAGO (157-347)

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, EM - BN.

RE SPRINGFIELD TELETYPE SEPTEMBER TWENTY, NINETEEN SEVENTY

ONE. *u*

SUBJECT HAS MADE SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMPUS APPEARANCES OVER  
THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS AND NO INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE HAVE OCCURRED. *u*

THERE IS NO NEED TO RECORD SUBJECT'S REMARKS, AS THE  
NATURE OF HIS REMARKS VARY ONLY SLIGHTLY FROM APPEARANCE  
TO APPEARANCE AND ARE WELL DOCUMENTED. *u*

SPRINGFIELD SHOULD COVER SUBJECT'S APPEARANCE THROUGH  
ESTABLISHED SOURCES, AND REPORT SAME IN FORM SUITABLE FOR  
DISSEMINATION. *u*

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(Priority)TO: *[Signature]* DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)FROM: *[Signature]* SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (P)*an*  
*ST*  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM - BN*[Redacted]* El Centro College,  
Dallas, Texas, advised on 9/29/71 of a scheduled appearance  
by subject on the El Centro College campus on 10/5/71. *u**u*  
According to *[Redacted]* GREGORY's appearance is being  
sponsored by the Lyceum Club of El Centro College. The Lyceum  
Club is an organization composed of El Centro students and  
faculty, and its stated purpose is to bring cultural programs  
to the student body and the community. In the past it has  
sponsored a variety of singers, dancers, musicians and speakers. *u*GREGORY's schedule is tentatively set as follows: *u*

9:00-10:00 a.m.	Press Conference, El Centro College
11:00-12:00	Speech at Holiday Inn, 1015 Elm; <i>u</i>
12:00-1:00	Luncheon, Chapparel Room, El Centro College. <i>C</i>

Dallas PD, Intelligence Division, was advised of the  
above on 9/29/71. *u*Dallas will provide coverage of GREGORY's visit and  
submit LHM. *u*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - BN

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Re Albuquerque telephone call to Chicago dated  
9/30/71. u

Referenced call advised local newspaper reported  
subject scheduled to appear Albuquerque, New Mexico, on  
10/5/71, as a joint venture of the Universities of  
Albuquerque and New Mexico. Albuquerque was desirous  
of knowing what type coverage to afford this event. u

Albuquerque was advised to cover the event  
through established sources, to determine if GREGORY  
makes statements inimical to the best interests of the  
United States or promotes extremist causes and if such  
was the case, they should be reported in form suitable  
for dissemination, and submitted to the Bureau and to  
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 10/12/71

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (157-946) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM - BN

OO: CHICAGO

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 9/30/71

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are five copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM relating to captioned subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

200 Mercantile Continental Building  
Dallas, Texas 75201  
October 12, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

Richard Gregory spoke at the Holiday Inn, 1015 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas on October 5, 1971 to an assemblage of approximately 600 persons, the majority of whom were El Centro College students. *u*

Gregory, in a speech liberally sprinkled with humor, concerned himself primarily with his feelings on social and political injustice. He stated at one point that he was in the 165th day of a self-imposed fast to protest the Viet Nam war. He exists, he stated, on water and fruit juice only. *u*

Gregory's speech was preceded by a brief press conference and was followed by a luncheon at El Centro College located at Main and Lamar Streets, Dallas, Texas. He arrived in Dallas at approximately 8:30 A.M. and departed at approximately 2:30 P.M. to return to New York City. *u*

Excerpts of Gregory's speech are as follows: *u*

On George Wallace - *u*

"George Wallace should handle the bussing issue as he did the school integration situation - stand in front of the bus". *u*

On the Vice-President of the United States - *u*

"On his recent trip to Africa, Spiro Agnew was made a blood-brother, which requires that he be cut. What makes him think he has to go all the way to Africa to get cut by some black folks?". *u*

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On the May Day demonstrations in Washington - U

"If we'd raise the draft age to 75, we'd see a lot more old freaks sitting down in the streets protesting the war" U

"They say the kids were arrested for blocking traffic in Washington. That ain't true. You can block traffic in America if you want to - it just depends on your reason for doing it. In New York City this summer, some cats left all the draw bridges up because they wanted more money - paralyzed the whole town - ain't nobody went to jail yet. A few years back in New York City, 20,000 slimey degenerates from Wall Street came out and blocked traffic for five hours trying to look at a woman's breasts". U

On Political parties - U

"I see where 67 percent of you new voters are registered in a Democratic party. Don't you know the Democratic and Republican parties are too degenerate and unfit to govern this country any more?" U

On George Jackson - U

"They say George Jackson hid a gun in his Afro. I saw a picture of him in the paper and his hair was shorter than mine. But at least that lie will help us. White folks all over America now believe Niggers got guns in their hair". U

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

On Racial Injustice - u

"Do you know that if I were fighting side by side with a Red-Neck in Viet Nam and we were killed by the enemy, the Viet Cong would put us both in the same grave and bury us? But if our bodies were sent home to America, chances are we could not be buried in the same cemetery. Its a sad day when I have to stand before you and admit that I am treated better dead by my enemies than I am alive by my so-called friends". u

On Political Power - u

"Use your political power. Call for a boycott against eating turkey during Thanksgiving and Christmas as long as the Viet Nam war is on. Call for a Nationwide boycott against celebrating Christmas. Call for a Nationwide boycott of General Motors products. The Chairman of the Board of General Motors don't need no appointment to see the President". u

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# Gregory Claims Youth Holds Moral Power to Alter World

By FRANKIE McCARTY

If they really want to, young people can change this country — not through violence but through their moral force — Dick Gregory, rights activist and war critic, said here Tuesday night.

Speaking to an audience of about 2500 — with few exceptions, young — which crowded into the Quadrangle at the University of Albuquerque, Gregory said, "America can deal with violence, your bombs and your dynamite... but it can't deal with your moral force. It's the only thing you've got going for you... keep it, and I guarantee you that America will become the America so many people want her to be."

Asserting that "you've got a big job to do, and time is running out," Gregory exhorted young people to organize to bring about change. "You have enough power to end the war in Vietnam in 30 days if you organize."

HE SPECULATED: "Organize, and call a nationwide boycott of eating turkey on Thanksgiving and Christmas... the turkey growers would have to join you. Call for a nationwide boycott of celebrating Christmas... and Sears Roebuck would have to join you. Boycott all General Motors products until the war is over... and the president of GM will get Nixon out of bed. You want jail reform? Seventy six per cent of the people who go to movies are under 26... call for a nationwide boycott of movies... and the movie makers will help you get jail reform."

"The answer to the problems isn't violence. Violence is only a short time cure. I don't want to see the Indians off the reservations for a few minutes. You must make some basic change."

Gregory also said that hope for change lies with neither "slimy degenerate political party," but called on the youth to organize outside those par-

ties — "there are plenty within who will help you if you will — to effect political change. If the new under-21 voters are going to follow the established patterns, they are wasting their votes."

"Having the right to elect, without the right to select, don't do you no damn good," he said. "For the last 100 years, we've had to vote under the party nomination system," he noted, "for the last 100 years, we've had to vote for the lesser of two evils."

OTHER CHANGES youth must make:

"Institutions of higher learning have got to teach people how to live, not just how to make a living. There's a difference. Educational institutions must provide education, not indoctrination. If the cavalry won, it was a victory; if the Indians won, it was a massacre... that's not education."

Down to 101 pounds from his normal 168 as a result of fasting since April 24, when he vowed he would eat no solid food until the Vietnam war is ended, Gregory told an earlier press conference he had "never felt greater."

In his evening appearance, he urged his youthful audience to lay off drugs and alcohol "because anything you put in your body that stimulates your

system... you'll have to pay the price some day." He decried "revolutionary pimps who believe that the system has got to be changed but believe the more pot they smoke and alcohol they drink, they're putting it on the system. If you believe that smoking pot is an anti-system act, don't kid yourself. It's the

system that supplies it to you.

A lot of youngsters believe that you've got to smoke pot cool. Nobody in America thinks the system needs to be changed more than me, but if you got to smoke pot to change it, leave it like it is. You need a clear head and pure body to change it."

"If conditions that exist in America today don't get you high — then nothing will ever get you high."

HE ADDED WHEN a country takes a killer like Lt. Calley and makes him a national hero — then maybe we've passed the point of no return."

He said America is probably the "No. 1 racist, oppressor country on earth, bar none."

If the Viet Cong killed a black and a white American soldier, "he'd probably lump them both in the same grave. But if their bodies were sent back to some parts of this country, they probably couldn't be buried in the same graveyard. So our enemy would treat us better than our friends."

"If my father had been killed by the Germans in 1942, I'd have gone 29 years without a father. But today that German could come to this country and move into a neighborhood where my daddy's boy couldn't

He said he saw hope in the efforts of the young in the May Day demonstration in Washington. Seven thousand young people were arrested in one day in an effort to create a situation to shock the American conscience and make people realize that we are in a very bad war."

He noted that 99.9 per cent of the 13,000 arrested during the duration of the sit-down were of draft age. "If you got a law passed raising the draft age to 75, then you'd suddenly find a lot of old freaks sitting on a bridge."

He said he finds it curious that the Washington police arrested 7000 people in one day, "and didn't catch one criminal. You'd have thought they'd have accidentally picked up one whore. They can catch 7000 kids but they can't find the guy who blew up the capitol. That's because he wore short hair, was clean shaven, and wore a Brooks Brothers suit, and carried that bomb in a red, white and blue lunchbox."

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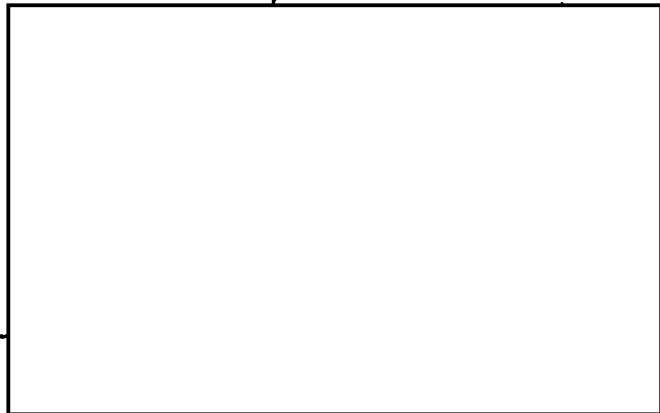
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*Richard Clayton Gregory*

ANGELA DAVIS DEFENSE COMMITTEE. IS-C.

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SOURCE, RELIABLE, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT THE NEW HAVEN COMMITTEE TO FREE ANGELA DAVIS WERE PREPARING TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO AN ANGELA DAVIS RALLY SCHEDULED FOR CENTRAL PARK, SATURDAY, SEPT. TWO FIVE, NEXT. THIS RALLY WOULD BE CONDUCTED FROM ONE TO FOUR PM AND PARTICIPANYS WERE ADVISED TO ENTER CENTRAL PARK AT SEVENTY SECOND AND FIFTH AVENUE. ~~(U)~~

DICK GREGORY, SALLYE DAVIS, AND OTHER WERE LISTED AS KEYNOTE SPEAKERS. THIS RALLY WILL BE SPONSORED BY THE UNITED COALITION FOR ANGELA DAVIS. INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH PHONE NUMBER TWO FOUR THREE - EIGHT FIVE FIVE FIVE. SOURCE WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THIS RALLY. ~~(U)~~

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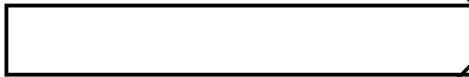
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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (157-147) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
Dick Gregory  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - BM

DATE: 10/18/71

AGENCY 157-147  
DATE FORW. 10-24-71  
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Re Chicago airtel, 9/30/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM setting forth details of the speech given by the subject at the University of Albuquerque on 10/5/71.

No dissemination is being made locally in view of the fact that enclosed LHM was compiled entirely from public source material.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Albuquerque, New Mexico  
October 18, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
also known as Dick Gregory  
EXTREMIST MATTERS - BOMBING MATTERS

According to an article which appeared in the October 6, 1971, issue of the "Albuquerque Journal," Dick Gregory, described as "rights activist and war critic," spoke before an audience of approximately 2500 persons, mostly young people at the University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico, on the evening of October 5, 1971. u

According to this article, Gregory pointed out to his audience that they had a big job to do to organize themselves to achieve a change in the United States, particularly with regard to ending the war in Vietnam. The article quoted Gregory as stating, "You have enough power to end the war in Vietnam in 30 days if you organize." u

Gregory is also quoted as stating, "The answer to the problems isn't violence. Violence is only a short time cure. America can deal with violence, your bombs and your dynamite . . . but it can't deal with your moral force." u

Gregory also called on young persons to organize outside the major political parties to bring about political change and warned strongly against the use of narcotics. He also stated that institutions of higher learning should begin teaching students how to live, not just how to make a living, and that they must provide education, rather than indoctrination. u

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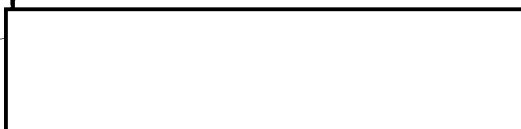
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Dick Gregory  
HORTON FIELD HOUSE,  
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY,  
NORMAL, ILLINOIS  
10/18/71  
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BY [signature]

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and four copies of an LHM captioned and dated as above. Two copies of this LHM are enclosed to Chicago. FD-376 is stapled to the LHM. u

Since there is no indication of any further appearances by GREGORY within the foreseeable future in the Springfield Division, this matter is being considered RUC. u

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

October 29, 1971

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential-protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
4. ☐ U. S. citizens or residents who defect from the U. S. to countries in the Soviet or Chinese Communist blocs and return.
5. ☒ Subversives, ultrarightists, racists and fascists who meet one or more of the following criteria:
  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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☐ may be available through \_\_\_\_\_

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Springfield, Illinois  
October 29, 1971

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SPEECH BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
Also known as Dick Gregory  
HORTON FIELD HOUSE  
ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY  
NORMAL, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 18, 1971

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 10-29-91

Springfield confidential [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on October 19, 1971, that Richard Claxton Gregory appeared at Illinois State University (ISU) campus driving a 1969 Ford station wagon bearing 1971 Illinois [redacted] Gregory had three passengers, one Negro female, age 24 to 25, and two Negro males, one age 30 and the other age 55 to 60. (U) b6 b7C b7D

Source stated Gregory was at the Horton Field House from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM on October 18, 1971, and spoke to about 3,500 students and townspeople. Source stated that Gregory used humor to attack politics, racism, drugs, poverty, police, sex, and the Nixon administration. He further asked his audience to participate in a Christmas buying boycott and asked for the boycott of General Motors and Walgreen Drug Corporation. (U)

[redacted] stated that after leaving Horton Field House, Gregory went to Linkins Center, in Tri Towers at ISU where he held a "rap session" from 10:15 PM to 11:30 PM. This "rap session" was made up of about 200 students both black and white. (U) b7D

Springfield confidential [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the "rap session" consisted mainly of frivolous questions. (U)

During the last few minutes of the "rap session", Gregory called an older black called "Love" and another named "Jerry" to the platform to answer a few astrological questions. (U)

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NORMAL, ILLINOIS  
OCTOBER 18, 1971

The "astrologer" predicted that there would be a great world shaking event on November 6, 1971, that many will meet martyrdom and that many will make themselves known. The "rap session" ended at 11:30 PM. u

[redacted] further advised that the true purpose of Gregory's presentation at the Horton Field House appeared to be to recruit students to take part in November 6, 1971, demonstrations. He referred several times to the "7,000 who were arrested in Washington on April 24 as willing to put their bodies on the line for what they believe in". His audience, which was overwhelmingly white, was receptive to his speech. Source advised there were no questions or answers after his speech. (U)

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"The Pantagraph", a Bloomington, Illinois, daily newspaper in its October 19, 1971, issue reported Gregory's appearance in an article captioned "Criticism seasoned with humor as Gregory lists nation's ills". The article reported on Gregory's appearance and stated topics covered by Gregory included politics, racism, the war, drugs, poverty, hunger, police, alcoholism, women's liberation, sex, the youth vote, over-population, the Nixon administration, spying, religion, the economy, prisons, civil rights, black power, Lieutenant Calley, Rap Brown, George Jackson, Angela Davis, and even the riot which took place in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, following the Pittsburgh Pirates winning of the World Series. u

According to the newspaper's account of Gregory's appearance, he alternated between comedy and hard-edged criticism in his presentation. Gregory reportedly commented on a wrist cutting ceremony which Vice President Spiro Agnew went through to become a "brother" in a recent visit to Africa. Gregory found it hard to believe Mr. Agnew was "dumb enough to believe he had to go all the way to Africa to get cut". u

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He reportedly stated that President Richard M. Nixon has "messed up the money so bad" he could "compete with God in the next election and never win". u

In regard to May Day demonstrations in Washington, D. C., Gregory noted 7,000 people had been put in jail in one day and in a period of four days demonstrating, 13,000 individuals had been arrested having chosen to "sit down in front of a bridge so they wouldn't have to sit down in front of a bullet". He noted that President Nixon and Attorney General John Mitchell were on television several days before the demonstration threatening the demonstrators and saying they would not tolerate lawlessness. Gregory felt it would be "nice" if we had a President and an Attorney General who would get on television and threaten dope pushers and alleged the President had never had a derogatory word about the "Mafia". u

Gregory commented concerning the use of marijuana and opined drugs may be permitted by the establishment. He thought it was funny that a nine year old child in Harlem can buy heroin on the street, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation can not find it. u

Gregory suggested students start a Christmas buying boycott concluding that it would end the war and would wipe out phase two, three, four, and also wipe out Dick Nixon. u

The newspaper reported it took Gregory almost two hours to touch every subject he discussed during his appearance. u

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-1077) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, Aka.  
Dick Gregory  
EM-BLACK NATIONALIST  
(OO: Chicago)

APPROPRIATE AGENCIES AND FIELD OFFICES  
ADVISED BY ROUTING SLIP ON 2-5-80

For the information of the Bureau and Chicago, on 11/3/71, [redacted] advised that on the evening of 11/2/71, [redacted] of Afro-AM, a black student organization on the campus of Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio, met with [redacted] and [redacted]

decided to nominate DICK GREGORY who was scheduled to appear 11/9/71, on the OSU campus for the office of President of OSU. Source advised that seven nominations have been submitted to a Referendum Committee sponsored by USG and the election will be open to all students, faculty, and staff.

On 11/10/71, Detective [redacted] Columbus, Ohio Police Department, advised that approximately 1,500 people crowded into Mershon Auditorium on the campus of OSU on the evening of 11/9/71, to hear a speech by comedian DICK GREGORY entitled "Social Problems-Social or Antisocial?" The admission charge was \$2 for adults and \$1 for students with the speech open to the public and audience consisting of mainly blacks. Subject's speech was described as not being inflammatory and lasted for approximately 1½ hours. [redacted] advised that subject's speech

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was spiced with satire on a wide range of subjects, including comments in favor of bussing and desegregation. Subject indicated to the audience that blacks have significant boycott power and that as an example, blacks if they chose to boycott the purchase of Thanksgiving turkeys and General Motor products they could have a tremendous influence in bringing the Vietnam war to an end. Subject indicated that the money interests and war profiteers would be more apt to pressure the establishment about ending the war in Vietnam if their profits were being adversely effected by a black boycott. U

According to [ ] subject indicated that his schedule did not permit him to accept the nomination of President of OSU. U

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[ ] stated that approximately ten members of the Afro Set, a black extremist organization headquartered at Cleveland, Ohio, with a branch in Columbus, Ohio, were present during the speech and stationed themselves in front of the stage while subject spoke. U

On 11/10/71, [ ] advised that subject during his speech on the evening of 11/9/71, emphasized that pocketbook power in the form of economic boycotts by blacks is an effective sure term method for acquiring the ear of the establishment who would then be cognizant of the demands of blacks. Source advised that subject's speech was comical and low key and subject commented that he was presently down to 99 pounds as a result of his fast and protest of the war in Vietnam. Subject, according to source, also feels that the police of the United States do not apply the laws equally. As for example, massive arrests during the May Day demonstrations in Washington, D. C., and very few arrests in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania during the night the Pittsburgh Pirates won the World Series. X (U)

On 11/10/71, [ ] OSU Campus Police Department, advised that subject's speech was sponsored from the Freshman Senate and according to his sources, subject is scheduled to depart Columbus, Ohio, for Chicago, Illinois, on 11/10/71. U

UACB, an LHM is not being submitted in this matter and this is being considered RUC. U

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Remyairtel, 11/10/71. *u*

On 11/11/71, Detective [redacted] Columbus, Ohio Police Department, advised that on 11/10/71, subject gave a press conference in his room at the Christopher Inn, Columbus, Ohio. At this press conference, subject formally accepted the nomination to run for president of Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, Ohio. This nomination was offered to subject by Afro-Am, a black student organization on the campus of OSU. Subject, at this press conference, indicated that he did not have time to campaign for the office of president of OSU, but if selected, as its president, he would serve in that capacity. *u*

[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted] on the campus of OSU, both endorse subject *u*

[redacted] stated that during subject's speech, on Tuesday evening, 11/10/71, he indicated that he would not accept the nomination to run for president of OSU. [redacted] stated that he does not know why subject changed his mind. *u*

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[ ] stated that subject will be appearing at approximately 300 universities over the next ten months. u

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TO: DIRECTOR (100-440423)

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FROM: PORTLAND (157-329) (P) 1P

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY; EM - BN.

GREGORY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK AT WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY, A  
PRIVATE SCHOOL, SALEM, OREGON, AT ELEVEN A.M. THIS DATE. COVERAGE  
WILL BE THROUGH ESTABLISHED SOURCES AND LHM WILL BE SUBMITTED. U  
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)  
 FROM: *pp/1/1* SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (P)  
 SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
 EM  
 OO: Chicago

On November 11, 1971, [redacted]  
 [redacted] University of Nebraska at Omaha, (PROTECT-RELIABLE)  
 furnished a handbill put out by the Student Program Organization  
 (SPO) indicating that GREGORY would speak at 2:00 p.m. in the  
 University Theater, UNO, on November 22, 1971. His topic  
 will be "Social Problems; Social or Anti-Social?" The  
 SPO is a student organization which plans programs designed  
 and executed by students with student funds. *u*

Appropriate coverage will be furnished GREGORY's  
 speech and LHM will be submitted. *u*

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FROM: SAC, PORTLAND (157-329) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Re Portland teletype to the Bureau, 11/17/71. U

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies and for Chicago two copies of an LHM concerning comments of GREGORY during a speech at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, on 11/17/71. U

Two copies of an FD-376 are attached to enclosed LHM. U

Enclosed LHM is being disseminated locally to U.S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon. U

The information in enclosed LHM was received from a well-placed source. 4

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The well-placed source who furnished information  
in enclosed LHM is:

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Salem, Oregon

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graduate of [redacted]  
(identity protected by request)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

November 22, 1971

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
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  - (a) ☐ Evidence of emotional instability (including unstable residence and employment record) or irrational or suicidal behavior;
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  - (c) ☐ Prior acts (including arrests or convictions) or conduct or statements indicating a propensity for violence and antipathy toward good order and government.
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Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Portland, Oregon

November 22, 1971

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as Dick Gregory

On November 17, 1971, at 11:00 a.m., Richard Claxton Gregory spoke at Willamette University's Todd Hall under the sponsorship of the University Forum Series. Willamette University is a private Methodist college at Salem, Oregon, with an enrollment of approximately 1,500 students. u

According to a source, there were roughly 1,200 persons in the audience, including students and residents primarily from the Salem area. The approximately 50 Blacks in the audience all stood and cheered when Gregory entered the Hall. u

Gregory claimed his weight is down to 101 pounds as a result of his fast of only juices, water, tea and vitamins for the past six months in protest of the war in Vietnam. He suggested young people could end the war in 30 days by refusing to celebrate Christmas, which means not buying turkeys, boycotting Sears, Roebuck & Company and other large businesses in order to "mess up Nixon's Phase 1, 2 and 3 economic plans." u

Gregory lauded the American press as among the best civil rights fighters of all. He stressed that social change won't come from violence and smoking pot, but rather from massive boycotts of major business institutions. u

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
also known as Dick Gregory

Concerning the Supreme Court, Gregory deplored the fact that President Nixon cannot find a qualified southern nominee and said it is an insult to the Republican Party that one of the nominees is a Democrat. u

During Gregory's one and one-half hour talk, he made statements to the effect that, "...we niggers are going to ram freedom down the whites' throats as it tastes so good..." "...the whites are going to have airplanes and tanks after them..." "...7,000 demonstrators were arrested in Washington, D.C., and the FBI couldn't find one criminal among them, not even one whore or a pimp..." u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

DATE: 11/29/71

SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM

OO: CHICAGO

Re Omaha airtel to Bureau dated 11/15/71. *625*

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight and for Chicago are two copies of LHM concerning subject's visit to the University of Nebraska at Omaha on 11/22/71. *u*

No request was made to tape subject's speech due to the poor sound equipment in the University of Nebraska at Omaha auditorium theater. Clerical employee  a student at UNO attended the speech along with SAS . The speech was advertised as open to the public. *u*

Copy of this LHM being designated to U. S. Secret Service, Omaha. *u*

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Omaha, Nebraska  
November 29, 1971

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

On November 22, 1971, a Special Agent of the FBI attended a public speech by the subject at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) Theater Auditorium. U

Gregory arrived in Omaha at 12:19 PM. He spoke at UNO from 1:30 PM to 3:15 PM. He held a press conference at 4:00 PM at Wesley House, a Methodist social welfare organization on the north side of Omaha. He left Omaha at approximately 5:45 PM, November 22, 1971. U

Gregory spoke before a capacity crowd of approximately 500 students and faculty at UNO who received his appearance and speech enthusiastically. At the beginning he did not allow local television stations or movies to be made during his speech and stated that he came to talk to the students and wanted no interference during his speech. He devoted the first ten or fifteen minutes of his speech to the fact that he had been fasting for the past few months in protest of the American involvement in the Vietnam war and that he formerly weighed approximately 266 pounds and he now weighs 99 pounds. He stated he would continue to fast until the United States involvement in Vietnam ceased. U

His speech was aimed directly at the young students and he commented several times "you young folks have a lot to do and not much time left to do it." U

Gregory spent several minutes during his speech making satirical humor concerning Vice President Agnew's recent visit to Africa and President Nixon's forthcoming visit to China. U

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Gregory spent considerable time degrading the police structure in the United States and mentioned specifically several times that the first day of the May demonstrations in Washington was a great day since it resulted in the arrest of 7,000 young people and "there was not one criminal among them." He stated the reason they were arrested was listed as blocking traffic and then stated at the conclusion of the World Series the victory in Pittsburgh resulted in a mob taking over the streets, blocking traffic and looting; however, there were no arrests made during this riot. Gregory commented on the working of the police in ghetto areas of America and mentioned that all police are corrupt, citing the Knapp Commission's investigation into alleged misconduct of the New York Police Department. He stated this came as a shock to white America and that this investigation would cost the American public five million dollars when, in fact, "the niggers of this country have been telling you for 75 years that the cops are crooked." u

Gregory devoted considerable time to urging black communities to turn in drug pushers, bookmakers, and other types of criminals who prey on the black community and cautioned young people against the use of alcohol and all types of drugs. u

He made mention that the United States was sending thousands of soldiers to Vietnam to free the South Vietnamese when our brother American Indian is still confined to a reservation, living under very poor conditions. Gregory made very derogatory remarks about Presidents Kennedy, Johnson, Eisenhower, and Nixon, blaming all of them for the Vietnam war. He called the United States a racist, rotten country and reminded the students of the slogan "if you don't love it, leave it" and then stated he was not about to leave it, but was going to remain in this country and fight for better conditions. u

The "Omaha World-Herald," an Omaha daily newspaper, for November 23, 1971, in an article entitled "Gregory Backs Black Caucus, Attacks 'Pot'," set out that Gregory held a press conference at Wesley House, 2001 North 35th Street, Omaha, after his speech at UNO in which he voiced support

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

for a proposed black national political convention. At his press conference, he again mentioned that the people in communities should turn in criminals because he stated "the man (the police) has already proved that he's not going to deal with certain problems in the black community, so we've got to deal with them ourselves." u

The article also said that "Gregory's talk contained a lot of examples of humor, but it was more a political harangue than a comedy routine." The article also stated that Gregory said "I met so many youngsters who believe to stay hip and cool they have to drink alcohol and smoke marijuana. If that's what it takes to be hip and cool, I say it's better to be hot and square." u

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
FROM: SAC, ALBANY (157-253) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka.  
Dick Gregory  
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On 11/29/71, Investigator [redacted] New York State Police, Duaneburg, New York, stated GREGORY was scheduled to speak at 8:00 p.m., 11/30/71, at Bouck Hall, Cobleskill Tech, Cobleskill, New York. u

The speech is sponsored by the College Union Board and his appearance is open to the public without charge. u

[redacted] stated GREGORY is being paid by the student organization that is sponsoring his speech and the amount being paid is not known. u

Secret Service, 108th MIG and USA, NDNY advised. u

LHM will follow concerning captioned matter. u

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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Re Albany airtel to Bureau, 11/29/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of an LHM concerning captioned individual with two copies to Chicago regarding appearance of subject at Cobleskill, NY, on the evening of 11/30/71. A copy of this LHM has been furnished to 108th MIG, Albany, NY, and Secret Service, Syracuse, NY.

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File No.

Albany, New York

December 15, 1971

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY,  
ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY

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On November 29, 1971, a confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was scheduled to speak at 8:00 pm, November 30, 1971, at Bouck Hall, Cobleskill Tech, Cobleskill, New York. He stated the speech was sponsored by the College Union Board, a student group, and his appearance was open to the public without any charge.

On December 6, 1971, a second confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, stated GREGORY spoke to a group of approximately one hundred students at Bouck Hall, Cobleskill Tech, Cobleskill, New York, on the evening of November 30, 1971. He said GREGORY spoke from 8:00 pm until approximately 10:00 pm. He stated he attended the speech, and there was nothing inflammatory, and he thought GREGORY gave an excellent speech. He stated GREGORY, who was formerly a professional comedian, talked for approximately thirty minutes on the present diet he was on, and the remainder of the speech was in regard to the United States Constitution and how it affected the Negro race.

He stated GREGORY was paid \$800 for the speech. He said following the speech, GREGORY met with the press. He stated GREGORY then spent the night at the University Inn, a motel located in Cobleskill, New York, and departed the next morning.

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Limon, Colorado 80828

November 23, 1971

The Hon. John Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

*Richard Claxton Gregory*

I am enclosing a photocopy of an article from the November 17th issue of the Rocky Mountain News concerning a speech by comedian Dick Gregory, a self-admitted communist, before a crowd in Fort Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

According to this news item, past speakers at this army post have included the radical U.S. Representative Julian Bond; LeRoi Jones, author of a vulgar play called "The Toilet", an anti-white play which depicts all whites as being homosexual, and if my memory serves me right, participated in the Newark riots of 1967;; and [redacted] in Denver and who has extensive communist connections including [redacted] near Taos, New Mexico.

This is why I believe that Major General John C. Bennett, Fort Carson Commander, should be investigated for possible communist connections and retired from the service if this is found to be true.

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Respectfully,  
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# Dick Gregory first warms, then scorches audience

By LOY HOLMAN  
Rocky Mountain News Writer

FT. CARSON—First warming his audience with his patented comedy patter and then scorching some with some hot remarks on racism, police and morals, Dick Gregory performed to a capacity crowd in the Ft. Carson Fieldhouse Tuesday.

The caustic black comedian appealed to the "young folks of America" to bring about change so they won't have to "depend on a sick, degenerate society as I have."

He called the May Day demonstration in Washington D.C. in which 7,000 persons were arrested "but none of them were criminals" a great day in U.S. history.

"They dared to go to Washington to try and stop the Vietnam War. But we learned from it that if you block traffic for a moral reason you'll get your head beat in."

## A MORAL GAP

"We don't have a generation gap... we have a moral gap," Gregory said, cheered on by the standing room only crowd at the Army post.

He was introduced by Maj. Gen. John C. Bennett, Ft. Carson commander, who said Gregory has been in more demand as a speaker for the Racial Harmony Council's speakers program than any other person in the country.

He was the first to completely fill the fieldhouse's 2,500 seats, although previous speakers in the series have included Georgia legislator Julian Bond, outspoken poet Le-Roi Jones and Denver Chicano Activist Corky Gonzales.

In addition to Ft. Carson, Gregory spoke earlier at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and was to appear at Northern Colorado State University in Greeley Tuesday evening.

Cracking a few one-liners, especially appreciated by the military audience here, Gregory had everyone alternately laughing and applauding.

"When I was in the Army I told them I'd either like to be a comedian or a clown ... and

they tried like Hell to send me to OCS (officers candidate school)," he joked, and the crowd roared.

## GROWS SERIOUS

A few more like that and suddenly he grew quite serious as his appeal began to the young to change the present system.

Returning to the May Day demonstration, he noted that most demonstrators "were" of draft age. "Lift the draft age to 75 and we'll see a lot of old cats marching in the streets, too," he quipped.

"They didn't go to jail for blocking traffic—it was the reason they blocked traffic that sent 7,000 to jail," Gregory said, noting that crowds blocked traffic in Pittsburgh after the World Series but weren't arrested.

Pointing his lethal tongue at the "white racist police structure" in this country, Gregory claimed that if all New York police would "get mad and quit, crime in our largest city would be reduced by 45 per cent. New York police are the best money can buy, and they're sold every day."

Again speaking to the young, Gregory acknowledged that "violence is not the answer to solving our problems. If it was, we could solve every problem on the face of the earth by nightfall with all the violence I see around this place," he cracked as he looked out toward the weapons area of Ft. Carson.

"Remember, for every gun you come up with, the government has got a tank. For every stick of dynamite you find, they've got a missile."

Philosophizing further, Gregory observed that, "The greatest weapon against communism is not your army ... it's making that Constitution of ours work, baby; making man's humanity to man work like it's supposed to."

On a few other topics, he opined quickly:

If you young folks want to make pot legal, make the old folks like it like they do their alcohol.

You might think smoking pot is antiestablishment, but who in Hell do you think supplies it?

The 18-year-old vote is fine except they give you the opportunity to elect but not to select.

If we had done something about all those bodies they dug up down in Arkansas, we proba-

bly wouldn't have had Attica.

Everything's increased in this country since 1942 except the price of a dead soldier's body

... they ought to pass legislation to pay \$50,000 to every family of a dead soldier and make it retroactive to the Korean War!

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**AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.** Will continue to follow  
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result in their identification and thereby compromise their  
future effectiveness. *(U)*

By separate FD-122, Chicago is recommending  
GREGORY be included in Category 4 of the ADEX. *u*

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Attached hereto for the Bureau are two copies of an FD-376. u

No attempt will be made to interview GREGORY as to do so might possibly create a situation whereby he might try and cause embarrassment to the Bureau. u

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to

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Director  
United States Secret Service  
Department of the Treasury  
Washington, D. C. 20220

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Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual who is believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning Presidential protection, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Has attempted or threatened bodily harm to any government official or employee, including foreign government officials residing in or planning an imminent visit to the U. S., because of his official status.
2. ☐ Has attempted or threatened to redress a grievance against any public official by other than legal means.
3. ☐ Because of background is potentially dangerous; or has been identified as member or participant in communist movement; or has been under active investigation as member of other group or organization inimical to U. S.
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BY 518 RCB/EJW

Very truly yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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## Date:

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## Title:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

## Character:

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REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2

DATE OF REVIEW 1-13-92

## Synopsis:

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, born 10/12/32, at St. Louis, Missouri, resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. GREGORY is employed as a night-club entertainer. GREGORY regularly appears as a guest lecturer on university campuses throughout the United States, where he criticizes the United States' involvement in the Viet Nam War and its treatment of the black citizens of America. GREGORY holds no membership in any extremist organizations. U

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DETAILS:

This investigation was predicated upon the receipt of information from a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, that RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was opposed to the Viet Nam War and advocated the paralyzing of the economy of the United States in order to stop the war. U

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I. BACKGROUND

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Date of Birth

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was born on October 12, 1932, at St. Louis, Missouri. u

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Residence

RICHARD GREGORY resides at 1451 East 55th Street, Apartment 929, Chicago, Illinois. u

[CG T-1, 12/22/71] ~~u~~ (U)

Employment

Since 1958, GREGORY has been employed as a night club comedian-entertainer. GREGORY publicly acknowledges that his break in the entertainment field came in 1961, with his appearance at the Chicago Playboy Club. More recently GREGORY has derived a major portion of his income by engaging in speaking tours at various colleges and Universities in the United States. In respect to his entertainment activities, GREGORY is president of DICK GREGORY Enterprises located at 79 West Monroe Street, Suite 712, Chicago, Illinois, which was incorporated in the State of Illinois, on March 31, 1961. u

[CG T-2, 12/7/71] ~~u~~

Education

GREGORY graduated from Summer High School, St. Louis, Missouri. GREGORY attended Southern Illinois University, where he subsequently graduated. In 1953 GREGORY was voted outstanding athlete of Southern Illinois University. u

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Marital Status

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Marriage License No. 2514702 of [redacted]  
Bureau of Vital Statistics, Chicago, Illinois, reflects  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY was married to [redacted]  
who was born on [redacted] in [redacted] on  
February 2, 1959, in Chicago, Illinois. The Reverend  
[redacted] who is the father of [redacted]  
ILL. presided over the ceremony. u

Credit

On January 8, 1971, the files of the Chicago  
Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked at the request  
of Special Clerk [redacted] This office  
maintains the file on DICK GREGORY, 1451 East 55th Street,  
Chicago, and the following is reflected: u

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A Judgment on June 9, 1966, against DICK  
GREGORY Enterprises, Inc., and DICK GREGORY  
for the amount of \$7,527.50, no disposition  
or further information is reflected. u

A Judgment on January 28, 1966, for the  
amount of \$323.00 reported against GREGORY  
by Hertz Rent-A-Car, no disposition is  
reflected. u

A Judgment on February 15, 1967, for the  
amount of \$302.05 against DICK GREGORY by  
Pacific Telephone Company, no disposition  
is reflected. u

A Judgment on April 7, 1965, against DICK  
GREGORY for the amount of \$207.79 by the  
Sheraton Blackstone Corporation, no disposition  
is reflected. u

A Judgment on August 17, 1965, against  
DICK GREGORY for the amount of \$388.38  
by Burdell's Press Clipping Company, no  
disposition reflected. u

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II. STATEMENTS MADE CRITICAL  
OF GOVERNMENTAL OFFICIALS  
AND POLICIES

On January 15, 1968, at a lecture at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, GREGORY commented that RAP BROWN and STOKLEY CARMICHAEL, in his opinion are being honest in what they say and that the "whities" do not like them because they go to a foreign country and spread the truth. GREGORY commented that "RAP" and STOKLEY were once nonviolent demonstrators but got fed up with white violence. u

GREGORY alluded to the recently discussed law with regard to destruction of the American flag of cloth and that if he wanted to burn it no one was going to stop him. He further stated that the "blacks are coming on strong and their day is coming". GREGORY stated further he was against the Government's confiscation of guns and ammunition from the blacks and not the same action against such groups as the Minutemen. u

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On March 30, 1968, GREGORY spoke to 1000 persons at the University of Pacific, Stockton, California, where he challenged the statement that there are communists in the Civil Rights Movement and inquired as to why the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency had not identified them. u

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He criticized the double standard in the United States and said that Congress did not get upset over crime in the streets until it became crime by Negroes. He pointed out that the syndicate was ten times worse than anything else and if the Mafia was taken over by Negroes it would be stomped out immediately. He stated that BOBBY BAKER stole eight million dollars while working for "LBJ" yet the boss knew nothing about it. He spoke of "LBJ's" attempts to spread democracy in Southeast Asia, yet some of the biggest crooks are in control of Vietnam and why should the U. S. go all the way to Vietnam to stamp out corruption when we have not set our own house in order. U

GREGORY stated that the attitude of Congress is what can be done with the Negroes, not what can be done for the Negroes. He suggested that next summer when the television stations are showing cities being burned by Negro rioters, turn off the sound and read the first part of the Declaration of Independence which states that it is the duty of the citizens to revolt when they have been misused for long periods of time. U

GREGORY ridiculed Congress for passing a bill against burning draft cards within a period of a few days after one had been burned but had not been able to pass anti-lynching law after hundreds of lynchings. GREGORY claimed to be opposed to violence and opposed to all war and was especially resentful of the U. S. sending troops to Vietnam to inflict freedom for a bunch of foreigners when there is no enforcement of freedom at home. He repeated that he does not agree with violence but had to admit that progress comes only after riots and as an example cited the recent hiring of thousands of Negroes by the Ford Motor Company in Detroit. He claimed they were hired only because the fires got too close to the Ford Plant. U

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On May 7, 1968, RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY spoke at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, in conjunction with the Student Convocation Lecture Series - 1968. *u*

There was no disorder of any type and the speech was humorous, but lacking in depth. The general text was based on the effect college students can have on the economy in their prospective influence as leaders. GREGORY stated students could best demonstrate against the war in Vietnam, not by carrying signs, but by economic efforts such as (1) stop smoking so taxes will not go to the Government; (2) stop buying clothes; (3) stop buying new cars; (4) don't buy products of the Dow Chemical Company; and (5) stop shaving. *u*

[CG T-5, 5/8/68] ~~u~~ (U)

On May 8, 1968, GREGORY spoke at the State University College At Cortland, Cortland, New York. *u*

GREGORY quoted passages from history books and the Bible to justify the actions of his black brothers today. He was not recruiting and his remarks, though shaded with bitterness, were not inflammatory. GREGORY severely criticized President JOHNSON and indicated that the United States was without a leader at this time. GREGORY attempted to get the message across to the students that there is a problem and although they did not create the problem, they will have to be the ones to solve it. GREGORY also commented that we never draft murderers to go over and kill the Viet Cong, but rather we take good Christians and train them to become the best murderers in the world, killing people they have never met. *u*

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On May 20, 1968, GREGORY made a speech at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois, concerned with ending discrimination in this country and also in ending the war in Vietnam. He also commented on racial discrimination on the Indian reservations and GREGORY stated that he had demonstrated for the rights of young Indians. u

GREGORY told the students that they had more power and influence than they are aware of. He advocated more student participation in anti-war demonstrations around the country. u

[ (CG T-7, 5/22/68) ] & (U)

On October 16, 1968, GREGORY as a candidate for President of the United States, on the Peace and Freedom Ticket, made a political talk at the University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in which he characterized RICHARD NIXON and Vice President HUBERT HUMPHREY as "dirty, cheap politicians." He said that he thought GEORGE WALLACE would be more honest than the other Presidential candidates, however, he accused WALLACE of not being for the little man. u

GREGORY condemned United States involvement in Vietnam, attacked racism in the United States, urged support of the California grape boycott, and said that the fact that supporters of the late Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY would cheer the assassination of GEORGE WALLACE is indicative of a sick society. u

GREGORY said a few people that are in control of the wealth of this nation also control the political organizations and he stated that America is facing a serious problem of moral pollution. He cited the injustices imposed by "The System" on other minorities, particularly the American Indian. u

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GREGORY's speech at the University of Pittsburgh Field House was directed primarily to the students in the audience. He termed the young people of today as "the most morally committed, dedicated group ever to exist in this country," and he said that the young people are the ones that will have to solve the problems, the problems that they had nothing to do with creating. u

GREGORY cited moral pollution as the number one problem in the United States and characterized the nation as insane. He said that it is up to the young people to restore the nation's sanity. u

GREGORY stated that he does not advocate the destruction of capitalism in the United States; however, capitalism should be put in its right place behind the constitution and not in front of it. He said that the trouble with today's leaders is that they put the emphasis on property rights rather than human rights. u

GREGORY said the only way the black problem in America is going to be resolved is for the Government to create an atmosphere where black people will trust white people. He said that this atmosphere will only be created when the United States helps the Indians, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans and Jews. u

GREGORY said that if he were elected president, he would bring all the troops home from Vietnam and send LBJ. u

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Regarding the subject of violence, GREGORY stated that the whole history of the United States was based on violence and there is nothing wrong with being a black militant and bearing arms, because this right is written in the Constitution. He equated H. RAP BROWN and STOKELY CARMICHAEL with the Minutemen during the Revolutionary War. U

GREGORY remarked that violence in certain instances is good and that if the Chicago Police want a raise, they should resort to violence by going to the City Council every Monday and beating the heads of the council members. He said that after a couple of weeks of this, the Council would be more than happy to negotiate. U

GREGORY pointed to the decadence of American society by citing a recent incident in which Wall Street businessmen unabashedly gawked at the bust of a young secretary. U

[CG T-8, 10/17/68] ~~U~~ (U)

On November 3, 1968, GREGORY spoke at the University of Maine, Portland, Maine, where he stated his organization would sponsor a "nude march" of 500 people in Washington, D.C. in the Spring of 1969 for the purpose of getting the United States Supreme Court to rule that people must wear clothes. He said that the government would then have to supply clothing for people. U

"His organization" referred to was the Peace and Freedom Party. U

[CG T-9, 11/6/68] ~~U~~ (U)

On November 6, 1971, GREGORY made the following comments at Mount Mercy College, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: U

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"Let me say that as important as it is being here today, that as important as this is for Afro students, I think the most important thing that happened here today was the reading of the Declaration of Independence, and I just wish we had enough copies to pass out and scratch, 'After long periods of injustices it is your duty to destroy or abolish that government,' and maybe Americans would understand the riots. I didn't say white folks. I said Americans. A lot of people think I'm talking about white folks when I say Americans because a lot of people think when you say Americans, you're talking about white folks and when you say Negroes, you're talking a bout black folks. U

"You know when the riot season opens up again, which the white folks told us is July through August. We didn't show this past July through August, and the whole system is upset. Police departments are trying to figure out what happened to them. George Wallace just said, 'Why you know Niggers are lazy and shiftless; you know they wasn't going to show.' U

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"I tell you what happened during this last riot season. We got tired of stealing all those cheap no good products so we decided to go underground and study the Consumer Reports. U

"Next riot season we won't be stealing Motorolas. When the riot season opens up again, I'm sorry everyone in this room and in this country will not have the Declaration of Independence because if you could look at Niggers tearing up and looting and burning towns down, it would save having to read and write about it. The newsmen would not have to explain it to you because it says in that piece of paper that after long periods of injustices, it is your duty to destroy or abolish that Government. You know black folks didn't write that. That isn't a message that MALCOLM X left to RAP BROWN. That is a message white folks left to white folks, but forgot to put 'For white only' on it. And so just assume that the Declaration of Independence means all Americans. U

"I would really suggest to America to try to change that. Put 'White only' on it so we'll know that white folks are supposed to tear down the country and bomb and people to liberate them and not black folks. U

"Then we know that America has the right to send black boys all over the world to kill to free a foreigner, but praise be your mammy! That's a very important piece of paper there. If this country will ever get together to straighten it out so we'll know it means white folks. Because you know what we push this thing in our grade schools, all black grade school in an all black community and you put that white piece of paper in there and tell them little black kids, the system says he's dumb and ignorant, it will make a difference to America and you're doing it now. U

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On February 5, 1969, GREGORY addressed approximately 700 students at Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Missouri, and made the following remarks: u

The United States is a country of dual standards, black and white, but is too cowardly to admit it. u

[ (CG T-11, 2/12/69) ] ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (U)

On February 10, 1969, GREGORY addressed approximately 3,500 to 4,000 persons in the Duke indoor stadium. GREGORY said the country suffered from "A moral gap" rather than "A generation gap." He described the country as the most morally polluted in the world, and he said it would be up to the younger generation, which he described as the most moral, to cure "The old broad of her cancer." He likened LYNDON B. JOHNSON to the number one tyrant since JULIUS CAESAR and suggested it made no difference which of the two major candidates had won the election saying "one stinking, slimy politician is just like another." u

GREGORY said that the sad thing about America was that of all the countries she was the only one that lied about what she was and that preached one thing and practiced another. u

He advised the audience to beat the capitalists back, because they put property rights over human rights. "When we march we got nothing but when the Niggers started burning down capitalists' property, we started getting someplace." He told the audience the number one point of order was to change all colleges and universities to educate rather than to indoctrinate. He closed with a plea for "trust" between all groups that make up America. u

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On October 30, 1969, GREGORY made the following statements at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina: U

"The racists and rednecks have been hollering about law and order so the Supreme Court gave it to them." This referred to the recent Supreme Court decision, ordering an immediate end to segregated schools in Mississippi. He also stated that, "You may free all minority groups, blacks, Puerto Ricans, Indians," but a horrible mistake will be made "if you don't include your poor white brother." GREGORY emphasized the importance of human rights over other rights saying, "Ninety percent of those upset about the assassination of Martin Luther King would not be if George Wallace was assassinated...all assassinations are bad." GREGORY stated, "I'm not against the capitalist system...you have to put capitalism behind the constitution instead of in front of it...We are not governed by the constitution but by the capitalists. The greatest defense against communism is not the bomb but making democracy work." U

On November 4, 1969, GREGORY addressed his racially mixed audience on numerous subjects and attacked the United States as a "sick, degenerate country run by a bunch of insane, fool maniacs." According to a confidential and reliable source who attended this speech, GREGORY devoted the majority of his speech to attacking the "white racist establishment." He stated that while Negroes do not necessarily hate whites, they do hate the system and Negroes are going to hold the "honkies" responsible for what's happened in this country. GREGORY also attacked the United States' military system and American involvement in the Vietnam War. His remarks appeared to be fairly well received by the college age audience. U

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On December 9, 1969, at San Jose State College, San Jose, California, GREGORY stated that America has always needed a Nigger, but he hasn't always been black and the time is coming when someone white will be the "nigger" or scapegoat. Part of his talk was devoted to the recent "police raid" on the Black Panther Party (BPP) headquarters in Chicago. He described the police tactics as "Hitler-like." u

[ (CG T-15, 12/10/69) ] ~~u~~ (U)

On January 9, 1970, GREGORY delivered a speech at the Adirondack Community College, Queensburg, New York. Highlights of this presentation were as follows: u

GREGORY had some observations on President NIXON's Vietnam speech before the Christmas holidays asserting that "he aimed at all the old folks in America, who are too old to go to Vietnam." u

GREGORY admonished the "patriots in America" only concern themselves with Indian reservations. He warned of right-wing Government for too long a period saying that "when NIXON gets through with you, baby, he is going to make that silent majority the most vocal group in America." u

He decried the slayings of the JOSEPH YABLONSKI family and remarked that in the trial of BOBBY SEALE in Chicago, Illinois, that the shackling and gagging of SEALE, if it had happened in Russia, would have caused people to shrug their shoulders and say "that is Communism for you." u

He told of the danger in a conservative press. Declaring about the Chicago Democratic Convention, "they tried to tell you that you didn't see it on TV, they said the press created it." u

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He was in part agreement with Vice President AGNEW, of the way he scared the press. He praised the moratorium demonstration on the Vietnam War in November, and observed that network coverage was given to it. u

He did not advocate destroying the capitalist system, but said that those present should work to put capitalist where they belong; behind the United States Constitution; not in front of it. u

Focusing on civil rights and speaking as a black, GREGORY said "we do not hate white folk, we hate the stinking white racism system...who are responsible for this vicious white racism system, and we gonna hold you to it." u

He said that "non-violence is my hang-up. I would find more joy tonight in being killed by a man than killing that man myself." u

Handling floor questions after his monologue, GREGORY maintained that the Central Intelligence Agency killed MARTIN LUTHER KING, JOHN and ROBERT KENNEDY and MALCOLM X, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In citing reasons for arriving at this conclusion, he adverted that KING could not have been shot as the Federal Bureau of Investigation said. He said that JAMES EARL RAY had \$400,000 on him when he arrived in England. The Federal Bureau of Investigation for the first time in history sent out the wrong fingerprints on RAY's escape. u

When asked about ELDRIDGE CLEAVER's claim that the only way to reach law makers was for the Black Panthers to shoot their way into the Senate, GREGORY replied "I do not agree with violence in anyway, shape or fashion." He also said "America to me is worth dying for, but I've never seen anything worth killing for." u

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On January 21, 1970, GREGORY made the following remarks to a student audience at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, Minnesota: U

The Number One problem in this country today is moral pollution and America is the most morally polluted country on the face of the earth. He said America's young people are the most marvelous, honest, dedicated people in the history of this country and urged the youthful crowd to examine America, find out where the cancer is, and then cut it out. U

He reflected that the Democratic Convention in Chicago was the best thing that ever happened to the young folks because it pointed out how sick and degenerate this racist society is. GREGORY told the audience that American's biggest problem is not capitalism, but capitalists. GREGORY commented he did not advocate destroying the capitalist system, but restoring it to its rightful place, which is not ahead of, but rather behind, the United States Constitution. U

GREGORY urged the crowd to address their grievances to the capitalist system. He advised college students to learn to live and not make the mistake his generation did, which was being so busy, when going to college, trying to learn to make a living that they forgot how to live. U

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On February 1, 1970, GREGORY appeared at Centenary College, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he criticized President NIXON severely saying that L.B.J. was smarter when he was eight years old than NIXON would be if he lived ten thousand years. He said that NIXON was dumb and he wishes that we had 50 NIXONs because more progress in desegregation had been made under NIXON than any other President. u

He was quite humorous in his presentation and in talking about Vice-President AGNEW he said "AGNEW was the kind of guy who would make a crank call on the hot line to Moscow." u

[CG T-18, 2/11/70] x (U)

On February 17, 1970, at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, GREGORY said he felt sorry for today's youth. He likened their parents investments in them to a check that would bounce in 30 or 40 years. He pointed to the problems of southern school integration and whites protest against it, saying, "Who are the Southerners hurting by keeping their kids out of school?" He said he felt sorry for the kids and not their parents. From this remark, GREGORY moved into an attack on President NIXON remarking, "DICK NIXON shows up the state of this nation better than anything." He said he would rather have NIXON in the White House than HUBERT HUMPHREY, LYNDON JOHNSON, or any of the KENNEDYS. "Black folks have no trouble with a dumb white man - and NIXON is without doubt the dumbest." u

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DAVID EISENHOWER, NIXON's son-in-law, likewise was the butt of some of GREGORY's humor, referring to EISENHOWER as "Not as simple as I thought, up there joining them Naval Reserves." u

GREGORY discussed the strength American youth would have if they tried to end the war by an economic boycott, remarking, "If nothin' else works, next Thanks-giving threaten to boycott Christmas - you'll be surprised what happens, and if they ask what to tell your kids about Santa, tell them he's over in Vietnam droppin' napalm on babies." He went on to say that Patriots used to be on the side of the oppressed and that now they are on the side of the oppressor. He called American flag stickers sported on car windows as "a mark of bigotry, racism and stupidity." u

GREGORY warned about what he said would be the situation at the end of NIXON's administration. He said the silent majority is going to be the most vocal group ever heard, remarking, "You voted that trick into office, now you live with it." u

[CG T-19, 2/18/70] (U)

On April 2, 1970, in the Duluth, Minnesota Auditorium GREGORY told the audience that he was left "cold" by right-wing Americans who espouse patriotism by pasting American flag decals on their cars, and charged these same people with tax evasion, hypocrisy, and beer drinking. He chastised America's youth for being the only young in the world "who don't give a damn about the worker." u

In summation, GREGORY called President NIXON "America's last trick" and "dumb boy." GREGORY stated that he found fault with a system that lies to young people every day and termed the lie a "generation gap." He charged that "institutionalized racism" is "choking the black people to death." He claimed that men in power get special privileges, u

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especially with regard to the draft. GREGORY advised that the only way America is going to get out of its insane state is to use its greatest weapon: the U.S. Constitution. u

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On April 17, 1970, at the University of Hawaii, Honolulu, GREGORY made the following remarks: u

He spends approximately 98% of his time on college campuses and his reason for doing this is that the young people today are probably the most highly dedicated college career group of young people that has ever lived in the history of this country. GREGORY said one problem he finds with young people is they still depend upon old Right Wing newspapers to tell them who they are and what they ought to u

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buy. GREGORY said the average established newspaper in America is not morally sound enough to discuss matters with young kids. GREGORY added it is embarrassing to him when he has to say to young people that all the problems confronting America today will have to be solved by the young people even though these problems were here before the young people arrived. GREGORY said "thanks to us old fools" these problems will not be here when you leave. U

Much of GREGORY's speech was devoted to criticizing Vice President SPIRO AGNEW. In this respect GREGORY said, "You know a lot of people are kinda down on AGNEW but in all honesty, I must admit I kinda dig AGNEW myself. I figure that because I think AGNEW's puttin' everybody on. I don't think it's humanly possible for one man to be born that dumb. You know that if AGNEW was as dumb as he wants us to believe he is, he wouldn't be able to walk and chew gum at the same time. And what I like about AGNEW, you can say anything you want about him but at least you have to admit he is consistent. And I wouldn't be surprised if AGNEW got on television next week and called NIXON a honkie. And even just the thought that AGNEW went to public school is enough to make everyone want to go to private schools." U

In speaking about discriminatory conditions in Hawaii, GREGORY said the young people in Hawaii have a special problem. They have a big job. He said, "The Lord give birth to Hawaii. How many Hawaiians can you find here? Which makes you just as guilty as that other freak." ... "You check out the representatives in Congress, three of em yellow, four of em yellow, right? Three of em Japanese, one Chinese, who's representing the folks? The brown people have really got a thing, but you yellow folks got a thing, too. You might be a little bit comfortable over here, but baby that cat don't give no more damn about you than he do about me. And if you don't believe that, you check U

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out, you check out what the yellow folks got. Four representatives in Congress and that white man got his arms around you telling you all that -- OBSCENE --, but if you check out the state mental hospital here, it's full of yellow folks. There's something wrong somewhere. Evidently you're not as comfortable as you want people to believe you are." U

In speaking about President RICHARD NIXON, GREGORY said, "I guess when you stop and think about it, that NIXON got into the White House on the last trick this country had to offer. He ain't nothin' but an old tricky President. And if you get a good look at him the next time you see him on television, look at him. He don't even look like he believes he's President. And if you look at those last two Supreme Court nominations, he don't think like he believes he's a President." U

GREGORY said, "I tell you what happened. White folks in America dirtied up the word black, not us. White folks in America corrupted power, not us. Then one day we come through with two legitimate words 'Black Power' and the white folks go crazy." U

In speaking about economic conditions in America, GREGORY said that he was in Detroit, Michigan, during the month of March, 1970 and that he had been in Seattle, Washington, at the Boeing Aircraft Corporation and he had noted that unemployment in the United States had rose 46%. He mentioned that almost all Americans and particularly politicians are concerned only about money. He said when we talk about "God Bless America", what we really mean is "that's the stock market". When we say "America the Beautiful" ... "that's the bank". GREGORY said, "And NIXON fixin' to mess with the money. Where do you ever see In God We Trust? On the church, on the Bible, on the court" U

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or on the money? And you ain't seen no fools that crazy. Damn NIXON, he's messin' with the jolly green Jesus nowadays. That's all we think about in this country, that money. We said you were a sick insane nation, well, I'm sure you all have read about the buildings that got blown up in New York City. Every newspaper in America has written an editorial about those buildings that was blown up in New York City. Let me ask you something. Are you aware that ten days before the buildings were blown up in New York City, did you read the worldwide news that went out on a little town called Danbury, Connecticut, where a bunch of degenerate men stuck up a bank one day? Did you read that? And they set off ten dynamite blasts all over the town to get the police out. ... Not one newspaper in America has written an editorial about the bombings in Danbury, Connecticut. Only about the bombings in New York City because we are such a sick nation as long as we use some dynamite to try and get you some money, we will understand." U

GREGORY said that on one occasion, NIXON appeared on nation-wide television and said that he was going to do everything he could to slow up integration of schools in the South. GREGORY said that before this time, "Black folks" were so busy they weren't too concerned as to progress of integration of schools in the South. However, when they heard NIXON make this statement, they organized and as a result they promoted integration in more schools in the South within the last two months than what they did in the last 15 years. U

GREGORY criticized school teachers in America stating that they were only interested in money. He told the students present that the schools belong to them. He criticized school teachers for not going on strike when President NIXON vetoed the educational bill. U

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On October 5, 1970, at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, GREGORY spoke about the black movement, the need for it and the need for blacks to participate in it. GREGORY stated that the present NIXON administration, including Vice President AGNEW, is not black orientated and does not appear to be on the side of the blacks. u

GREGORY stated the future of this country rests with college students. GREGORY went on to say that things have not changed much in four hundred years although the young folks have come up with a moral thrust that scares the old folks. GREGORY said that the noises made by kids running around the streets today were only a warning but said it is the last warning this country is going to get and added, "The country better make some quick adjustments or she is going to blow it". u

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On October 5, 1971, at the Holiday Inn, 1015 Elm Street, Dallas, Texas, GREGORY made the following remarks to an assemblage of 600 persons, the majority of whom were students from El Centro College: u

On GEORGE WALLACE-

"GEORGE WALLACE should handle the bussing issue as he did the school integration situation-stand in front of the bus". u

On the Vice President of the United States

"On his recent trip to Africa, SPIRO AGNEW was made a blood brother, which requires that he be cut. What makes him think he has to go all the way to Africa to get cut by some black folks?" u

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On the May Day demonstrations in Washington - U

"If we'd raise the draft age to 75, we'd see a lot more old freaks sitting down in the streets protesting the war." U

"They say the kids were arrested for blocking traffic in Washington. That ain't true. You can block traffic in America if you want to - it just depends on your reason for doing it. In New York City this summer, some cats left all the draw bridges up because they wanted more money - paralyzed the whole town - ain't nobody went to jail yet. A few years back in New York City, 20,000 slimey degenerates from Wall Street came out and blocked traffic for five hours trying to look at a woman's breasts." U

On Political parties - U

"I see where 67 percent of you new voters are registered in a Democratic party. Don't you know the Democratic and Republican parties are too degenerate and unfit to govern this country any more?" U

On GEORGE JACKSON - U

"They say GEORGE JACKSON hid a gun in his Afro. I saw a picture of him in the paper and his hair was shorter than mine. But at least that lie will help us. White folks all over America now believe Niggers got guns in their hair." U

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On Racial Injustice - U

"Do you know that if I were fighting side by side with a Red-Neck in Vietnam and we were killed by the enemy, the Viet Cong would put us both in the same grave and bury us? But if our bodies were sent home to America, chances are we could not be buried in the same cemetery. It's a sad day when I have to stand before you and admit that I am treated better dead by my enemies than I am alive by my so-called friends." U

On Political Power - U

"Use your political power. Call for a boycott against eating turkey during Thanksgiving and Christmas as long as the Vietnam War is on. Call for a nationwide boycott against celebrating Christmas. Call for a nationwide boycott of General Motors products. The Chairman of the Board of General Motors don't need no appointment to see the President." U

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He stated that the Kent State incident was like a mother giving birth to a child and that no matter how many troops from the National Guard were to be called in, the mother would still give birth. He talked of the drug problem and compared it with the alcohol used by the parents of dope users. u

[ (CG T-22, 12/1/70) ] ~~SECRET~~ (U)

On September 26, 1971, at Malcolm X College, Chicago, Illinois, GREGORY spoke on Attica, New York, claiming there would be more Atticas. He stated that the prison systems in the United States today was a case of urban blacks into the hands of rural whites to punish the blacks for crimes committed mostly against urban blacks. u

[ (CG T-23, 9/27/71) ] ~~SECRET~~ (U)  
[ (CG T-24, 10/5/71) ] ~~SECRET~~ (U)

On October 5, 1971, GREGORY made the following statements at the University of Albuquerque, Albuquerque, New Mexico: u

"The answer to the problems isn't violence. Violence is only only a short time cure. America can deal with violence, your bombs and your dynamite...but it can't deal with your moral force." u

GREGORY also called on young persons to organize outside the major political change and warned strongly against the use of narcotics. He also stated that institutions of higher learning should begin teaching students how to live, not just how to make a living, and that they must provide education, rather than indoctrination. u

[ (CG T-25, 10/6/71) ] ~~SECRET~~ (U)

On November 17, 1971, at Willamette University, Salem, Oregon, GREGORY stated young people could end the war in 30 days by refusing to celebrate Christmas, which means not buying turkeys, boycotting Sears, Roebuck and Company and other large businesses in order to "mess up NIXON's Phase 1, 2 and 3 economic plans". u

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On November 22, 1971, at the University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, GREGORY spend considerable time degrading the police structure in the United States and mentioned specifically several times that the first day of the May demonstrations in Washington was a great day since it resulted in the arrest of 7,000 young people and "there was not one criminal among them." He stated the reason they were arrested was listed as blocking traffic and then stated at the conclusion of the World Series the victory in Pittsburgh resulted in a mob taking over the streets, blocking traffic and looting; however, there were no arrests made during this riot. GREGORY commented on the working of the police in ghetto areas of America and mentioned that all police are corrupt, citing the Knapp Commission's investigation into alleged misconduct of the New York Police Department. He stated this came as a shock to white America and that this investigation would cost the American public five million dollars when, in fact, "the niggers of this country have been telling you for 75 years that the cops are crooked." *u*

GREGORY devoted considerable time to urging black communities to turn in drug pushers, bookmakers, and other types of criminals who prey on the black community and cautioned young people against the use of alcohol and all types of drugs. *u*

He made mention that the United States was sending thousands of soldiers to Vietnam to free the South Vietnamese when our brother American Indian is still confined to a reservation, living under very poor conditions. GREGORY made very derogatory remarks about Presidents KENNEDY, JOHNSON, EISENHOWER, and NIXON, blaming all of them for the Vietnam War. He called the United States a racist, rotten country, and reminded the students of the slogan "if you don't love it, leave it" and then stated he was not about to leave it, but was going to remain in this country and fight for better conditions. *u*

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III. STATEMENTS MADE IN SUPPORT  
OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)

The BPP is a black extremist organization started in Oakland, California, in December, 1966. It advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics to bring about the overthrow of the United States Government. u

On February 23, 1970, at Southern Oregon College, Ashland, Oregon, GREGORY stated that "Panthers aren't being killed because they're for self-defense. Panthers are killed because they're trying to feed the poor". u

[ (CG T-28, 2/24/70) ] ~~u~~ (U)

On March 13, 1970, at New York State University Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, New York, GREGORY talked of double standards in the case of Black Panther BOBBY SEALE, who was denied permission to act as his own defense counsel in Federal Court in Chicago while in another case involving CHARLES MANSON, a white was given this permission. He also compared the \$100,000.00 bail set for each of a group of Black Panthers, awaiting trial in New York, with the \$20,000.00 bail set for some "white kids" who face similar charges. u

GREGORY then commented further on the Chicago Seven Trial, he declaring that Judge JULIUS HOFFMAN "sent everybody to jail while the jury was out deliberating their verdict. What he did makes HITLER look like a saint", said GREGORY. GREGORY called America a "sick, degenerate nation" whose people care about nothing but money. He noted that "Black folks do not hate white folks, but do hate the white racist system". He warned, however, that Blacks are going to hold all whites responsible for this system because they permit it to exist. u

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The radical speakers are off now. They had their run," said Robert Walker, whose American Program Bureau in Boston books more than 100 of the people who speak on American college campuses. "The Hoffman and Jerry Rubin are still getting dates, but they are not in demand like last year."

Politics—radical or straight—usually won't fill an auditorium. Black Panther Bobby Seale and former Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore recently spoke at Stanford University in California. Seale drew 200 people in an auditorium that seats 500; Gore drew 200 in a 400-seat hall.

#### Issues Alone Don't Draw

An issue alone won't draw too well. Georgia Tech has had programs on birth control and abortion without name speakers. "They are just 50 people," said Program Director David K. Neff. "The speaker will draw 100 people any time."

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#### Longer Stays Popular

"I think there is a trend away from having a guy come in and do his one-hour bit and leave," said Dennis Concilia, Pittsburgh's program commissioner. "It is rather unproductive. We are looking for something more from our speakers."

Black poetess Nikki Giovanni is one of the hotter properties on the college circuit. Her fee went from \$750 last year to \$2,000 this fall, said Richard Fulton, head of the New York agency that handles her. Charles G. Hurst Jr., president of Malcolm X College in Chicago, is "striving on

campuses throughout the country, especially with black student groups.

"A couple of years ago, the South would have been reluctant to book a black personality," said Fulton. "Now the barriers are down. Across the board, on all speakers, things have loosened up."

#### \$4,000 for Appearance

The fees garnered by campus speakers range from a few hundred to a few thousand dol-

lars. Nader, Gregory and Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond, the top attractions on campus, get up to \$4,000 an appearance, said Walker, whose agency handles all of them, but they will often scale down fees or appear for free.

The nostalgia kick has hit the colleges. Pinky Lee, zany children's television star of the 1950s, draws well with a lecture on the art of slapstick. Busier Crabbe is doing well with a package that includes his early

Tarzan and Flash Gordon movies.

"We could not get Howdy Doody, so we had Buffalo Bob Smith. He was tremendous," said John Fahey, director of student union activities at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. "The students really get into it. They enjoy seeing someone who was important to them when they were children." Smith was the puppet's sidekick on the popular children's television show in the 1950s.

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# Thoughtful Public Fascinated By His Fast, Gregory Says

By DON McLEOD  
 Associated Press

Dick Gregory, in the ninth month of an anti-war fast, says the public is endlessly fascinated with a man who doesn't eat.

"We have such a hangup with food," Gregory mused in an interview that when a man stops eating, it really puts folks up tight.

Since he started a diet of fruit, juice and water on April 24, Gregory has lost 70 pounds. He weighs 98.

The 38-year-old black comedian has spent the last few months on a speaking tour of college campuses, two a day, cracking food jokes and offering messages ranging from antiwar to antidrug themes.

On the economy: "Food is so high, it's damn near cheaper to eat money."

On the administration: "I wouldn't start fasting for two days for Dick Nixon. You don't fast to change the hearts of tyrants. It's not to make bad people good. A fast is to rally all the honest, ethical people together."

He cites the example of Mohandas Gandhi, who led India to independence with a 150-day fast.

"But when you're on a fast," he confides to his young listeners, "people start acting all different. Like, they won't lend



DICK GREGORY

you no money no more.

"But the worst thing is all those stupid questions the eaters ask," he warmed up a crowd at Georgetown University here recently. "Like, 'are you hungry?'"

"He is hungry."

"You know, I have vowed to eat no solid food as long as the United States continues to wage war in Indochina," he says. After a pause, he goes on:

"If the war should end in the middle of my speech."

Gregory's typical meal: the juice of two pears, two apples,

nine oranges, two grapefruit and a pound of grapes.

"My energy level is very high," he says despite the heavy weight loss. "The hunger is a mental thing."

Gregory runs 10 miles a day. He finished third in a two-mile race Thanksgiving Day, and if the war and the fast still are on next spring, he plans to run in the Boston Marathon.

This is the seventh fast for Gregory, who once went 181 days on just water. He also has experimented with unusual dieting before.

For eight years, he was a vegetarian. He weighed 288 pounds at one time. About 18 months ago, he switched to mostly fruit.

He can feel a difference in his own attitude about Vietnam and can see changes in other people.

Today, at the airport, a fellow came up to me and said he sure wished the war would get over with so I could start eating again," he recalled. "It is sad that a man can only have feeling about the war because of me, but at least he is thinking about it."

"My friends have a different attitude about the war. It's with us constantly. I never thought about the Vietnam war while I was on a picnic, having a good time. I do now."

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From: Director, FBI (100-440423) — 635

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For information of recipients, Legat, Paris, advises following data received 1/10/72 from an official of the [redacted]

Subject, well-known American entertainer who is also known for his protests against the Vietnam war, arrived in Paris, France, 12/14/71 and departed that same day for Tokyo, Japan, to join Jane Fonda's group. ~~S~~ (U)

[redacted] reports subject, during visit in Paris, visited the Chinese Communist Embassy and attempted to contact a member of the North Vietnamese delegation to the Paris Peace Talks who also functions as Secretary General of the North Vietnam Peace Committee. Subject was unable to establish contact with this person. ~~S~~ (U)

[redacted] further advises subject indicated intention to visit North Vietnam in January or February, 1972. Above information classified "Confidential" by [redacted] ~~S~~ (U)

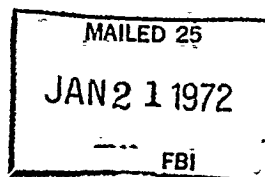
For information of Chicago and New York, motion picture actress Jane Fonda was known to be in Tokyo, Japan, during December, 1971, participating in anti-Vietnam war activities. ~~S~~ (U)

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Re: Richard Claxton Gregory  
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In view of above data, Chicago, as office of origin in this case, should initiate active investigation of subject. Chicago and New York Divisions are instructed to insure appropriate sources and informants are targeted to developing information on subject's return to the U.S., concerning the purpose of his contact with the Chinese Communist Embassy in Paris, as well as his attempted contact with representatives of the North Vietnamese peace delegation. Particular emphasis should be placed on development of data indicating subject intends to become active on behalf of the above governments in the antiwar movement in the U.S. or in any other capacity. ~~S~~ (U)

Positive information developed in that regard should be furnished in form suitable for dissemination. Chicago Office should incorporate in its communication for dissemination pertinent information concerning subject's activities abroad as provided by [redacted] That agency's identity should, of course, be concealed by a T symbol and [redacted] should be referred to as a confidential source abroad. ~~S~~ (U)

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Legat, Tokyo, through official sources, should be alert to the development of information concerning subject's activities in Japan. Promptly submit in form suitable for dissemination. ~~S~~ (U)

An information copy of this communication is furnished to Los Angeles in view of investigative interest in Jane Fonda. u

NOTE:

Instructions being directed to domestic offices and Legat, Tokyo, as a result of significant information developed by Legat, Paris, concerning subject's activities abroad. Information being included in FBI Extremist Summary and additional attempt should be made to expand on this information. Investigation to date in this case has been confined to established sources. ~~S~~ (U)

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## Domestic Intelligence Division

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Richard Claxton Gregory who is referred to in the attached is a controversial black comedian and civil rights activist who departed Paris, France, 12/14/71 for Japan to join Jane Fonda, movie actress and antiwar activist who was then in Tokyo for the purpose of participating in anti-Vietnam war skits. ~~(S)~~ (U)

Data in the attached will be included in the FBI Summary of Extremist Activities which is furnished the White House and top Government officials. U

By separate communication the field will be instructed to determine, upon Gregory's return to this country, the significance of his contact with the Chinese Communist Embassy and attempted contact with North Vietnamese peace delegation during his stay in Paris. ~~(S)~~ (U)

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED JANUARY TEN INSTANT FROM

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION REGARDING AMERICANS CONTACTING  
FOREIGN MISSIONS IN PARIS:

ALSO KNOWN AS  
RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, WELL KNOWN

AMERICAN ENTERTAINER WHO IS ALSO KNOWN FOR HIS PROTESTS AGAINST  
VIETNAM WAR, ARRIVED IN PARIS DECEMBER ONE FOUR LAST AND DEPARTED  
SAME DATE FOR TOKYO TO JOIN JANE FONDA GROUP.

DURING HIS VISIT TO PARIS HE VISITED THE CHICOM EMBASSY AND  
ALSO ATTEMPTED CONTACT A MEMBER OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DELEGATION  
TO THE PARIS PEACE TALKS WHO IS ALSO SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE  
NORTH VIETNAM PEACE COMMITTEE. THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS NOT AVAILABLE.

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SAC, New York (100-87235)  
Attention: Liaison Section

1/25/72

Director, FBI (62-46855)

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PURCHASE OF BOOKS  
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You are authorized to obtain discreetly, when available, one copy each of the following books for use of Bureau. Mark books to attention of Research Section, Domestic Intelligence Division.

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1. "What Black Politicians Are Saying" by Dr. Nathan Wright, Senator Edward Brooke, et al. Hawthorn, New York; cost nor publication date known.
2. "Dick Gregory's Election Handbook" by Dick Gregory. Harper & Row, New York; \$6.95; January, 1972.
3. "Liberating Our White Ghetto" by Joseph Barndt. Augsburg; \$2.95; February, 1972.
4. "White Uses of Black in America" by Dan Lacy. Atheneum; \$7.95; February 14, 1972.

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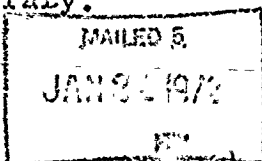
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Via AIRTEL

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To: Director, FBI (100-440423)

From: Legat, Tokyo (157-24) (P)

Subject: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EMCLASS. & EXT. BY 5780 RCB/ELW  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 2-2-2002ReTOKcab 12/27/71, captioned "JANE FONDA, SM - SUBVERSIVE  
(KEY ACTIVIST)," and Buairtel 1/21/72Transmitted herewith are 11 copies of an LHM pertaining  
to the possible association of the subject with the JANE FONDA  
tour of Japan and Okinawa December 7-23, 1971.

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Recab reported that FONDA flew from Tokyo to London  
December 23, 1971. It is suggested that London's coverage of her  
might have included GREGORY.Tokyo has requested through official Japanese sources  
any available information concerning entry into and departure from  
Japan by subject in December, 1971.Tokyo submitted two documents in Japanese to the Bureau  
for translation on January 7, 1972. These documents are police  
reports on the activities of the FONDA group in Japan and could  
possibly contain information about subject. Please expedite the  
translation.

- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 11)  
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# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423)

DATE: 1-14-72

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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OO: CHICAGO

Re: Chicago report dated 11/13/72. u

Recommend: ☒ SI Card ☒ SI Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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ADDENDUM BY DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION: DAB/vlb 2/3/72

Subject has participated in demonstrations at the United Nations, at the 1968 Democratic National Convention, and an antidraft march following a speech. He consistently includes in his highly inflammatory rhetoric comments attacking police, the Government, establishment, and public officials. He has called for financial support of the Black Panther Party (BPP) and openly sympathetic to the North Vietnamese. u

Gregory, a Negro comedian, achieved his national recognition at Chicago's Playboy Club in 1960 as a political satirist. By 1964, he had injected himself in, or associated with, all major civil rights movements and activities. He has been arrested on numerous occasions for his civil rights activities. His rhetoric is highly inflammatory against the U.S. Government, police, FBI, and Government officials. He has associated with and been sympathetic towards known communists, communist sympathizers, the North Vietnamese, members of the New Left, and has encouraged support of the BPP. He is a black racist with a very sick mind, and although not a member of any extremist group, his statements and activities pose a definite threat to the Government and defense effort in time of a national emergency. u

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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February 2, 1972

Re: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;  
JANE FONDA

Jane Fonda, well known Hollywood actress and proponent of radical causes, arrived at Tokyo, Japan, December 7, 1971, to tour Japan and Okinawa to promote support for the anti-military and anti-Vietnam War Movement. Originally, Richard Claxton Gregory, well known Negro comedian, was reportedly to be a part of the troupe. However, T-1, [REDACTED] advised that Gregory did not accompany Fonda to Japan. (U) b7D

On December 23, 1971, U.S. Naval Investigative Service Office, Japan, advised that while the Fonda group was at Iwakuni, Japan, it was announced that Dick Gregory would be available to talk to black servicemen at Iwakuni, afternoon of December 19, 1971. No confirmation was received that Gregory actually made an appearance at Iwakuni on December 19, 1971. Likewise, it was not reported that Gregory appeared with the Fonda group in Japan or Okinawa during the December 7-23, 1971, tour. It has not as yet been verified that Gregory was actually in Japan or Okinawa during this period. (U) (C)

T-1 further reported that Jane Fonda and her troupe were scheduled to fly from Tokyo to Los Angeles, California, December 23, 1971. However, at the last minute, Fonda changed to BOAC Flight 85 bound for London. The remainder of her troupe flew to Los Angeles as scheduled. T-1 said Fonda apparently was unaccompanied on the flight to London. (U) (C)

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (P)  
SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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The New York Division at this date has been unable to develop any information concerning the subject's purpose in contacting the Chinese Embassy in Paris and the North Vietnamese peace delegation. ~~(U)~~

During February, 1972, the below listed informants familiar with extremist racial activity within the NY area were contacted regarding any knowledge of the subject's activities and could furnish no information about him other than statements publicly known about his anti-Vietnam sentiments: ~~(U)~~

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It is to be noted that [redacted] is familiar with the [redacted] in the NYC area. ~~(U)~~

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Certain New York sources familiar with Chinese (pro-communist) activities were unable to furnish any information regarding the subject when contacted in February, 1972 are listed below: ~~(U)~~ (U)

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NYO indices reflects that the subject was associated with JANE FONDA Theatrical Group in Spring of 1971, but no additional references to subject could be located. *u*

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AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK. Will continue efforts to develop information re subject's activities abroad through confidential sources. ~~(U)~~ (U)

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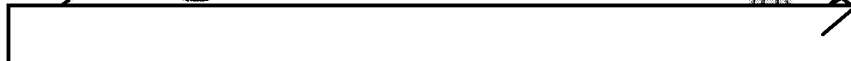
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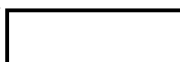
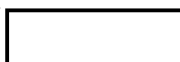
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SUBJECT RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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letterhead memorandum, 2/2/72. (U)

Transmitted herewith are eleven copies of a letter-  
head memorandum pertaining to the possible association of  
the subject with the JANE FONDA tour of Japan and Okinawa, b7D  
December 7 - 23, 1971. u

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DIRECTOR, FBI (62-46855)  
ATTN: RESEARCH SECTION  
DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION  
SAC, NEW YORK (100-87235)

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PURCHASE OF BOOKS  
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ReBulets, 1/5/72, 1/24/72, and 1/25/72.

Enclosed herewith are two copies of "Real Personages of Mother Goose" by KATHERINE E. THOMAS.

"Dick Gregory's Political Primer" by DICK GREGORY, which was furnished to the Bureau on 1/11/72, appears to be identical with the Bureau's request for "Dick Gregory's Election Handbook", by DICK GREGORY.

NY will discontinue attempt to obtain copy of book.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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DATE: 4/20/72

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka

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*Richard Claxton Gregory*

On March 13, 1972, [redacted] (reliable) advised that subject attended the National Black Political Convention, Gary, Indiana, on March 12, 1972, but played no role in the proceedings. Accordingly, no letterhead memorandum being submitted. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Source made available a photograph of subject taken at the convention. ~~(U)~~ (U)

Chicago continues to follow this matter. *U*

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-23882)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (157-2526) (C)

DATE: 4/13/72

SUBJECT: BLACK PEOPLES UNION (BPU)  
UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD  
WEST HARTFORD, CONN.  
EM - BPU

*Gregory*

Re: Bureau letter to New Haven, dated 12/9/71.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of an LHM concerning the captioned organization.

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The third source referred to in LHM is [REDACTED] (PROB), contacted on 3/20/72 by SA [REDACTED]

In view of the fact that the BPU has not been involved in any extremist activities, instant case is being placed in a closed status.

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TF (Dick Gregory)*

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The first source referred to in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] University of Hartford, West Hartford,  
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The second source referred to in LHM is [redacted]  
[redacted] University of Hartford,  
West Hartford, Conn.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Haven, Connecticut

April 13, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to  
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BLACK PEOPLES UNION

Reference is made to a memorandum, dated November 22, 1971, captioned "BLACK PEOPLES UNION (BPU) - 'Peaceful Sit-In' at Administration Building, University of Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut, November 9-12, 1971."

A first source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 19 and February 22, 1972, that the Black Peoples Union (BPU) at the University of Connecticut in West Hartford, Connecticut, has not been involved in any militant activities since the peaceful sit-in sponsored by the BPU from November 9-12, 1971.

A second source who has furnished reliable information in the past, on January 19 and February 22, 1972, also advised that the BPU has been peaceful in its activities at the University of Hartford.

The March 3, 1972, edition of "The Hartford Times", an afternoon newspaper published daily and Sunday at Hartford, Connecticut, carried an article regarding a University of Hartford Black Week scheduled to be held from March 9-19, 1972. The article stated that comedian DICK GREGORY and Georgia legislator JULIAN BOND would be the major speakers during this week with GREGORY scheduled to speak on the night of March 10 and BOND on the night of March 19, both in the Physical Education Center of the University of Hartford.

The article stated further that the Black Week was sponsored by the BPU with the cooperation of the Student Association at the university, and the overall program would include "a soul buffet dinner", jazz, soul and spiritual concerts, poetry readings, drama and an all day conference of black unity on March 18, 1972.

The article indicated that on Saturday, March 18, LOUIS FARRAKHAN, Minister of Muhammad's Mosque #7, New York City, //

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WMM did speak in connection with the conference at the Faith Congregational Church, 2030 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The first source advised on March 28, 1972, that it had been publicized that the Black Week theme was seen as a "journey through a black kaleidoscope." He added that the goal was to be centered on "modern concepts of black culture with unity and purpose as attainable aims."

The first source advised on March 28, 1972, that DICK GREGORY's topic on March 10, 1972, was "social problems: social or anti-social?" Source advised that GREGORY talked jokingly about the establishment, but he urged the audience to "seize the time and to halt the repressive tide which has swelled since the inauguration of Nixon in 1969." According to the source, GREGORY stated that never before in the history of man has the "younger people, the children of the world ever demonstrated such contempt at the traditions of war, opposition and selfish materialism." The source advised that GREGORY, who was critical of the United States' part in the war in Southeast Asia, called the Federal Government corrupt and incompetent and stated that no matter which party wins the election in November "the Government will continue to be so." He urged his listeners to support independent political action to "cure the ills of the nation." He stated to the audience that "we have time to change the direction in which this country is heading, but he stated we have very little time to do this in."

A third source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on March 20, 1972, that approximately 500 persons, mostly black, listened to LOUIS FARRAKHAN, Minister of Muhammad's Mosque #7, New York City at the Faith Congregational Church, 3020 Main Street, Hartford, Connecticut, on the night of March 18, 1972. The source stated that in general the text of FARRAKHAN's speech related to a survey of black American history and during his talk he did not advocate any acts of violence or militancy.

"The Hartford Courrant" of March 20, 1972, a morning newspaper published daily and Sunday at Hartford, Connecticut, carried an article which summarized the remarks of JULIAN BOND made by him on the night of March 19, 1972, at the Physical Education Center at the University of Hartford.



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According to the article, BOND urged his listeners to become involved in politics and he suggested that they look for a person to support. He added "if that person isn't doing a good job, then you look around for somebody you think could do a better job and you work for him. If you look around and you can't find anybody who'll do a better job, then you do it yourself."

BOND stated that he wanted to see the American people "overthrow" Nixon in November and put an end to "socialism for Lockheed and welfare capitalism for the poor." He stated "I don't want to see Nixon president another four years."

Also, according to the article, BOND stated that he desired to see the end of "J. Edgar Hoover's Federal Bureau of Intimidation", the end of former Attorney General John Mitchell who wouldn't prosecute in the case of the Kent State killings and the last of Supreme Court nominations like G. Harold Carswell and Clement Haynesworth." He also stated that the war must end and the U.S. pullout of Southeast Asia "down to the last tank, the last bullet." He added that he wanted to see the beginning of the fight to destroy "America's urban Atticas."

BOND further stated that with regard to the busing issue he would like to see the issue resolved and stated "they're not complaining about the little yellow school bus, but the little black body on that little yellow school bus."

BOND was also critical of the Democratic Party and stated that he desired to see the last of the "slavish" tie to the Democratic Party, in which the blacks have played the role of "the illegitimate child at the family reunion." He stated that the Democratic Party has pulled 98 percent of the black vote in the last two presidential elections, but the blacks have yet to reap any of the benefits of this support in the way of jobs or political support. BOND stated that in order to demand these spoils the blacks will have to verse themselves in politics. He added that they should get involved this year making demands, finding candidates who will meet those demands and then working in the political process to assure those changes.

SUPPLEMENTAL CORRELATION SUMMARY

(See Correlation Summaries dated 10/19/64, 11/5/65, 12/5/66, 10/12/67, 1/22/69 and 12/14/70 filed as 100-440423-16, 51, 103, 130, 428 and 588, respectively)

Main File No: 100-440423

Date: 5/12/72

See also: 9-52293  
44-22002  
44-24630  
44-29468  
56-3912  
173-694  
173-2601  
176-63

Subject: Richard Claxton Gregory

Date Searched: 12/8/71

All logical variations of subject's name and aliases were searched and identical references were found as:

Gregory, Richard Claxton	Gregory, Greg
Gregory, Dick	Gregory, R. C.
Gregory, Dick	Gregory, R. C. Dick
Gregory, Dick C.	Gregory, Richard
Gregory, Dick Claxton	Gregory, Richard C.
Gregory, Dick Rally	Gregory, William Richard Claxton
Gregory, Dicky	

This is a summary of information obtained from a review of all "see" references to the subject in Bureau files under the names and aliases listed above. All references under the above names containing data identical with the subject have been included except any indicated at the end of this summary under the heading REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY. References indicated in the block as SI contain the same information as the foregoing serial although the information may have been received from a different source.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

Add. info.....Additional information appearing in this reference which pertains to Richard Claxton Gregory can be found in the main file or elsewhere in this summary. This information may have been received from a different source.

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Department of the Army furnished a report dated 1/6/70 regarding the Freedom and Peace Party (FPP) (62-112182) that indicated the FPP met in a political convention on 6/1-2/68 at the Hotel Diplomat, NYC. During the convention Dr. Benjamin Spock, a controversial pediatrician, author and pacifist agitator, was nominated for President of the US and Mrs. Coretta King, widow of Dr. Martin Luther King, was nominated for Vice President of the US. Dr. Spock and Mrs. King later withdrew their candidacy and were replaced on the ballot by Dick Gregory and Mark Lane, New York lawyer and author. The convention adopted a platform favoring the radical left, with emphasis on opposition to the US policy in Vietnam.

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[redacted] advised that on 2/13/68, [redacted] attended the "Kick-off rally" which was held by the Pennsylvanians for a Peace and Freedom Ticket (PPFT) at the Carnegie Lecture Hall, Pittsburgh, Pa. The purpose of the rally was to launch a petition campaign for Dick Gregory and Dr. Benjamin Spock as third party Presidential candidates.

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] attended a meeting of the PPFT held in the Pittsburgh area on 9/19/68. Publicity for Gregory for President of the US was on the agenda.

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During a brief meeting of the PPFT Steering Committee held in the Pittsburgh area on 11/4/68 photos of Gregory for President of the US were distributed to those in attendance to be posted at various locations in the Pittsburgh area. [redacted] attended this meeting. [redacted]

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The "Barron's", National Business and Financial Weekly magazine, dated 10/6/69 and 10/13/69, contained a two-part article entitled "Radical Think-Tank, the Institute for Policy Studies Aims to Disarm the United States" and "Ivory-Tower Activists-IPS Fellows Lead the Radical Thrust for Social change", respectively. These articles stated that the Institute For Policy Studies (IPS) (100-447935), WDC, [redacted] had become [redacted] of the Committee for the Formation of a New Party which would stand for dismantling of an obsolete, dangerous military establishment. In January, 1969, the New Party announced it had elected Dick Gregory and [redacted] Antioch College, as [redacted] to succeed [redacted] was an IPS trustee, and Antioch was one of the colleges associated with IPS.

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100-447935-17 p.13

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The following reference pertains to Dick Gregory in the Chicago area in connection with applicant or loyalty investigation of the individual listed below. In this reference allegations were made concerning the close association of Gregory in civil rights activities from February 1967 to February, 1969 with the subject of the file. Detailed information regarding Gregory's association with subject was set out.

SUBJECT OF FILE

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[redacted] p.1;ep.3,  
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On 11/1/68, Mark Lane [redacted] during a speech at San Francisco State College, San Francisco, California, stated that a house, "The Black House", had been purchased in WDC, and that he and Dick Gregory would run "an American Government in exile" from this house. (A source who was in a position to furnish information, not further identified).

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On 3/4/69, the inauguration of Gregory as president of "the United States in exile" took place at 12:00 noon at Morgan Community Auditorium, 1733 California Street N W WDC. The oath of inauguration was administered to Gregory by [redacted] a [redacted] Illinois, attorney. Gregory announced at this inauguration that Lane had taken the oath of office as vice-president. During the oath, Gregory swore to faithfully execute the office of president of the US in exile and to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the US. [redacted]

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[redacted] (former) furnished a press handout of the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee (GI CLDC) (100-451772), Box 355, Old Chelsea Station, NYC, for release on 5/21/69 regarding the activities of GIs United Against the War in Vietnam (GI UAWV) in connection with the Fort Jackson Nine matter. The press handout indicated that members of the Fort Jackson Nine had been released, from the Fort Jackson stockade; that the decision to drop all charges against the antiwar GIs was "a tribute to the GIs themselves..... and to the enthusiastic support of thousands of Americans, including such notable sponsors of the GI CLDC as Dick Gregory" and others.

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[redacted] on 6/21/69 furnished a partial list of GI CLDC sponsors that included Gregory's name.

The serial indicated that the Fort Jackson Nine matter pertained to an anti-war meeting held at Fort Jackson, S.C. on 3/20/69 by members of a group called GI UAWV. Within a few days later nine activists were arrested.

Press handout and list enclosed  
100-451772-7 p.21,46  
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Chief of Police, Glen Ellyn, Illinois advised that Richard Gregory, Negro comedian and militant civil rights activist, was scheduled to speak to the Glenbard West High School, Glen Ellyn, on 8/19/69.

The above source advised that on 8/19/69, five white males associated with the National Socialist White Peoples Party (NSWPP) (105-70374) picketed outside of the auditorium of the Glenbard High School. These individuals carried various signs advocating "White Power", "Black Africa for Africans", and "Down with Dick Gregory".

[redacted] furnished the "1969 Annual Report" representing activities of the Midwest Division, NSWPP. The report listed the NSWPP activity for 8/19/69 as a picket held against Black agitator Dick Gregory who spoke at Glenbard West High School in Glen Ellyn.

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105-70374-5853 p.6,17  
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"The Record", the official weekly publication of the students of Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio, on page 3 of the 10/3/69 issue set forth an article entitled "New Party meets To Name Executive Director; Headquarters will Locate In Yellow Springs". The article indicated that during the meeting of the executive committee of The New Party (100-452574) both College [redacted] a [redacted] of the Party, and fellow co-chairman Dick Gregory came under fire for lack of action during their nine months in office.

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"The New York Times", a NYC daily newspaper, on 9/29/69, contained an advertisement for "An Evening for Biafra", to be held 10/15/69, at Philharmonic Hall, Lincoln Center, New York. It stated that those sending checks or money orders should make them payable to either Biafran Relief Services Foundation (BRSF) (97-5236) or American Committee to Keep Biafra Alive, Incorporated. A partial listing of the Honorary Committee which included Dick Gregory was set forth.

The 10/9/69 issue of the "Village Voice", a NYC newspaper, contained an advertisement on page 33 for "An Evening for Biafra". Gregory was listed on the Honorary Benefit Committee of the BRSF.

10-9-69 Advertisement enclosed  
97-5236-9 ep.2,4  
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This reference contains a staff study by the Committee on Internal Security, House of Representatives, WDC, dated 1970, entitled "Subversive Involvement in the Origin, Leadership and Activities of the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC) (62-111181) and its Predecessor Organizations". This study indicated that Dick Gregory was an American delegate to the World Peace Assembly held in East Berlin, Germany, 6/21 - 24/69 and he was also listed on the entertainment committee for the NMC held 11/15/69 in WDC.

Study enclosed  
62-111181-3981 ep.30,43

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The "University of Tennessee Daily Beacon", Knoxville, Tennessee, dated 11/11/69 carried an article entitled "Group Plan Moratorium Activities" which indicated that nearly 400 University of Tennessee (UT) students were expected to participate in the New Mobe's March on Death in WDC. On 11/15/69, there would be a mass march down Constitution Avenue, past the White House, and a rally would be held at the Washington Monument. Dick Gregory was among those scheduled to appear at the national rally and at least three members of the UT Viet Nam Moratorium Committee (100-454565) would fast for three days in protest of the war.

100-454565-690 ep.83

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[redacted] Newport News, Virginia, on 11/20/69 furnished information about her past activities as well as the activities of [redacted] at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia. [redacted] stated that she joined the Peace and Freedom Party (62-112423) before the national election in 1968. She had seen a letter to the editor of a local Newport News newspaper, "The Daily Press", written by [redacted] which letter supported Dick Gregory for President of the US. The high school she was attending was to have a mock election and she telephonically called [redacted] and asked for literature about Gregory. She spoke on behalf of Gregory at this mock election.

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62-112423-149 p.1

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[redacted] University of Kansas Traffic and Security office, Lawrence, Kansas advised that Dick Gregory had been invited to speak at the Black Student Seminar (157-16041) on 12/6/69

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at the University of Kansas but Gregory reportedly was not coming.

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[redacted]  
Encinitas, California advised that in about February, 1970, [redacted]  
[redacted] chartered a number of private buses  
to transport high school students to Palomar Junior College, San  
Marcos, California, to hear a speech by Dick Gregory who was active  
in militant civil rights activities.

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On 2/10/70 [redacted] PRI advised that he recently  
had a discussion with [redacted] regarding  
an appearance of Dick Gregory at the University of Missouri at  
Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri, campus. [redacted] made the  
statement that Gregory was the greatest thing on this earth since  
Christ spoke the beatitudes on the mount.

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The following references in the file captioned "Student  
Mobilization Committee To End The War In Vietnam" (SMC) indicate  
that Dick Gregory participated in the SMC National Conference in  
Cleveland, Ohio on 2/13 - 15/70. On 2/14/70 Gregory delivered the  
opening address before the Conference and expressed very obscene  
and derogatory comments concerning President Richard M. Nixon. He  
also urged the young people to boycott all products of which they  
were major consumers until the producers agreed to back the  
advocacy of American withdrawal from Vietnam.

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100-446761-2-10 ep.13  
-3-8 ep.1,4  
-13-10 ep.4-7

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100-446761-21-44 ep.7,10  
-34-101 ep.6

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Department of the Army, U.S. Army Intelligence Command, Fort Holabird, Maryland, furnished a report dated 3/4/70 on American Servicemen's Union which included a list of sponsors for the Emergency Conference Committee, 417 East 47th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Dick Gregory was listed as an initiating sponsor.

14-2965-50-36 ep.63  
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The following references indicate that the CP, USA was starting a defense movement for members of the left and the black militants. In this connection Dick Gregory was scheduled on 1/10/70 to attend a CP meeting in Chicago and he was also scheduled to be one of the individuals to head a Black Panther Party Defense Counsel Conference in Chicago on 3/7 - 8/70. The purpose of the Conference was to raise money for the defense of the Black Panthers. Gregory attended the 1/10/70 meeting.

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100-3-11-1240X1 ep.1

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100-3-69-12039 ep.3  
-12042 ep.5

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100-3-76-2150 p.1

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100-442529-3089 p.7

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100-457330-22 p.1  
-27 ep.1  
-33 ep.1

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(PROB) advised that Dick Gregory, the Negro comedian, might take part in a rally that was scheduled at George Washington

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University, WDC, on 3/19/70, followed by a march to Selective Service Headquarters, 1724 F. Street, N.W., WDC.

The serial indicated that this demonstration was in connection with the Demonstrations on 3/16 - 20/70 To Protest The Draft and Military Recruiting (100-457337).

100-457337-347 ep.4  
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[redacted] at the [redacted]  
WDC, furnished an [redacted]  
report dated [redacted]

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100-446997-303-10 p.10  
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On 4/28/70, [redacted] advised that the Black Liberation Organizational Committee (157-11746) members planned to bring Dick Gregory, a Negro comedian, or a Black Panther Party member, to the campus at Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona to speak.

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157-11746-7 ep.2  
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On 5/18/70 and 5/22/70, [redacted] [redacted] Arlington, Va., advised that the headquarters for the New Party (NP) (100-452574) of Washington was at 4648 South Second Street, Arlington, Virginia, in care of [redacted] who worked for Senator [redacted]. Source advised statements were made by [redacted] to the effect that the NP was considering Dick Gregory for a chairman in the NP. (no locality given)

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The following references in the file captioned "Republic of New Africa" (RNA) indicated that Dick Gregory, Chicago Negro comedian and civil rights activist, was scheduled to speak and spoke at the RNA Third National Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on 6/5 - 7/70. During Gregory's speech on 6/5/70 he used vile and obscene language, excoriated the US and its white racist society.

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157-9079-924 p.57,58  
-925 p.1  
-933 ep.4  
-943 ep.2  
-946 ep.1,2  
-961 p.3  
-970 ep.9  
-975 p.7; ep.2-5

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The "Irish Echo", NYC, dated 7/18/70 carried an article entitled "Hollywood Group Backs Rights Drive". The article pertained to a Committee of Concern (C of C) consisting of noted Hollywood personalities that demanded that the British Government exercise its power to grant basic democratic rights to all the people of Northern Ireland. In a signed statement members of the C of C, which included Dick Gregory, said they would support the non-sectarian and non-violent efforts of the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Association and the National Association for Irish Justice (97-5275) as the best way to resolve the present conflict in a peaceful and equitable manner.

97-5275-44 ep.2

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This reference pertains to literature furnished by  on 8/11/70, distributed by Making a New Nation (MAN) (157-10110) concerning its march against genocide from Maryland to the United Nations, NYC, to begin 8/1/70 and to be terminated on or about 9/8/70. Dick Gregory was included as a sponsor and endorser on this literature.

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Literature enclosed  
157-18110-24 ep.4,9,10  
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The following references in the file captioned "Southern Christian Leadership Conference" (SCLC) indicated that Dick Gregory, Negro comedian from Chicago, was scheduled to speak at the annual banquet on 8/12/70 in connection with the thirteenth annual SCLC convention held in Atlanta, Georgia on 8/11 - 14/70.

Gregory did not attend the banquet; however, Cassius Clay, Negro former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, took the place of Gregory.

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100-438794-2980 p.14

-A "Atlanta Journal" 8/6/70

-A "Atlanta Constitution" 8/10/70

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This reference in the file captioned [redacted] pertains to a clipping from page 10 of the Washington Post and Times Herald of 9/2/70 which reported that Dick Gregory, comedian and American civil rights and anti-Vietnam war campaigner, was refused a visa to enter Australia. In this connection an [redacted]

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Clipping enclosed  
62-74549-2181 p.1;ep.1  
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The following references in the file captioned "Black Panther Party" (BPP) pertain to the BPP activities or planned activities of Dick Gregory from 1/10/70 - 11/3/70 in Illinois. Gregory and other individuals called a preliminary organizational conference on 1/10/70 in Chicago to deal with the "repression" of the BPP. This conference was supported by the CP, USA insofar as organization and participation

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were concerned. As a supporter of black power activity Gregory donated money to the BPP and signed a letter postmarked from NYC that was mailed to individuals to solicit money to pay legal and court fees for arrested BPP leaders. Scheduled BPP supported activities that Gregory planned to participate in from 6/19/70 to 1/28/71 in WDC and Montreal, Canada, were set out.

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105-165706-2871 p.1;ep.1  
-3627 p.1  
-3632 ep.1

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105-165706-9-694 ep.1,3  
-720 p.1  
-738 ep.2  
-1134 p.2

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105-165706-19-169 p.1;ep.1,2

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105-165706-53-296 p.4  
-340 ep.3

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105-165706-64-57 p.1;ep.3

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105-165706-84-766 p.1

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SAs observed a demonstration at the United Nations (UN) in NYC on 11/16/70 by twenty-five individuals including Dick Gregory, a comedian. Following the demonstration a press conference was held opposite the UN and at the conference Gregory announced that a large rally would be held at the UN on 11/21/70, to illustrate the charge of genocide by the US government against Blacks and other minority groups.

100-460470-6 p.1,3

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On 12/1/70, the [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished copies of documents found in the possession  
of [redacted] and [redacted]. The documents  
contained an address book with the name of Dick Gregory, 324-0938.  
(Locality not given)

Documents enclosed  
176-59-149 ep.15  
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DATE	LOCALITY	SPONSOR OR TYPE OF AFFAIR	REFERENCE & SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER
10/15/68	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	(not given)	100-447999-13 ep.3,7 <del>(11)</del>
10/22/68	University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin	(not given)	100-447479-19 p.13 <del>(11)</del>
10/23- 26/69	Glendon College, York University, Toronto, Ontario	International Student Conference	105-192492-41 p.5, <del>(17)</del> 15,17
2/3-8/70	University of Missouri, Kansas City, Mo.	Afro American Week	157-12525-4 p.1 <del>(19)</del> Scheduled 157-12525-6 p.1; ep.1, <del>(19)</del> 2
3/19-22/70	Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island	Black Arts Festival	157-11676-11 ep.2 <del>(19)</del>
3/26/70 (Scheduled)	Paine College, Augusta, Georgia	Paine College Scholar- ship Fund (Black Nationalist Movement)	157-8415-49-12 p.1 <del>(18)</del>
April, 1970	Eastern Washington State College, Cheney, Washington	(not given)	100-457655-434 ep.3 <del>(12)</del>
5/16/70 (Scheduled)	Fort Ord, Monterey, California	Movement for a Democratic Military	62-112287-283 ep.6, <del>(8)</del> 11
6/7/70	San Francisco, California	Black Panther Party Rally	157-8714-158 ep.1-3 <del>(18)</del>
1970-71 (scheduled)	University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Canada	Civil Rights	64-200-243-1505 ep.4 <del>(8)</del>

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3/7-13/71	Indiana University, Purdue University, Indianapolis	Black Student Union	157-21366-1 ep.3 <del>(20)</del>
5/4-11/71	Augusta College Augusta, Georgia	(Black Student Union) conducted Black Awareness Week	157-20969-3 ep.2 <del>(20)</del>
7/10/71 (Scheduled)	WDC	Pan Africa Skills Project	157-22353-2 p.2 <del>(20)</del> 157-22363-1 p.2 <del>(20)</del> 157-22363-4 ep.1 <del>(20)</del>
9/25/71 (Scheduled)	Central Park (possibly NYC)	United Coalition for Angela Davis rally	157-19628-7 ep.5 <del>(20)</del>
10/26/71	Washington Monument, WDC	"Peoples Panel" convened by Peoples Coalition for Peace and Justice	176-1410-3310 ep.2 <del>(21)</del>

The following references pertain to the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) and the People's Coalition For Peace and Justice (PCPJ) sponsoring anti-war demonstrations in connection with activities of Dick Gregory from 12/4/70 to 10/26/71 in California, Illinois, Wisconsin and WDC. Gregory was listed as an endorser on literature that announced NPAC conventions and solicited funds for the NPAC demonstrations. The literature was passed out during NPAC meetings and conventions held in Chicago, NYC, San Francisco and WDC. Gregory was scheduled to speak or spoke at NPAC and PCPJ anti-war conventions and demonstrations in Chicago, San Francisco, WDC and Milwaukee. He spoke against President Richard Nixon's administration and the US Government and vowed he would undertake a solid food fast, consuming only liquids until the day President Nixon ended all involvement in Southeast Asia. He also suggested that participants in demonstrations boycott US industries and stores to force them either to adopt the anti-war view or suffer economic losses.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-459771-370 ep.17  
-559 p.1,2,7  
-584 ep.2  
-589 ep.3,13  
-592 ep.7  
-629 ep.15,17  
-645 ep.1E,2,57,58,68  
-859 ep.7

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100-460998-63 ep.3,23  
-66 ep.30  
-68 ep.4,58  
-72 ep.2  
-86 ep.28  
-91 ep.17  
-115 ep.36  
-205 p.17,18  
-209 ep.51,64  
-275 ep.10,18

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100-463195-3 ep.9  
-369 p.3  
-552 p.3  
-568 p.1,4  
-609 p.2  
-780 p.1,2  
-982 p.1  
-1047 ep.3  
-1417  
-1510 ep.18

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REFERENCES NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY

The following reference on Dick Gregory maintained in the Domestic Intelligence Division was not reviewed and it is not known whether it is identical with the subject of this summary.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-460495-3141 p.8

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The following reference on Dick Gregory was not available during the time this summary was being prepared.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-340922-518 p.33

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The following reference on Dick Gregory maintained in the Special File Room of the Records Branch, Files and Communications Division, was not reviewed, and it is not known whether it is identical with the subject of this summary.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

105-67845-36673 ep.12

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See the search slip filed behind file for other references on this subject which contain the same information (SI) that is set out in the main file. Although the information is the same it may have been received from different sources.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/25/72

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (157-1093) (RUC)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO:CHICAGO)

CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 RCB/ELW  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2 2  
DATE OF REVIEW 5-25-92

ReNYlet to Bureau, 3/6/72 and Bureau airtel to  
SAC's Chicago, New York and Legat, Tokyo, dated 1/21/72. ~~(U)~~

A review of the New York indices on 5/24/72,  
failed to reflect any references to the subject's current  
activities nor has any information come to the attention  
of this Division which would indicate that GREGORY has  
returned to the U.S. U

Referenced New York letter contained a list of  
informants contacted during February, 1972 which could  
furnish no information about subject. Several of these  
informants were recontacted by New York in May, 1972,  
but were still unable to provide any information about  
the subject's trip and his current activities. U

Since all logical sources have been alerted con-  
cerning this matter and within the past few months have  
failed to furnish any positive information regarding  
GREGORY, New York is conducting no further investigation  
in this case, unless requested otherwise by the Bureau  
or Chicago. In the event that New York sources furnish  
positive information concerning the subject at some later  
date, New York will submit this data in form suitable for  
dissemination. U

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On 1/3/71 and 1/4/71 [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed at the US Embassy, Copenhagen, Denmark regarding their knowledge of pending "desperate and violent moves which may occur within the next several hours". During the interview they requested immediate contact with a Presidential assistant to handle their undercover activities, immunity for action taken by them on behalf of the US Government and a supply of funds to handle necessary world-wide travel. If their proposals were accepted by the US Government they would leave immediately for Algeria and commence preparation for a conference attended by Dick Gregory, comedian, and others. b6 b7C

The serial indicated that on 1/5/71 [redacted] was advised that the Embassy would offer no financial assistance.

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The following references in the file captioned "Racial Matters" pertain to the activities of Richard Claxton Gregory, Negro comedian and civil rights activist, from 6/6/65 to 1/29/71 in Georgia, Florida, Illinois, Virginia, Washington and Canada. Gregory spoke on several college campuses, at anti-war, civil rights and racial rallies and Black Panther Party (BPP) supported rallies. He also attended a press conference regarding civil liberties, appealed for funds for the BPP, and was an initiating sponsor of a BPP conference. Gregory's scheduled activities in Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee and WDC from 12/18/69 to 6/19/70 were set forth in connection with his civil rights activities.

REFERENCE

SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

157-6-2937 ep.1	<del>(17)</del>
157-6-A-"People's World" 7/11/70	<del>(17)</del>
157-6-9-1399 p.1;ep.1	<del>(23)</del>
157-6-27-1159 ep.29	<del>(4,17)</del>
157-6-28-1636 ep.2	<del>(17)</del>
157-6-32-1096 ep.2,11	<del>(18)</del>
157-6-49-3257 ep.2	<del>(18)</del>
157-6-50-875 p.1,2	<del>(18)</del>

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157-6-50-877 p.1,2  
-957 ep.1-3

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157-6-53-1970 p.3

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157-6-54-3462 p.2

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157-6-56-727 ep.5

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157-6-64-2562 ep.19

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The following references pertain to the officers and sponsors of the Comite Moratoire du Viet Nam in Canada and the Viet Nam Veterans against the War (VVAW), in the US, the two sponsoring organizations for the Winter Soldier Investigation project to take place in Detroit and Windsor\* on January, 31st, February 1st and 2nd, 1971. Dick Gregory, Chicago, was listed as one of the Executive officers of the VVAW. He was also listed as an entertainer for the Winter Soldier's benefit concert on 1/29/71 in Detroit.

\* Ontario

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-448092-46 ep.2

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100-461261-17 ep.13,14

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[redacted] Southern Colorado State College (SCSC), Pueblo, furnished a tape of the speech and the question and answer period which followed of Jane Fonda [redacted] on 2/17/71 at Memorial Hall, SCSC. During the question and answer period a male (not identified) asked what happened to the thing she was organizing regarding anti-war demonstrations on Armed Forces Day? Fonda replied that the anti-war show, she, Dick Gregory and others were putting on would be on 3/13 - 14/71 at a GI coffee house in Fayetteville, North Carolina if the Army did not object and if they did, they had contingency plans.

Speech, questions and answers enclosed  
14-3087-19 ep.50

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[ ] PRI (G) advised that the March, 1971 issue of "Hyde Park-Kenwood Voices", a neighborhood newspaper published in Chicago, contained an article regarding the Chicago Committee to Defend Egbal Ahmad (CCDEA), 5500 South Woodlawn, Chicago. The article indicated that Dick Gregory, a local resident, was one of the sponsors. b6 b7C

The serial indicated that the CCDEA was an affiliate of The Defense Committee, 156 Fifth Avenue, NYC (100-457882).

100-457882-12 p.2  
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[ ] PSI furnished a partial list of endorsers, which included the name of Dick Gregory, for the National Peace Action Coalition (NPAC) Spring antiwar offensive, which list was being distributed by Wasatch Peace Action Coalition (WPAC) (105- 212103) on 3/6/71 in Salt Lake City, Utah. b7D

This serial indicated that WPAC was affiliated with the NPAC.

Endorser list enclosed  
105-212103-3 ep.5  
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The following references pertain to the appearance of a theatrical group featuring Jane Fonda, actress, Dick Gregory, comedian of Chicago, and other entertainers who presented anti-war shows at Fayetteville, North Carolina on 3/13 - 14/71 for the soldiers from Fort Bragg. The shows were sponsored by the US Servicemen's Fund as an alternative to the United Service Organization (USO) shows, such as those staged by Bob Hope. Information indicated that the troupe of the Jane Fonda Show which included Gregory were scheduled to "go public". They were scheduled to appear at San Diego on 5/15 - 16/71 and to tour New Jersey, NYC and to perform for the servicemen at Walter Reed Hospital in WDC, from 11/19/71 to 11/29/71. The scheduled appearances were to be sponsored by organizations opposed to the war in Vietnam.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-112287-A-"NY Times" 3/15/71

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100-0-42342 p.1

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100-459900-15 p.6

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100-464137-9 p.1;ep.1,3,5,6

-10 p.3,5

-15 p.1

-16 p.1

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105-138315-8-95 p.1

-46-32 ep.1,3

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[redacted] Division 9, Ancient Order of Hibernians, 142 Gordonhurst Ave., Upper Montclair, NJ, with law office at 790 Broadway, Newark, NJ, made available several pages torn from a program for the Irish Freedom Concert held at Carnegie Hall, NYC on 4/12/71. The program listed Dick Gregory as one of those on the Executive Committee of the Artists Committee for Irish Freedom (97-5338).

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Program enclosed

97-5338-3 p.4

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This serial pertains to telephone numbers called\* from telephone number [redacted] subscribed to by [redacted] at Topeka, Kansas, which indicated that [redacted] had been in contact with Dick Gregory, 1451 East 55th Street, Chicago. It was not known why Gregory's telephone was called.

[redacted] p.3  
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\* During the period of 11/15/70 through 4/15/71

The following references pertain to letters and material furnished by [redacted] on 4/20/71, regarding the activities of Dick Gregory. The letters were postmarked at New York, N.Y. with the first envelope containing a printed letter from Jane Fonda, Garry Goodrow, and Dick Gregory on a letterhead of United States Servicemen's Fund (USSF), 94 School Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The letter constituted a solicitation of funds for USSF and enclosed newspaper clippings dated from 3/12/71 to 3/16/71 which gave highlights of

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Fonda's, actress, Goodrow's, actor, and Gregory's USSF response show, an anti-war movement's answer to Bob Hope and his USO shows, for the GI's at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. The second envelope contained a printed letter, a solicitation for contributions to the Burchett Anti-War Chest, sponsored by Wilfred Burchett 60th Birthday Committee in association with "The Guardian". Gregory was listed on the Sixtieth Birthday Committee. Contributions were directed to Wilfred Burchett Fund, Third Floor, 32 West 22nd Street, New York, N.Y.

Burchett was a foreign correspondent of "The Guardian", self-described as an "independent radical newsweekly", who had covered the war in Vietnam.

Letters and material enclosed  
62-112287-351 ep.1,5-7,13

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SI 65-62106-76 ep.5,6,8,17

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The following references in the file captioned "The People's House", aka Fort Campbell Project, 456 North Second Street, Clarksville, Tennessee pertain to long distance telephone calls from the People's House, telephone number 615-647-7844 between 4/13/71 and 5/15/71. On 4/22/71, a call was placed from telephone number 615-647-7844 to 312-324-0938 which was subscribed to by Richard Claxton Gregory, 1451 East 55th, Chicago.

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#### SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-463245-24 p.1  
-25 p.2

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The following references in the file captioned "Student Agitation" (STAG) pertain to the activities of Dick Gregory from 2/18/71 to 5/4/71 in California and Ohio. Gregory spoke at an anti-Vietnam and anti-selective service rally held at Sacramento State College. He also spoke on 5/3/71 at Kent State University (KSU) at the first anniversary of the shooting of the KSU students by the Ohio National Guardsmen. During his speech at KSU he called for the students to bring the war to an end by use of economic boycotts, and blasted President Nixon's decision to free Lt. William Calley. On 5/31/71 a Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) official collected funds

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for Gregory's appearance at Jackson, Mississippi in regard to a SCLC supported black boycott of white merchants in Jackson.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

62-112228-11-304 p.2  
-320 ep.9,12,13

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62-112228-54-213

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62-112228-67-119 ep.1

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On 5/4/71 Augusta, Georgia, PD advised of a flyer announcing "Black Awareness Week" at Augusta from 5/4 - 11/71. The flyer indicated that Dick Gregory was scheduled to speak on 5/4/71 at the Augusta College Fine Arts Auditorium.

On 5/12/71, the above source advised that Gregory spoke at the Augusta Fine Arts Auditorium indicating his approval of the WDC anti-war demonstrations that were going on at that time. He called on President Nixon to identify harmful chemicals in food and also mentioned his new book "No More Lies".

105-138315-49-25 ep.1,3

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Sergeant [redacted] Ohio State University (OSU) campus PD, Columbus, advised that Afro-Am (157-16949) had a meeting on 5/5/71 in Columbus. During the meeting plans were discussed to invite noted blacks to the campus of OSU in the fall and winter of 1971 and 1972. Dick Gregory was among those named to be invited.

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On 6/18/71 the Cambridge, Mass. PD furnished a loose-leaf notebook utilized in the operation of the United States Servicemen's Fund (62-112287), 94 School Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The note book contained the name of "Dick Gregory, 1451 E. 55th St. Chi., Ill. 60615" along with other names.

62-112287-365 ep.77

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In the 3/1/71 issue of the "The Hollywood Reporter" (HR), Entertainment Industry Trade Publication, Los Angeles, California, an ad appeared inviting professionals of the industry to join in a discussion of their participation in a people's treaty and end of American involvement in Southeast Asia. The affair was scheduled for 3/4/71 at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills, California. Dick Gregory's name along with others in the film and TV industry were printed as signers of the invitation.

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100-340922-521 p.17

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[redacted] PSI advised that Dick Gregory spoke at a rally held on 8/21/71 at Snelson Memorial Hall, St. Louis, Missouri in support of Charles Koen [redacted] Gregory stressed the theme of "sacrifice" and praised the water fast that Koen was subjecting himself to while in jail. His invitation to go to City Workhouse for a vigil for Koen was accepted by about 100 people during which time Gregory conferred with Koen in jail.

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The following references set forth information regarding the planned activities of Richard Claxton Gregory from 10/11/71 to 10/22/71, in connection with the Free The Army Troupe (FAT) that was to appear on an Asian tour. Gregory, Jane Fonda, noted film actress and anti-war activist, and Fonda's troupe which made up the FAT reportedly planned to participate in anti-Vietnam war skits for military personnel in Hawaii, Philippines, Japan, Okinawa and, hopefully, South Vietnam.

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SEARCH SLIP PAGE NUMBER

100-459279-234 p.1,2  
-235 ep.2

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The following references pertain to meetings and affairs that Richard Claxton Gregory participated in during the period 10/15/68 to 10/26/71. Gregory spoke at these functions unless otherwise indicated and his speeches usually concerned civil rights or the war in Vietnam.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 8/30/72

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (P)

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM  
(OO: CHICAGO)

On August 22, 1972, [redacted] (reliable)  
reported the results of a recent contact he had  
with subject. GREGORY advised [redacted]

Source has been alerted to maintain  
contact with subject and to try and determine  
his travel schedule. (U)

All information developed will be promptly  
submitted to the Bureau and affected Field Division. u

CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 RCB/ELW  
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DATE OF REVIEW 8-30-92

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To: ☒ Acting Director , FBI (RM)

Date 7-20-72

Att.: \_\_\_\_\_ FILE 100-440423

CG 157-347 ✓ 0

Title RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

☐ SAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ ASAC \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Supv. \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Agent \_\_\_\_\_

☐ SE \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

RE:  
ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 1-23-80 BY 5180 RCB/ELW

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ACTION DESIRED

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☐ Assign \_\_\_\_\_ Reassign \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Call me

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☐ Open Case

☐ Prepare lead cards

☐ Prepare tickler

☐ Return assignment card

☐ Return file

☐ Search and return

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*Roy K. Moore*  
SAC  
*[Signature]*  
Office

ROY K. MOORE

Chicago

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

July 20, 1972

Chicago, Illinois

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

Bureau 100-440423

Chicago 157-347

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY

CHARACTER: EM-BNT

REFERENCE: Report dated January 13, 1972

Referenced communication contained subject's residence and/or employment address. A recent change has been determined and is being set forth below (change only specified):

Residence: 4898 South Ellis Street, Chicago, Illinois. *u*

Employment:

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DATE *1-23-80* BY *5180 RCB/efw*

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-440423

) DATE: 5/24/72

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
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Re: \_\_\_\_\_

Recommend: ☐ ADEX Card ☒ ADEX Card changed (specify change only) ☐ Subject removed (succinct summary attached)

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Business Address, Name of Employing Concern and Address, Nature of Employment, and Union Affiliation, if any.		Residence Address	
		4848 South Ellis Chicago, Illinois 4	
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1 - Mr. A. Rosen  
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

Mr. E. S. Miller

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1 - [REDACTED]  
1 - Mr. T. E. Bishop  
1 - Mr. T. J. Smith  
(Miss Alta Butler)  
1 - Miss Barbara Dorsey  
1 - Mr. T. FitzPatrick

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BOOK REVIEW  
"DICK GREGORY'S POLITICAL  
PRIMER" BY RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EDITED BY JAMES R. MC GRAW  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

This is a review of captioned book, published in 1972 by Harper and Row. The book is being placed in the Bureau Library.

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SYNOPSIS: Book's author, Dick Gregory, aged 39, is antiestablishment black racist comedian and protester from Chicago, Illinois. Editor James R. McGraw, aged 36, is white Methodist clergyman and civil rights activist from New York.

This "primer" is a biased, consistently antiestablishment, analysis and critique of the current political apparatus in the U. S. with some recommendations for alternatives. Using historical prospectives, humorous rhetoric, and frequently overstated observations, author Gregory criticizes Government leaders, Federal intelligence-gathering agencies, Congress, the Vice President, the two-party system and other facets of politics.

Once he feels he has proved the inadequacy and corruption of the current and traditional political mechanism, he implies a new third party is necessary and sets forth his extreme view of desired qualifications in a political candidate. He then lists numerous persons in extremist, antiwar, protest and civil rights fields who meet his qualifications.

His criticism of FBI includes unfounded allegations of extensive uncontrolled wiretapping and surveillance, ridiculous implications of FBI usage of informants to set up "political killings," and unjust accusations of overconcern for internal security matters and property destruction rather than narcotics matters and loss of young lives through narcotics use.

The author's inconsistencies, generalizations, and extremes prevalent in book, tend to overshadow any valid and constructive recommendations, observations and conclusions he promotes, thereby negating his entire effort.

ACTION: For information.

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198-440423 (Richard Claxton Gregory)

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Memo to Mr. E. S. Miller  
Re: Book Review  
"Dick Gregory's Political  
Primer" by Richard Claxton Gregory  
Edited by James R. McGraw  
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DETAILS:

Review of Bureau Files

Richard Claxton Gregory: Bureau files reveal Gregory is Negro male, born 10/12/32, graduate of Southern Illinois University, who currently resides in Chicago, Illinois, with wife and several children.

He first achieved national recognition at Chicago's Playboy Club in 1960 as political satirist. By 1964 he had injected himself in, or associated with, all major civil rights movements and activities. He toured Moscow, Russia, 6/64 in connection with attending "World Peace Mission," failed in bid to visit North Vietnam in 1966, and in 12/71 visited Chinese Communist Embassy in Paris, France, and attempted contact with North Vietnamese Peace Talk delegation.

He was unsuccessful candidate for offices of Mayor of Chicago and President of U. S. in 1967 and 1968 respectively. An avowed supporter of Black Panther Party, he has also associated with, and been sympathetic towards, known communists, the North Vietnamese and revolutionary New Left activists. Gregory is frequent participant and spokesman at antidraft and anti-Vietnam demonstrations and periodically initiates well-publicized "fasts" in connection therewith.

His protest activities have frequently resulted in his arrest throughout the country, primarily on disorderly conduct-type charges.

Although employed primarily as nightclub entertainer, he regularly appears on university campuses as guest lecturer. His rhetoric is inflammatory against U. S. Government, Government officials, FBI and police.

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Although holding no membership in extremist organizations, he is highly controversial black racist, always critical of treatment of blacks in this country. Recently he predicted imminent overthrow of U. S. Government by CIA and establishment of dictatorship.

James R. McGraw: Bureau files indicate James R. McGraw apparently identical to Reverend James Robert McGraw, white male, born 12/3/35, an ordained United Methodist clergyman. McGraw reportedly received Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University (1958) and is graduate of Yale University Divinity School. His last known residence was in New York, New York, where he edited the "Renewal" magazine, a Methodist Church publication.

Since early 1960's McGraw has been active in civil rights activities and demonstrations throughout U. S., being arrested on several occasions in connection therewith. He has been known to associate with New York Communist Party members.

McGraw is advocate of nonviolence and urges establishment of strong third party in U. S. politics.

He has edited previous books by Gregory.

#### Book Review

"Dick Gregory's Political Primer" is a sometimes humorous, sometimes preposterous, sometimes accurate but most often sardonic, prejudicial and antiestablishment analysis of the entire U. S. political scene.

His sweeping criticisms span a wide political range and include historical perspectives and his current views regarding the two-party system, primaries, party platforms, patronage and "spoils," political financing and "machine" politics.

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The Supreme Court, the Vice-Presidency, and Congressional lawmaking and committee assignment procedures also receive his scrutiny. He devotes some of his most severe remarks to broad unsubstantiated criticisms of Federal intelligence-gathering organizations, especially the FBI and CIA.

Throughout the book the reader readily recognizes two distinct writing styles. One is written in a serious and orderly vein utilized to provide a somewhat scholarly background buildup for the second style, which consists of Gregory's caustic and humorous comments and observations. The former style may be attributable to Editor McGraw's influence.

At the conclusion of each chapter, Gregory sets forth cleverly manipulated and frequently witty questions, the answers to which are obvious and, of course, in line with the "lesson" he has attempted to "teach" in preceding pages.

Many of the author's inferences and statements are exaggerated, unfounded or overemphasized. In one of his anti-Vietnam arguments, for example, he details how protection of our rice-growing interests in the Southern U. S. is a main basis for our continued defoliation program and war in Vietnam. In another section discussing possible future food shortages, he states the Russians have diverted space program funds toward increasing their naval fleet as this fleet would primarily "be necessary for Russia to feed the world in the event of a serious famine crisis." (Favorable comments towards Russia and communism are interspersed throughout the book.)

Gregory, a self-admitted vegetarian, spends considerable verbiage criticizing Government production, quality control, and inspection programs regarding food.

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He opines that when the American people "learn to eat properly," profound changes will then accordingly be effected in the Nation's political and social system.

He speaks very favorably of the Congressional Black Caucus, implies a third party is necessary, and notes his vision of a political candidate would be the antithesis of present standards and qualifications (i.e., good military combat record, extensive educational background, successful in business and/or prominent employment or profession.) He would seek and support candidates with "scars" and "convictions" in the "human rights" struggle who have been "writers" of laws and history and represent the consumer and unemployed.

Among suitable candidates he suggests are protester and movie actress Jane Fonda, Black Panther leader Huey P. Newton, Southern Christian Leadership Conference President Dr. Ralph Abernathy, and antiwar leader Father Daniel Berrigan.

Further discussing candidates, he constructs a weak analogy between the political record and accomplishments of Huey Long of Louisiana and Huey P. Newton, who was born in Louisiana. He praises the late Congressman Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., as being an exemplary black politician, appearing thereby to completely contradict his stand in previously condemning numerous Congressional and Government figures for their lack of morals.

A review of this work would not be complete without citing examples of some of Gregory's biting wit, for example:

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"So the President's role is both traditional and greatly expanded. He lights the White House tree every Christmas and ignites rice crops in Vietnam."

"Any time a black man in America can owe the telephone company twelve thousand dollars and they don't shut the phone off, you know that phone is tapped."

"Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow Congress knows." (referring to blacks in Congress)

The frequent inconsistencies, exaggerations, extremes and generalizations Gregory displays in this volume impress the reader as overriding and smothering any valid and constructive recommendations, observations and conclusions he attempts to convey, thereby negating his entire effort.

#### Mention of the FBI

Page 20. On this and previous pages, Gregory prints excerpts from George Washington's Farewell Address, highlighting Washington's comments about perils of "despotism" and "ruins of public liberty." Gregory then makes comment "The CIA, the FBI and the Pentagon were all yet to appear..." when Washington made his remarks, implying that activities of these establishments exemplify these perils.

Page 264. Gregory has been discussing alleged monopoly on national food production in the State of California. He comments, "The FBI, the CIA, and the military are all engaged in wiretapping and other forms of snooping, when they should be looking at where food is produced in the United States."

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Pages 277-293. Gregory devotes "Lesson Fifteen," an entire chapter, to "Citizen Surveillance" wherein he is severely critical of FBI, CIA, and the military for alleged excessive wiretapping, "bugging" and surveillance.

He mentions attack on FBI by U. S. Representative Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) 4/6/72 alleging Congressional members are surveilled regularly; allegations by U. S. Senator Edmund S. Muskie (Democrat - Maine) condemning FBI surveillance of Earth Day rally 4/22/70 at Washington, D. C.; and comments on "Life" magazine article, 4/9/71 issue, which portrayed former Director Hoover as "emperor of the FBI." (Congressman Boggs' allegations are absurd and without foundation. FBI surveillance of Earth Day rally was due to association therewith of several revolutionary activists of interest to Bureau and therefore related potential for civil unrest.)

Gregory insists that government-controlled terror and assassinations portrayed in recent foreign movie entitled "Z" are analogous to recent U. S. History, noting suspicious circumstances surrounding deaths of President John F. Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy, assassinated black nationalist Malcolm X, and Martin Luther King, Jr. He insinuates these deaths were probably result of CIA actions; however, tone of comments indicates FBI and military intelligence have the capability also.

He goes further to imply that recent U. S. Capitol bombing was probably staged by Government intelligence agency, and that FBI has used informants to "tape" comments of U. S. Representative John Dowdy

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(Democrat - Texas) and to set up killing of "political enemies" such as Negro Larry Ward, killed by police during attempted bombing in Seattle, Washington. (The Attorney General authorized monitoring and recording of conversations between Nathan Cohen, Baltimore, Maryland, attorney and businessman, and Congressman Dowdy. Based on this authority, Bureau equipped Cohen with body recorder, with Cohen's prior written permission. Congressman Dowdy was convicted 12/30/71 on bribery, perjury and conspiracy charges and recordings obtained by Cohen were used during trial. Allegations regarding FBI "political" killings are ridiculous.)

He comments, "The FBI has grown so powerful and independent under the direction of J. Edgar Hoover that it can tap the phones, bug the hotel rooms, and otherwise watch the private actions of priests, nuns, ministers, lawyers, college professors, civil rights workers, doctors, Government officials, etc., without any curb on its activities." As a result he concludes, "So citizens must begin to conduct their own surveillance of the FBI." (It is noted all Bureau technical surveillances are authorized by court order or by the Attorney General, in writing.)

He points out that FBI "has become totally hung up" on "internal security" noting that half of current Top Ten Fugitive List members are wanted for "so-called left-wing radical political activity." He emphasizes that "not one dope pusher, not one dope smuggler, not one person involved in illicit traffic of narcotics" is on list.

In his closing comments in this regard, he states FBI is more concerned with property destruction than loss of young lives through narcotics usage. He fails to make any mention of Bureau having no specific jurisdiction in narcotics matters.

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Page 323. Pages 320-326 consist of a satiric antiestablishment "Glossary" composed by Gregory. Included is the entry:

"FBI  
Federal Bureau of Investigation: seen on  
national television on Sunday evenings on  
ABC. The Bureau was originally formed to  
provide a lifetime job for Director J. Edgar  
Hoover."

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA, EM, OO: CHICAGO.

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QUOTE RIGHT ON THE CAMPUS, UNQUOTE A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF  
HOWARD UNIVERSITY (HU), WASHINGTON, D.C. (WDC), IN ITS ISSUE OF  
NOVEMBER SIX, SEVENTYTWO ADVISED THAT DICK GREGORY IS SCHEDULED  
TO APPEAR AT CRAMTON AUDITORIUM, HU AT EIGHT P.M., NOVEMBER  
EIGHT, SEVENTYTWO. HIS APPEARANCE IS BEING SPONSORED BY THE  
LIBERAL ARTS STUDENT COUNCIL, A RECOGNIZED HU ORGANIZATION. *u*

WFO PLANS NO COVERAGE OF GREGORY'S APPEARANCE BUT WILL  
REPORT ANYTHING COMING TO ITS ATTENTION OF AN EXTREMIST NATURE  
WHICH HE MIGHT ADVOCATE. *U*

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*has* TO: ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)  
(ATTN: DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE)

FROM: SAC, WFO (157-1121) (RUC)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
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(OO:CG)

Re WFO airtel, 11/6/72. *u*

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Enclosed for the Chicago Office is a Xerox copy of an article which appeared in "The Hilltop," publication of Howard University, Washington, D. C. (WDC), page three issue of 11/10/72. This pertained to GREGORY's appearance at Howard University on 11/8/72. *u*

A review of the article which appeared in "The Hilltop" revealed that it was stated that GREGORY spoke on subjects ranging from the presidential election to the electronic order of the universe. Nothing was indicated that he advocated any revolutionary or extremist type activity, and accordingly the Washington Field Office is taking no further action in this matter. *u*

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

DATE: 12/19/72

FROM : *FT* SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (RUC)

SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
MI  
OO: Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Chicago, two copies of a LHM concerning subject's speech at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, on 11/28/72. *u*

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Non symbol source utilized in the LHM is  
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university, an established source. ✓

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska

December 19, 1972

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

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On November 29, 1972, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that Dick Gregory appeared at Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, on the evening of November 28, 1972, and gave a speech before the student body of that school. The source advised that Gregory received approximately \$1,000 for his speech which was sponsored by the Student Board of Governors, a part of the Student Government at Creighton University. Gregory was not paid with University funds. *u*

The source advised that Gregory's theme appeared to be "Wake Up America" and he urged his audience to listen to Black people. The source advised that Gregory did not appear to follow a prepared speech but merely rambled for approximately two hours. The source recalled that Gregory made a rather vague statement to the affect that the CIA was responsible for the assassination of Robert Kennedy. The source also stated that Gregory referred in very comical terms to his continued fast in protest to the war in Vietnam. *u*

The Omaha World Herald, a daily Omaha, Nebraska, newspaper, issue of November 29, 1972, set out in an article entitled "Comedian Gregory: Whites Are Indifferent" in which Gregory stated, "I wish white folks would learn to start listening to black folks". Gregory spoke to an audience of approximately 500 students at Creighton University. *u*

Gregory also made the statement, "We know about the sick, slimy, degenerate nation that is the real America". The article also set out that Gregory was in

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DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

the 21st month of his fast for Vietnam peace. Gregory mentioned that if he were in Vietnam and he got killed next to some redneck white boy that the Viet Cong would probably bury both of them in the same grave but if they were to ship these same two bodies back to America the chances are that they would not be buried in the same cemetery. u

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# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780)

DATE: 2-14-73

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (P)

SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
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OO:Chicago

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago is a copy of a schedule for ~~Black Weekend~~ activities at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa. U

This material was made available by [redacted] the University of Dubuque, an established source of the Omaha Office. U

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Activities of DICK GREGORY will be followed by established sources, and the Bureau and Chicago will be kept advised. U

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# THE BLACK PRESIDUM THE UNIVERSITY OF DUBUC First Annual BLACK WEEKEND

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MUHAMMAD ALI (Carlos Clay), 8:30 P.M., McCaswell Gym, Public \$1.00, Students \$1.00.

ONE-ACT PLAYS, group from Northern Ill. Univ. (6:00 P.M.), 8:30 P.M., Public Admission.

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

JOHN GREGORY, 9:30 A.M., Gym, Public \$1.50, Students 75c.

INQUIRY CONCERT, Inqui McGumbo, 8:30 P.M., Gym, Public \$2.50, Students \$2.00.

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS, All Day, (Cannon and American Residence Hall).

JOHN WILLIAMS from Anamosa State Prison (starts Thursday, ends on Saturday), Black Cultural Center.

THE BLACKBURN Dance Troupe (professional African dancers), 7:00 P.M.

INQUIRY CONCERT, 8:30 P.M., Gym, Public \$3.00, Students \$2.00.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS Continue.

JOHN WILLIAMS (Anamosa Group), 1:20 P.M., Gym.

FINISH at Black Cultural Center.

A Reception Will Be Held at the Center Every Night After the Main Event.

TICKET PRICE: Public, \$7.50 — Student, \$5.00.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2780) <sup>100-440423</sup>

DATE: 3/2/73

FROM : SAC, OMAHA (157-217) (P) *BDW/gdm*

SUBJECT: DICK CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM  
OO: Chicago

Re Omaha letter to the Bureau, 2/14/73.

Enclosed herewith are ten copies for the Bureau and two copies for Chicago of a LHM concerning a speech delivered by captioned subject before the student body of the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa, on 2/23/73. Attached to the LHM is a newspaper article from the "Dubuque Telegraph-Herald" dated 2/23/73, concerning the above mentioned speech.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Omaha, Nebraska

March 2, 1973

DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

Attached to this memorandum is a copy of a newspaper clipping from the February 23, 1973, edition of the "Dubuque Telegraph-Herald" entitled "Gregory nicks, slashes during UD talk", concerning the speech delivered by Dick Gregory before approximately 900 students at the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Iowa. Gregory was the featured speaker of the University's "Black Weekend". The speech concerned Gregory's fasting, the Vietnam War, youth, racial discrimination, and the recent fuel shortage.

In the speech, Gregory gave the youth credit for helping end the Vietnam War. He stated, "The prisoners are coming home and the war is over because you young people dared to get into the streets and disrupt 'business as usual'". He said, "If America wants to get up an army for World War III, they're not gonna get it, because of you".

"They said we're getting out of this war with honor. I hope we never have to get out of anything with this honor."

On the question of amnesty for draft evaders he said, "Anyone humane enough to decide that killing is wrong and leave the country will get amnesty in the end. And the Nixons and Agnews and other war mongrel freaks won't get any amnesty at all."

Gregory's speech lasted from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. Immediately after the speech, Gregory left Dubuque, Iowa, by Ozark Airlines for Chicago, and then continued on to Los Angeles.

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DICK CLAXTON GREGORY

"Black Weekend" was sponsored by the University of Dubuque's Black students and consisted of programs and talks highlighting a Black culture.

# GREGORY NICKS, SLASHES "Running" UD talk

By JOHN MCCORMICK  
T-N Staff Writer

There stood Dick Gregory, running hard. It wasn't the same form that made him a collegiate track star. It was the form of a man on the 672nd day of a self-imposed fast. Running lean, he alternately applied the stiletto of wit and the bludgeon of commentary to a Black Weekend audience at the University of Dubuque today. A sampling from his 90-minute talk:

—"The whole world's crazy. Arthur Bremer, accused of shooting George Wallace, spent two weeks trying to convince a jury he was crazy. They decided he was sane and sentenced him to 63 years. Tom Eagleton was trying to convince the country he was sane, and they decided he was crazy. Which means Tom Eagleton would have had a better chance of staying on the Democratic ticket if he'd been accused of shooting somebody."

—"When we got a Vietnam ceasefire, I thought I'd be doing some serious eating. But it'll be 40 days until the prisoners are all back. I'm gonna call my wife and say: 'Guess who's coming to dinner.' I wouldn't fast again if they were fightin' in my house. Next time, I'm going to protest by sitting in a Howard Johnson's and eating until they quit. 'Look at Brother Gregory,' people will say. 'What dedication; he's up to 712 pounds.'"

—"I have nine kids, with the tenth on the way. I'm not quitting; not as long as I can buy all the cars and trucks I want. Anything America can sell you to pollute, they'll tell you to buy it. If you want something you can produce yourself—that's bad."

Then he turned serious, praising the nation's youth. "The prisoners are coming home and the war is over because you young people dared to get into the streets and disrupt 'business as usual,'" he said. "I hope you understand that. If America wants to get up an army for World War III, they're not gonna get it, because of you."

"We'd have a different Germany today if that nation's youth had laid down in the streets to block traffic in the late 1930s. But revolution comes from nature, from evolution. The same thing that destroyed Napoleon destroyed Hitler: Snowflakes. They

told both them freaks not to go to Russia in the winter."

Then, once again, the stiletto: "Us older folks are scared by you. We've got a lot of little secret deals going. Fair all down in your

face. Not shaving. Wearing those dresses without brassieres. You're ruining our notion that your world is based not on nations, but on your ability to look a certain way.

"You know," he continued, "we've got a stinking, slimy, degenerate country, so we

not have a president who reflects that? Nixon is the first president that the dumbest person in the country can get hip to. I've got a cousin so dumb that he can't find the prize in a Cracker Jacks box—and even he likes Nixon.

"But there's something wrong with a mentality that's told us for 10 years about an Asian people he calls the enemy, bandits, gangsters and criminals, and then offers to give these same 'enemies' \$2.5 billion for reconstruction, at the same time refusing to give one quarter to upgrade those big, old hospitals for men who got shot up over there.

"If they ever bring an induction notice to draft my two sons, I'm going to write on it: 'Whatever is wrong with Mr. DuPont's boys is also wrong with mine.' Don't you realize that there isn't one black man in the country who can get you white folks into World War III so other people can drop big bombs on your house?"

Then he talked of a recent Harris Poll that found white Americans scared of recent black movies because of overtones of violence.

"So I ran my own private Ghetto Poll," said Gregory. "In all the black movies, 380 people got killed. John Wayne alone has killed five million Indians, 100,000 bad guys, and he's wiped out the whole Japanese Army."

Gregory talked of differences in dialect between black and white communities, illustrating with comparisons of the English pronunciation of "sandwich" with the black man's word, "sammich."

"A sandwich is a little, light snack you eat between lunch and dinner," he said. "A sammich is dinner."

Gregory reserved a special bludgeoning for America's newspapers, charging that they have suppressed vital information about a wide range of subjects: The assassinations of Martin Luther King and the Kennedy brothers, dangers of fluoridation, and a host of consumer issues.

"We're so busy worrying about our money and our little home and our two cars that we don't worry about democracy and the democratic process. That's okay; we'll lose both of them.

"More Americans are worried about the blacked oil game Russia stole from us in the

Olympics than they are about the Israeli team that got shot up in Munich."

He switched directions briefly, telling of an encounter with a disgruntled adult in the Tampa, Fla., airport. "He was complaining that the way you kids look, he can't tell the girls from the boys," said Gregory. "I told him you were having the same problem with a lot of his generation: You can't tell the living from the dead.

"Just look at our priorities," he continued. "I know lots of smokers who're driving themselves into a grave, but if someone could prove that smoking would make their car engine corrode, they'd quit, and they'd make you quit, too."

"You've got to clean your body out," he said, launching into an attack against drug pushers who debilitate ghetto residents. And he alluded to his often-quoted statement: "I will never be able to understand how a 9-year-old kid always seems to find the heroin man in the ghetto, but the FBI can't."

The 41-year-old St. Louis native, twice imprisoned for activities involving Chicago blacks and Washington State Indians, stressed that "violence is not the answer—and that may not go over too well with some of you blacks in the audience. If violence were the answer, guns would be as hard to find in the ghetto as a good job."

He talked of America's energy crisis, saying that the petroleum shortage will do "more for integration than anything else in the history of man."

"There is only one place on earth that can supply America with oil," he said. "And that's Africa. But other countries want that oil, and we're the only nation going for it that has a race problem. So you can bet the six or seven families that control things are going to clean that up."

Gregory's speech was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., but was delayed more than a half hour, partially because he refused to appear until two television cameras were dismantled. He closed his talk after 11:30 and—unlike most speakers—walked through the middle of the crowd to exit as he received a standing ovation.

Staff Photo

"I wouldn't fast again if they were fightin' in my house."

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

DATE: 5/23/73

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-347) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EM

(OO: Chicago)

GREGORY travels extensively as a night club entertainer and guest lecturer. He is not a member of any extremist organization. In the past he has been critical of U.S. involvement in Viet Nam. There is no indication that he is engaged in extremist activity.

It is recommended that GREGORY be deleted from the Extremist Photograph Album.

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## Gregory speaks 3 hours at SSU

By Chris Dettro

Dick Gregory didn't really say too much during his three-hour speech Wednesday night at Sangamon State University. That is, unless you just sat back and listened instead of trying to figure it all out.

What he was saying, between scathing and irreverent humor and dire predictions of world catastrophes, was that all of us should love and respect one another, and be quick about it. Which is saying quite a bit.

The black comedian and non-violent "human rights" advocate is a believer in the Law of Karma, which he explained consists of negative and positive electronic forces that control the universe. The law is, "for every negative you pile up, you'll get one back," he said. And the same thing goes for positives. Which all boils down to a variation of the Golden Rule, "Do unto others . . . etc." and its enforcement arm saying, "What goes down, comes bound."

He was rough on America, other countries as well, in the "world gone crazy."

Arthur Bremer (the man convicted of shooting George Wallace) tried to tell us he was crazy, but we decided he was sane," Gregory said, and at that same time, Tompkins was tryin' to tell us he was sane, but we decided he was crazy. E.g. Tompkins had a better chance stayin on the Democratic ticket if he'd shot somebody," Gregory said.

Washington ain't never gonna lie to everybody but everybody's hip to the former Southern Illinois University track star and talked of President

"I've got a cousin so stupid he can't find the prize in a Cracker Jack box, but he's hip to Nixon," Gregory said. Gregory, who has not eaten any solid food for two-and-a-half years, and will not until the last prisoners are returned from Vietnam, explained Nixon's "peace with honor."

"That's like if you came home and found me ransacked in your house and ask me what I was doin'. I put a pistol to your head and say 'I was robbin' you, but now I'm lookin' for a way out.'"

After two-and-a-half years of no solid food to protest the war, Gregory said he would not give up eating again "even if they were fightin' in my house. If Rhodesia attacked Harlem, I wouldn't stop. What I'm gonna do for the next war is go down to the nearest Howard Johnson's, sit down and eat until the war's over," he said.

Nixon, he said, "ain't wrapped too tight. He's clever, but not slick. LBJ was slick. Look at how he put the Gulf of Tonkin over on us for five years. And all the Gulf of Tonkin was was two Vietnamese in a fishin' boat who threw a tuna at the Seventh Fleet."

Gregory said he spends "about 98 per cent" of his time speaking on college campuses and called today's youth "the most ethical, moral, committed group of young people that has ever been in America, bar none."

His predictions for the future were frightening, but not pessimistic, because he feels "the whole thing can be turned around tomorrow if you'll just get hip to the trick."

Gregory said that we are moving into the second year of a world-wide food famine, and that by June and especially in the next 18 months the effects will be devastating. "We are heading into one of the worst depressions the world has ever seen," he said.

He also feels that the Central Intelligence Agency is close to taking over the country by being the force behind gas rationing and restricting travel, among other things.

"Eight or nine rich white families in New York are controlling the whole thing, and they keep you thinkin' I'm your nigger while you're theirs," he said.

He said Jim Garrison, the New Orleans attorney who claims that John Kennedy was assassinated by the CIA, "will be a hero soon," and that missing Chicago legal researcher Sherman Skolnick had evidence that a plane crash at Chicago's O'Hare Airport was engineered because the occupants knew too much about CIA involvement in the Watergate affair. Sen. John Stennis and Congressman Hale Boggs, he said, also "knew about the CIA." A health food advocate and

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vegetarian, he warned about "protecting your body," and cautioned blacks about sickle cell anemia. "It's only the 21st killer in the black community," he said, "and all this stuff about checking every little black kid for sickle cell . . . You watch, pretty soon they're gonna come up with a vaccine for sickle cell, and all that's gonna do is sterilize every little black kid in America."

"America will be one of the most integrated countries on the face of this earth in the next 18 months," he said, "and those eight or nine people in New York will do it." He said the true energy crisis won't hit until 1985, when the U.S. "will be runnin' 15 million barrels of oil short per day. And the only place we can get that oil is from black Africa."

Gregory talked of "revolutionary pimps who think the more reefer's they smoke and the more alcohol they drink, the sooner the system's gonna change. The only thing they're gonna liberate is a healthy body into a sick, slimy degenerate body."

"True revolution has never been controlled by man, but always by nature. It's just an extension of evolution. Snowflakes, for instance, taught both them freaks Napoleon and Hitler what revolution was all about. Don't go to Russia in the wintertime," he said.



### *Gregory with SSU dean*

Black comedian and "human rights" advocate Dick Gregory, right, talks with Sangamon State University Dean of Student Services Homer Butler, left, after Gregory's appearance at SSU Wednesday night. Gregory's appearance was the major attraction of SSU's Black Awareness Week activities. (Photo by Dale Coleman of SSU)

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : *[Signature]* SAC, SAN DIEGO (157-2086)

SUBJECT: DICK GREGORY  
EM - MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: 7/13/73

Enclosed for the Bureau and Chicago is one copy each of the newspaper article which appeared in The Voice News and Viewpoint datelined 7/4/73, captioned "CIA Has Plotted to Overthrow U. S."

The Voice News and Viewpoint is self-described as San Diego's weekly Black newspaper printed for Black people.

This information is being furnished to Chicago Office for whatever action is deemed appropriate.

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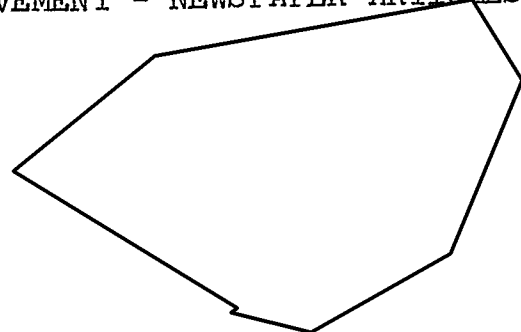
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**Dick Gregory charges:****CIA has plotted to over**

Dick Gregory came to San Diego again this past Sunday, and as always, had some startling words:

"There's a guy by the name of Tackwood. He was a CIA agent that was sent out here to California to recruit Black Panthers to kill the President and damn near blow this town to bits during the Republican Convention ... and blame it on the Democrats.

"There was not supposed to be an election; the Constitution was to be suspended and the CIA was supposed to overthrow this government from right here in San Diego."

Brought here by the San Diego Model Ex-offenders, Gregory said that when Tackwood finally

decided to talk, only two "hippie" newspapers and only one national paper (Muhammad Speaks) decided to print the story.

"... Somebody better start answering some questions," the ex-presidential candidate demanded.

"How in the hell did San Diego land the Republican Convention and all at once pretend to the world it couldn't come up with \$400,000.?" he asked.

"They knew what the plan was. They didn't want any part of it."

Gregory then warned, "If somebody doesn't do some hard core digging out here and expose the Watergate for what it is, this might be the last year you're

gonna be able to sit out under the good sun and relax...."

**WATERGATE**

"What's going on with Dick Nixon's administration is not his fault," Gregory explained. "It's America's fault." "Watergate

existed before Nixon got in the White House. And if the American people are not very careful, it's going to exist after he gets out, and it's going to bring this country down to its knees."

Referring to the testimony of John Dean in which the "enemy list" was disclosed, Gregory said, "... But they ain't told you about the master list, baby ... at the bot-

**DICK GREGORY**

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tom of the Pentagon ... they got four million people's" names and addresses in a computer.

"It's damn time we start getting concerned," he exclaimed.

## 'GET INTO YOUR BODY'

"At the rate things are going today, about four years from now ... 80 per cent of everybody in this country will probably be dead and it ain't got nothing to do with no atom bomb; it's got something to do with nature," Gregory told the audience.

"So I say to you youngsters, you better get into your body ... Anytime you foul up your body, it's like borrowing money from the

bank. One day you got to pay it back.

"When Nature comes to collect her debt, you ain't slippin' through no back door and tell her Momma ain't home.

"So you can sit around and smoke your little cigarettes, smoke your pot, drink all the booze you want," but if you do it, Gregory chided, there's no difference between you and "those guys in Washington, D.C."

"Only it's worse that you do it, 'cause we need you to build a nation that's never been completed."

1 - Congressional Services Office  
1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt  
1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

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Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

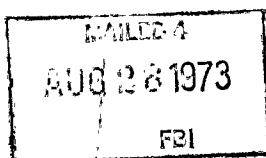
Dear Senator Domenici:

Your letter dated August 16, 1973, which was addressed to the Congressional Liaison Office, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., concerning Mr. Dick Gregory has been referred to this Bureau.

As a matter of policy, I cannot furnish the information your constituent requested. It should not be inferred that we do or do not have material in our files concerning Mr. Gregory.

I would like to assure you, however, that the Federal Bureau of Investigation does not engage in harassing tactics.

Sincerely yours,



C. M. Kelley  
Clarence M. Kelley  
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Honorable Pete V. Domenici

NOTE FOR SACS, ALBUQUERQUE AND CHICAGO:

Enclosed for your information are single copies of the letter from Senator Domenici dated 8/16/73 and the enclosure thereto.

NOTE:

The constituent of Senator Domenici reported he was upset by a joke on television concerning Government "bugging" of comedian Dick Gregory. He requested the Senator to secure an official statement from FBI and other agencies as to whether such agencies have sanctioned, authorized or know of any telephone tapping, other harassment or personal surveillance of Dick Gregory. Subject has regularly appeared as a guest lecturer on college campuses and has criticized U. S. involvement in Vietnam War and treatment of black citizens in U. S. He has urged student participation in antiwar demonstrations, has urged blacks to arm themselves and praised black extremists. He has contacted representatives of Red China and North Vietnam in France. He has been the complainant in various civil rights investigations. While involved in racial demonstrations and other protests, he has been arrested frequently, usually on disorderly conduct-type charges. We instituted investigation in 1968 of Gregory through established sources only as he advocated paralyzing economy of U. S. in order to stop war in Vietnam. Active investigation initiated on 1/21/72 to determine purpose of contacts with Chinese Communists or North Vietnamese and if he was acting as an agent for a foreign principal. Investigation discontinued December, 1972.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

August 16, 1973

*8/28*  
*P. Domenici*  
[Redacted]  
Congressional Liaison Office  
Room 1139  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear [Redacted]

Enclosed for your attention is a letter my office received from a New Mexican constituent. I am forwarding it to your office, so that I may properly respond to my constituent. Comment on this individual's letter would be appreciated.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*Pete V. Domenici*

Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senator

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August 9, 1973

Senator Pete Domenici  
U.S. Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Domenici,

We watched a T-V comedy this evening and as a strong supporter of you and the Republican party, I was upset by a "joke" made on the program concerning government bugging, particularly relating to the comedian Dick Gregory.

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If the answer is negative, please request a written signed statement to that effect from each agency. If the answer is affirmative, please request a complete report of same and specify a reasonable time within which a reply is requested, (say 10 days or so).

I have complete confidence in you and our administration. To defend our position and protect us from attack from vindictive, biased, vicious people, we have to get to the truth and lay it on the line, "tell it like it is".

This is a personal request. I have no intention of discussing this with others or publicizing this request.

If there are any government agencies other than those I have listed above that by any stretch of the imagination could be suspected of causing any of the above happening to Gregory, please request the same of them.

After you have checked this matter out thoroughly and documented the position of all possible government agencies in question, please send me full details.



Farmington, New Mexico 87417

CC: Albuquerque, N.M.

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1 - Congressional Services Office  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt

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1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

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Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Domenici:

Reference is made to your letter of September 26, 1973, enclosing copies of all previous correspondence received by your office from your constituent [REDACTED] and requesting comments on this situation.

As I indicated in my letter of August 28, 1973, as a matter of policy it is not possible to furnish the information your constituent requests.

I am sorry I cannot be of further assistance in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

G. M. Kelley

Clarence H. Kelley  
Director

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Honorable Pete V. Domenici

NOTE FOR SACS, ALBUQUERQUE AND CHICAGO:

Reference previous FBI letter sent to Senator Domenici concerning this same matter dated 8/28/73, copies of which were previously forwarded to you.

Enclosed for your information are single copies of letter from Senator Domenici dated 9/26/73 and three enclosures thereto.

NOTE:

See memorandum  to Mr. E. S. Miller dated 10/3/73 captioned " Richard Claxton Gregory; Extremist Matter" prepared by TF:lmk.

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September 26, 1973

Honorable Clarence M. Kelley  
 Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation  
 United States Department of Justice  
 Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Enclosed for your attention and comment are  
 copies of all previous correspondence my office has had  
 with [redacted]

As you will note, a letter was initiated to  
 the Department of Justice in order to be advised on how  
 to properly respond to [redacted] inquiry concerning  
 Dick Gregory. My office received a response from the  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation, which was forwarded on  
 to [redacted] for his attention.

On September 24, 1973 another letter was  
 received from [redacted] questioning the responsiveness  
 and acceptableness of the F.B.I.'s response. Comments  
 on the developments of this situation will be greatly  
 appreciated.

Best wishes,

Very truly yours,

*Pete V. Domenici*  
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Sept. 20, 1973

Honorable Pete V. Domenici  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Domenici,

Your letter of Sept. 7th with enclosed letter from Mr. Kelley was received today.

Do you feel, under present conditions, that Mr. Kelley's reply is an acceptable, responsive answer to my inquiry?

Are there other steps that you can take to get an answer to my questions?

I would appreciate a frank and candid indication of your feelings concerning my request.

You may be interested in knowing that this is the first time since I first registered to vote in 1946 that I have ever written a letter to or made a request of a member of congress.

Although it would be easy to file your letter and Mr. Kelley's and forget the matter, and forever afterwards have in the back of my mind a lack of confidence in our government and our officials-never being sure in my own mind whether an individual can question any action of his government and get a direct, simple, truthful and completely responsive answer to his questions-never being sure that things are above board and right with our government. I prefer to follow through in some manner to get the responsive answers I desire.

Will you help?

Yours very truly

[Redacted signature]

Farmington, New Mexico 87401

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

1 - Congressional Services Office  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz

TO : Mr. E. S. Miller

DATE: 10/3/73

FROM

1 - Mr. G. E. Malmfeldt

1 - Mr. E. S. Miller

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SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
EXTREMIST MATTER

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## PURPOSE:

Purpose is to obtain approval to send letter replying to communication dated 9/26/73 received from U. S. Senator Pete V. Domenici (Republican - New Mexico) which enclosed copies of all previous correspondence from a constituent of his who seeks to obtain information from the FBI regarding our possible investigative interest in black comedian Dick Gregory. If attached letter is approved for sending Senator Domenici, approval is also sought to send information copies to two logical FBI offices.

## BACKGROUND:

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U. S. Senator Domenici sent a letter to the U. S. Department of Justice 8/16/73 enclosing a communication from one of his constituents, [REDACTED] of Farmington, New Mexico. [REDACTED] requested a statement from the FBI and other agencies as to whether such agencies have sanctioned, authorized or known of any telephone tapping, other harassment or personal surveillance of black comedian Dick Gregory. The Department forwarded this letter with its enclosure to the FBI for handling. By letter dated 8/28/73 we advised Senator Domenici that as a matter of policy we cannot furnish the information his constituent requested.

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Our files reveal that Gregory, who maintains a Chicago, Illinois, residence, has criticized U. S. involvement in Vietnam, promoted antiwar demonstrations and urged the arming of blacks. He has contacted representatives of Red China and North Vietnam in France. He has been involved in racial demonstrations, and other protests, and has been arrested frequently in connection therewith.

Enclosure sent 10/5/73

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Memorandum to Mr. E. S. Miller  
Re: Richard Claxton Gregory

We instituted investigation of Gregory in 1968, through established sources only, as he advocated paralyzing the U. S. economy in order to stop the Vietnam War. Active investigation was initiated on 1/21/72 to determine the nature and purpose of his contacts with Chinese Communists and North Vietnamese. Investigation was discontinued in December, 1972.

By letter dated 9/26/73, Senator Domenici forwarded copies of all previous correspondence from his office and his constituent [redacted] including recent letter from [redacted] dated 9/20/73 which expressed his dissatisfaction with the FBI's reply of 8/28/73. Senator Domenici requested our comments concerning [redacted] dissatisfaction. Our reply in this regard has been coordinated with Office of Legal Counsel and Correspondence Section, Files and Communications Division.

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We are not providing information requested by Senator Domenici's constituent as a matter of policy since his constituent has absolutely no bonafide or official basis for receiving this information. Accordingly, further comment on this matter in our response is deemed inappropriate. Senator Domenici has not taken any apparent position regarding the propriety of his constituent's requests.

Bureau files contain no derogatory information identifiable with [redacted]

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ACTION:

Attached letter be approved for sending to Senator Domenici and copies be forwarded to the Albuquerque and Chicago Divisions for information.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Date: 1/2/74

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-485) -P-

RE: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, aka  
EM  
OO: Chicago

Local news media at Durant, Oklahoma, reports subject will appear at Southeastern State College, Durant, Oklahoma on 1/17/74 as the opening speaker for the 5th Annual student leadership conference. According to news reports subject will speak at 7 PM in Montgomery Auditorium at Southeastern State College. No information has been received from any source indicating that any problems are expected in connection with subject's appearance in Oklahoma.

Unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau or Chicago, this office contemplates no coverage of subject's appearance at Southeastern State College. Any newspaper articles published in regard to subject's appearance in Durant will be furnished to the Bureau and Chicago.

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Callahan

DATE: 1-2-74

FROM : R. R. Franck *RRF/qta*

SUBJECT: RICHARD C. GREGORY  
EXTREMIST MATTERS

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[redacted] to [redacted]  
Congressman Barber Conable (R-N.Y.), contacted Inspector [redacted] on 1-2-74 and advised the Congressman had received a communication from a young constituent who is a student at Ohio University. The student indicated that Dick Gregory spoke at the Ohio University campus in late November or early December and alleged that CBS network had prepared a documentary film in which FBI men had stated on camera that they had encouraged bombings and riots. The student said Gregory claimed the Federal Government had prevented CBS from telecasting this film.

[redacted] said he is well aware the Government cannot prevent CBS from televising anything it wishes. He said he was calling to advise us of the alleged comments by Gregory and to see if we might have any information concerning this matter. [redacted] was told we knew of no program which CBS had involving the FBI of recent vintage. He was assured that the FBI has not been involved in inciting bombings and riots and that certainly no FBI personnel had made any such statements. He also was thanked for furnishing this information.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Callahan
- 1 - Mr. Wannall
- 1 - Mr. Franck
- 1 - [redacted]

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[redacted] Gregory)

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INFORMATIVE NOTE

4/21/75

Date

Attached pertains to Richard C. Gregory, aka Dick Gregory, night club entertainer and civil rights activist. He spoke on campus of University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, 4/21/75. His speech, attended by 200-800 students over a three-hour period, reportedly for students only, was attended by some news media representatives.

Speech was designed apparently to recruit students to assist him in his attacks against the Warren Commission, the CIA and the FBI. He called for students to do anything to help do away with CIA, his main target, which he predicted would be dissolved within three months.

Gregory also attacked the FBI and stated he would concentrate his efforts to dissolve the FBI after CIA was dissolved. According to source, he made several personal remarks attacking Director Kelley with innuendoes concerning Director Kelley's activities and associates in Kansas City.

Our files reveal Gregory, who maintains a residence in Chicago, has criticized U. S. involvement in Vietnam, promoted anti-war demonstrations and urged the arming of blacks. He has contacted representatives of Red China and North Vietnam in France. He has been involved in racial demonstrations and other protests and has been arrested frequently in connection therewith.

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We instituted investigation of Gregory in 1968, through established sources only, as he advocated paralyzing the U. S. economy in order to stop the Vietnam War. Active investigation was initiated 1/21/72 to determine nature and purpose of his contacts with Chinese communists and North Vietnamese. Investigation was discontinued 12/72.

During late 1973, he allegedly made unfounded allegations that Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) network had prepared a documentary film in which FBI men had stated on camera that they had encouraged bombings and riots.

Gregory, over the years, has regularly appeared on university campuses as guest lecturer. His rhetoric has been inflammatory against the U. S. Government, Government officials, FBI and police.

Above for information.

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- 1 - External Affairs

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TO DIRECTOR (100-440423)

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CHICAGO (157-347)

FROM MIAMI (157-1564) (2P)

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY. EM; 00: CHICAGO.

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, ALSO KNOWN AS DICK GREGORY, IS A WELL KNOWN NIGHT CLUB ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST. A RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISED GREGORY SPOKE ON THE CAMPUS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI, CORAL GABLES, FLA., APRIL 21, 1975. HIS SPEECH LASTED ALMOST THREE HOURS AND ATTENDANCE VARIED FROM 200 TO 800 STUDENTS. APPEARANCE WAS REPORTEDLY FOR STUDENTS ONLY BUT SOME MEDIA REPRESENTATIVES WERE PRESENT.

GREGORY'S SPEECH WAS OBVIOUSLY AN ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT STUDENTS TO ASSIST HIM AND HIS ATTACKS AGAINST THE WARREN COMMISSION, THE CIA AND THE FBI. GREGORY'S MAIN TARGET WAS THE CIA, AND HE CALLED FOR THE STUDENTS TO DO ANYTHING THEY CAN TO HELP DO AWAY WITH THAT ORGANIZATION. HE PREDICTED THAT CIA WOULD BE DISSOLVED WITHIN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS. GREGORY ALSO SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME CONDEMNING THE WARREN COMMISSION.

GREGORY ATTACKED THE FBI AND STATED AFTER THE CIA WAS DISSOLVED, HE WOULD CONCENTRATE HIS EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT THE

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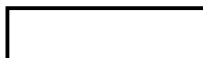
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DISSOLVEMENT OF THE FBI. HE MADE SEVERAL PERSONAL REMARKS ABOUT DIRECTOR CLARENCE KELLEY, INDICATING DIRECTOR KELLEY HAD ASSOCIATED WITH UNSAVORY PEOPLE IN KANSAS CITY AND MADE REFERENCE TO A "WHORE NAMED THELMA", WHO HE STATED DIRECTOR KELLEY WAS VERY FRIENDLY WITH IN KANSAS CITY.

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Miami Office had a source in attendance at Gregory's speech which lasted almost three hours and was rambling in nature. At one point Gregory in his remarks alleged the Director had associated with unsavory people in Kansas City and said, "Ask Clarence Kelley if he knows a whore named Thelma," indicating he (Mr. Kelley) was very friendly with this individual in Kansas City. Informant was unable to furnish any more specific details concerning this phase of Gregory's speech. There was no advance publicity to the speech and no publicity appeared in the Miami newspapers following the speech.

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10:35PM NITEL JULY 4, 1975 MCI

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-NEW)

ATTENTION: INTD

DEMONSTRATION AT THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, D.C., JULY 4, 1975

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ON JULY 4, 1975, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVISED THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 7:25AM ON JULY 4, 1975, ENTERTAINER/ACTIVIST DICK GREGORY ACCOMPANIED BY THREE PERSONS BEGAN TO CONDUCT A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE PROTESTING THE U.S. GOVERNMENTS COVER UP OF THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN KENNEDY. THE GROUP WAS ADVISED SEVERAL TIMES BY OFFICERS OF THE UNITED STATES PARK POLICE THAT THEY WERE IN VIOLATION OF THE LAW SINCE THEY HAD NOT BEEN GRANTED A PERMIT TO HOLD A DEMONSTRATION AND THAT IF THE GROUP DID NOT DISPERSE THEY WOULD BE PLACED UNDER ARREST. TWO MEMBERS REMAINED IN FRONT OF THE WHITE HOUSE AND WERE ARRESTED BY THE PARK POLICE AND WERE IDENTIFIED AS DICK GREGORY AND RALPH

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THE REPRESENTATIVE ADVISED THAT DURING THE PERIOD OF THE DEMONSTRATION, A TELEVISION FILM CREW WAS FILMING IN LAFAYETTE PARK ACROSS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE.

ADMINISTRATIVE: THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE IS SPECIAL AGENT  THE ABOVE BEING FURNISHED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY AND NO ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY WFO IN THIS REGARD.  
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From: Director, FBI

To: SACs:

To: Legats:

*DICK Gregory*

 To: RUEADWW/ ☐ The President ☐ The Vice President ☐ White House Situation Room  
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 RUEBWJA/ ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General  
☐ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit
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*Demonstration at White House, Washington D.C., July 4, 1975*

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# MESSAGE RELAY

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☒ Attn: Analysis and Evaluation Unit

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VISIT OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TO GREELEY, COLORADO,  
 DECEMBER 4, 1975.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: SEP 10 1975

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (62-7210)

SUBJECT: USA, ET AL v. CITY OF CHICAGO,  
ET AL (U.S.D.C., N.D. ILLINOIS)  
CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 73-C-2080

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Re Bureau airtel to Chicago dated 5/22/75  
in captioned matter and Chicago letter to Bureau dated  
7/7/70, entitled "RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, RM"  
(Bureau file 100-440423) (Chicago file 157-347), enclosing  
a classified LHM.

The Bureau advised in the referenced airtel that  
the LHM dated July 7, 1970, had been declassified by  
FBI Headquarters as of May 21, 1975 by 3078.

The Bureau and Chicago will insure that their  
copies of the LHM are declassified and that agencies to  
whom copies are disseminated were properly advised.  
The Office of Special Investigations (OSI), U.S. Naval  
Investigative Service Office (NISO), U.S. Secret Service,  
USA's Office, all Chicago, Illinois and former Region I,  
113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois  
have been advised by separate communication.

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**ADDRESSES FRESHMEN****Gregory: Learn  
How to Live**

By KATHLEEN KRUMM, Daily News Staff Writer

Dick Gregory has friends and family in Dayton, but the sober comedian came to town Wednesday to talk to strangers.

About 500 University of Dayton students heard Gregory. Many were freshmen who came because he was the main speaker of the orientation program, and many were black.

GREGORY, 43, advised the freshmen, who start class today, to "tell them to teach you how to live, not how to make a living.

"We're so busy talking about Shakespeare we don't have time to talk about ethics, we don't have time to talk about morality. You got to tell those folks in no uncertain terms they exist to serve your needs. You don't exist to serve their needs."

Fresh from a week-long fast, austere in jeans and a beard, the social critic-comic quoted St. Paul without identifying him.

"THEY TELL me this is a so-called Christian school," he said. "Funny, it looks just like any other school to me."

He jarred the youths with a challenge to mistrust: The CIA, the FBI, the Rockefeller commission, the Warren commission.

He introduced a paranoia of possibilities: The government may want California to fall off and leave the citizens starving; he rekindled the suspicion of conspiracy in the assassinations of Martin Luther King and John and Robert Kennedy. He suggested telephones listen and televisions see what goes



**DICK GREGORY**  
"They Exist to Serve"

on in homes — and report it to "them."

A DAILY NEWS amusement column in the early sixties called him "the hottest item in show business, with a gentle approach to humor."

Gregory has turned into a popular and acid college speaker who recruits for fasting on Fridays and advises vegetarian eating and return to service.

A librarian at Dayton and Montgomery county public library said, "We can't keep his books on the shelves."

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6 Dayton Daily News  
Dayton, Ohio

Date: September 4, 1975  
Edition: Final  
Author: Kathleen Krumm  
Editor: Jim Fain  
Title: RICHARD CLAY GREGORY

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TO: DIRECTOR

DENVER

FROM: BOSTON (62-6)

VISIT OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TO GREELEY, COLORADO,  
DECEMBER 4, 1975; MISCELLANEOUS; INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL TO BOSTON, DECEMBER 2, 1975 AND  
BOSTON TELEPHONE CALL TO DENVER, DECEMBER 2, 1975.

FOR INFORMATION OF DENVER, BOSTON MADE EFFORTS TO  
CONTACT GREGORY AT HIS RESIDENCE OUTSIDE OF PLYMOUTH, MASS.  
DECEMBER 2, 1975 TO ADVISE HIM THAT THE DENVER OFFICE, FBI,  
HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING SOME UNKNOWN PERSONS  
HAVE MADE A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE WHILE HE IS IN COLORADO.  
INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED FROM A FEMALE WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF  
AS GREGORY'S HOUSEKEEPER BUT GREGORY HAD ALREADY LEFT HIS  
RESIDENCE ON ROUTE TO LOGAN AIRPORT, BOSTON, MASS.

HOUSEKEEPER STATED SHE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH GREGORY  
BEFORE HIS FLIGHT LEFT BOSTON AND SHE WOULD GIVE HIM THE  
MESSAGE REQUESTING HIM TO CONTACT FBI, BOSTON. A MATTER  
OF IMPORTANCE TO HIM. SHE WAS ALSO ADVISED THAT THE MATTER  
CONCERNED A POSSIBLE THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE AND SHE ADVISED

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THAT SHE WOULD TELL HIM THAT.

WHEN NO TELEPHONE CALL WAS RECEIVED FROM GREGORY BY THREE PM, DECEMBER 2, 1975, BOSTON RECONTACTED GREGORY'S RESIDENCE AND SPOKE TO THE WOMAN WHO PREVIOUSLY HAD IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS HOUSEKEEPER. SHE NOW IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS GREGORY'S WIFE AND STATED THAT SHE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM HIM AS HE WAS AT LOGAN AIRPORT PREPARING TO BOARD A FLIGHT OUT OF BOSTON. SHE STATED THAT SHE HAD GIVEN HIM THE MESSAGE AND HE HAD INQUIRED AS TO WHETHER THE THREAT ORIGINATED IN BOSTON OR SOME OTHER CITY. SHE STATED THAT SINCE SHE DID NOT KNOW WHERE THE THREAT ORIGINATED SHE REQUESTED THAT HE CONTACT FBI IN BOSTON AND SHE GAVE HIM THE TELEPHONE NUMBER OF THE BOSTON OFFICE. SHE STATED THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE GREGORY WOULD NOT HAVE TIME TO MAKE THE CALL AS HIS FLIGHT WAS DUE TO LEAVE SHORTLY AFTER HE WAS IN TOUCH WITH HER. SHE DECLINED TO FURNISH HIS ITINERARY.

INASMUCH AS GREGORY HAS NOT CONTACTED THE BOSTON OFFICE, DENVER SHOULD BE ALERTED TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT GREGORY

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MAY CONTACT THAT OFFICE. FOR INFORMATION OF DENVER, FBI HEADQUARTERS HAS REQUESTED THAT GREGORY BE ADVISED THAT DENVER OFFICE FBI HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING SOME UNKNOWN PERSONS HAVE MADE A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE WHICH IS TO TAKE PLACE WHILE HE IS IN COLORADO. HE SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT THE FORM AND TYPE OF THREAT IS NOT KNOWN NOR IS THE MEANS TO BE UTILIZED AGAINST HIM KNOWN TO THE FBI. HE SHOULD BE TOLD THAT THE FBI FEELS A RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY HIM OF THE THREAT AND THAT THE FBI HAS NOTIFIED LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES OF THE THREAT.

GREGORY SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED THAT THE FBI IN ORDER TO EXPEDITIOUSLY ADVISE HIM OF FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THIS MATTER, WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING HIS ITINERARY IF HE IS WILLING TO GIVE IT.

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FROM DENVER (62-0)

VISIT OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TO GREELEY, COLORADO,  
DECEMBER 4/75. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

ON DECEMBER 1/75, [REDACTED] PSI, WHO HAS FURNISHED

RELIABLE INFORMATION IN PAST, ADVISED [REDACTED]

THE

COLORADO ARM OF THE NATIONAL CAUCUS OF LABOR COMMITTEES,

DENVER, [REDACTED] HE OVERHEARD MEMBER [REDACTED]

AND A NEGRO MALE, KNOWN ONLY AS [REDACTED] DISCUSSING.

CAPTIONED VISIT OF DICK GREGORY. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

WERE CALLING GREGORY A "MAOIST" AND [REDACTED] INDICATED [REDACTED]

FOLLOWING OVERHEARING THIS CONVERSATION, SOURCE

ENGAGED [REDACTED] IN CONVERSATION AND DISAGREED WITH

HIM CONCERNING [REDACTED] OPINION THAT GREGORY IS "MAOIST"

DURING COURSE OF THIS CONVERSATION, [REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SOURCE STATED [REDACTED] WAS ENCOURAGING B/DLC

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MEMBERS TO GO TO GREELEY AND HEAR GREGORY AND WHEN ASKED

BY SOURCE AS TO WHY, [REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IS NOT VIOLENCE PRONE AND RARELY MAKES  
SUCH STATEMENTS. SOURCE FEELS [REDACTED] MAY INTEND VIOLENCE.

! why him?

[REDACTED] IS NM, IN [REDACTED] DARK CLEAR COMPLEXION,  
SMALL AFRO WITH HIGH FOREHEAD AND RECEDING HAIRLINE, 5'5",  
160 POUNDS, WELL SPOKEN SUPPOSEDLY EDUCATED IN EAST AND  
FROM [REDACTED] NO KNOWN GROUP AFFILIATION AND WAS  
BELIEVED BY SOURCE TO RESIDE [REDACTED] PHONE [REDACTED]  
NO EMPLOYMENT KNOWN.

DENVER-INDICES NEGATIVE. CHECK OF DENVER PD INTELLIGENCE  
RECORDS DECEMBER 1/75, NEGATIVE, HOWEVER, THROUGH CRIME  
RESEARCH OFFICERS, DENVER PD, IT WAS LEARNED TELEPHONE

[REDACTED] IS SUBSCRIBED TO BY ONE [REDACTED]

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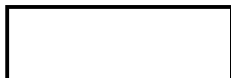
[REDACTED] DENVER. RECHECK OF INDICES  
AND DENVER PD RECORDS STILL NEGATIVE.

DENVER IS MAINTAINING CONTACT WITH SOURCE AND ATTEMPTING  
TO DETERMINE WHEN GREGORY IS TO ARRIVE AND IF HE WILL BE.

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IN DENVER PRIOR TO TRAVEL TO GREELEY. DENVER WILL INSURE  
GREGORY IS AWARE OF POSSIBLE DANGER AT APPEARANCE IN  
GREELEY. LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN DENVER AND GREELEY  
ARE ALERT TO THIS INFORMATION.

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VISIT OF GONTERIAN RICK GREGORY TO GREELEY, COLORADO,

DECEMBER 4/75. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING

RE DENVER TEL, DECEMBER 1/75.

FOR INFORMATION OF BUREAU AND BOSTON

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN COLORADO (UNC),

GREELEY, COLORADO, ADVISED THIS DATE GREGORY IS TO

ARRIVE 4:23 P.M., DECEMBER 4/75, AT STAPLETON INTERNATIONAL

AIRPORT, DENVER, COLORADO, VIA TWO FLIGHT 174, POINT OF

ORIGIN UNKNOWN. HE IS TO LECTURE AT UNC 6:00 P.M.,

DECEMBER 4/75, TOPIC UNKNOWN, SPONSORED BY UNIVERSITY

ENTER COMMISSION AND TO RETURN IMMEDIATELY TO STAPLETON,

DESTINATION UNKNOWN. UNC WILL HANDLE TRANSPORTATION TO

FROM AIRPORT AND [REDACTED] HAS BEEN ACQUAINTED WITH FACTS

CONCERNING VEILED THREAT. GREELEY ED SERGEANT [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ALSO ADVISED THIS DATE.

RECONTACT WITH [REDACTED] FSI HAS REVEALED [REDACTED]

AND A GROUP OF WHICH HE IS BELIEVED TO BE MEMBER KNOWN  
AS AFRO STUDENT COALITION FROM THE METROPOLITAN STATE  
COLLEGE, WILL TRAVEL TO GREELEY TO MEET GREGORY, NUMBER  
OF INDIVIDUALS IN THIS GROUP UNKNOWN. THE AFRO STUDENT  
COALITION, ACCORDING TO SOURCE IN POSITION TO FURNISH  
SUCH INFORMATION, IS ORGANIZATION OF BLACK STUDENT FOR  
BLACK STUDENT INTERESTS AT THE METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE.

IN ADDITION, [REDACTED] FSI HAS ADVISED HE WAS ALSO  
IN TOUCH WITH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND SOME  
BOULDER/DENVER LABOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS, NUMBER UNKNOWN,  
WILL ALSO TRAVEL TO GREELEY.

ONLY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OBTAINED BY SOURCE FROM  
[REDACTED] IS THAT [REDACTED] SUPPOSEDLY WAS IN OAKLAND,  
CALIFORNIA, AT ONE TIME AND IS FAMILIAR WITH HUEY NEWTON  
AND POSSIBLY OTHER BLACK PANTHER MEMBERS.

SOURCE STATES POSSIBILITY OF HARM COMING TO GREGORY  
IS SPECULATION ON HIS PART ONLY, AT THIS TIME, AND HE HAS

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NO CONCRETE INFORMATION THAT WOULD SUPPORT REAL THREAT.

ADMINISTRATIVE: SOURCE PROVIDING INFORMATION  
CONCERNING AFRO STUDENT COALITION IS   
METROPOLITAN STATE COLLEGE, DENVER. DENVER WILL CONTINUE  
TO BE ALERT FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

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TO: DIRECTOR

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FROM: BOSTON 62-0

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VISIT OF COMEDIAN DICK GREGORY TO GREELEY, COLORADO,  
DECEMBER 4, 1975, MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING.

RE BOSTON TEL, DECEMBER 2, 1975, DENVER TELS  
DECEMBER 1, 2, 1975, AND BOSTON TELEPHONE CALL TO DENVER,  
DECEMBER 3, 1975.

AT 7:50 PM, DECEMBER 2, 1975, DICK GREGORY TELEPHONICALLY  
CONTACTED THE BOSTON OFFICE STATING HE WAS CALLING FROM  
CINCINNATI, OHIO. HE STATED HIS WIFE HAD INFORMED  
HIM ABOUT THE POSSIBLE THREAT ON HIS LIFE AND HE STATED HE  
WOULD CONTACT BOSTON OFFICE ON THE MORNING OF DECEMBER 3,  
TO OBTAIN FULL DETAILS CONCERNING THE THREAT.

ON DECEMBER 3, 1975, AT APPROXIMATELY 11:35 AM,  
GREGORY TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED BOSTON OFFICE TO INQUIRE  
AS TO DETAILS CONCERNING THE THREAT AGAINST HIM. HE  
WAS INFORMED THAT THE DENVER OFFICE FBI HAD RECEIVED INFO

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INDICATING SOME UNKNOWN PERSONS HAVE MADE A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE WHICH WAS TO TAKE PLACE WHILE HE WAS IN COLORADO. HE WAS INFORMED THAT THE MEANS OF CARRYING OUT THE THREAT WERE NOT KNOWN TO THE FBI NOR WAS THE TIME OR PLACE KNOWN. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE FBI FEELS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY HIM CONCERNING THE THREAT AND TO KEEP HIM POSTED AS TO ANY NEW INFORMATION RECEIVED INDICATING THAT A THREAT AGAINST HIS LIFE WOULD BE MADE. HE WAS ALSO INFORMED THAT LOU POLICE AUTHORITIES IN COLORADO HAD BEEN FULLY INFORMED CONCERNING THE THREAT AS THE THREAT HAD ORIGINATED WITHIN COLORADO. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR HIM TO FURNISH HIS ITINERARY IN ORDER THAT THE BUREAU COULD KEEP HIM FULLY INFORMED AS TO ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED IN THIS MATTER.

GREGORY WAS FRIENDLY AND CORDIAL AND READILY VOLUNTEERED HIS ITINERARY FOR THE ENTIRE TRIP. HE ALSO STATED HE APPRECIATED THE PROMPT ACTION TAKEN BY THE FBI TO INFORM HIM OF THE THREAT.

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HE FURNISHED HIS ITINERARY AS FOLLOWS:

HE IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE CINCINNATI VIA TWA,  
FLIGHT NUMBER UNKNOWN FOR SAN FRANCISCO, ARRIVING AT  
SAN FRANCISCO APPROXIMATELY 3:00 PM DECEMBER 3, 1975.  
HE INTENDS TO LEAVE SAN FRANCISCO VIA TWA FLIGHT  
174 AT 1:10 PM ON DECEMBER 4, 1975, ARRIVING AT DENVER  
AT 4:23 PM SAME DAY. HE WILL DEPART DENVER ABOARD  
TWA FLIGHT 276 AT 8:55 AM, DECEMBER 5, 1975 FOR  
CHICAGO WHERE HE WILL ARRIVE AT 10:05 AM. AT PRESENT,  
HE INTENDS TO SPEND THE DAY IN CHICAGO AND FLY OUT OF  
CHICAGO ON THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 5, 1975 TO RETURN TO  
BOSTON AND HIS HOME IN PLYMOUTH, MASS. //

ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO  
DENVER OFFICE AT 11:45 AM DECEMBER 3, 1975.

CINCINNATI AND CHICAGO NOT ADVISED AS GREGORY WILL NOT  
BE IN THOSE AREAS FOR SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME.

SAN FRANCISCO NEED TAKE NO ACTION BUT SHOULD BE ALERT  
TO FACT THREAT WAS MADE AND GREGORY NOTIFIED.

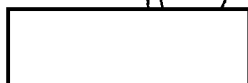
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FROM J. P. DUNPHY

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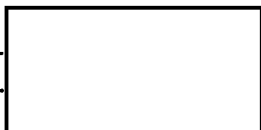
As of 2:00 p.m. today, comedian Dick Gregory, accompanied by six other individuals, was marching back and forth in front of the center entrance to the J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building. Gregory is wearing a placard on which the scales of justice appear. The scales of justice are weighed down on one side by a depiction of J. Edgar Hoover's head.

The Federal Protective Service, WFO, and the External Affairs Division have been alerted.

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 WHITE HOUSE AND LAFAYETTE PARK, APRIL 15-18, 1976.**

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6:10PM NITEL 4/12/76 RMM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, WFO (62-NEW)

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WHITE HOUSE AND LAFAYETTE PARK, APRIL 15-18, 1976,  
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING~~

ON APRIL 12, 1976, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL PARKS, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, 1100 OHIO DRIVE, S. W., WASHINGTON, D. C. (WDC), MADE AVAILABLE A COPY OF AN APPLICATION FILED BY DANIEL P. SHEEHAN, 1717 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W., ATTORNEY FOR DICK GREGORY. THE APPLICATION REFLECTS THAT DICK GREGORY, ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES JESUIT CONFERENCE, 1717 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE, N. W., WDC, WILL HOLD A CONTINUOUS VIGIL AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND LAFAYETTE PARK DURING THE PERIOD 8:00 P.M. ON APRIL 15, 1976, THROUGH 12 MIDNIGHT ON APRIL 18, 1976, IN REGARD TO THE WORLD FOOD CRISIS. THE APPLICATION REFLECTS THAT 750 PERSONS WILL GATHER ON THE WHITE HOUSE WALK AND THAT 3,000 PERSONS WILL ASSEMBLE IN LAFAYETTE PARK. DANIEL P. SHEEHAN AND [REDACTED] WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE VIGILS, AND GREGORY WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE VIGIL.

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GREGORY HAS CONDUCTED NUMEROUS VIGILS AND DEMONSTRATIONS  
AT WDC IN THE PAST.

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE, UNITED STATES PARK POLICE  
AND METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT COGNIZANT.

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TO DIRECTOR ATTN. DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

CHICAGO

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POSSIBLE CIVIL UNREST RELATED TO APPEARANCE OF KUNSTLER  
AND DICK GREGORY, POMPANO BEACH, FLA., MARCH FOUR, SEVENTYTWO  
CIVIL UNREST.

CLASS. & EXT. BY 5180 RCB/EFN  
REASON-FCIM II, 1-2.4.2  
DATE OF REVIEW 3-3-92

A SOURCE, WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE INFORMATION IN THE  
PAST, ADVISED IT HAS BEEN RUMORED IN THE BROWARD COUNTY, FLA  
AREA THAT WILLIAM KUNSTLER AND DICK GREGORY WOULD APPEAR AT  
BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL, POMPANO BEACH, FLA., TO SPEAK TO  
THE BLACK RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA SOMETIME DURING THE WEEKEND  
OF MARCH THREE - FIVE, SEVENTYTWO. u

WILLIAM KUNSTLER, AN ATTORNEY WHO REPRESENTED MEMBERS OF  
THE "NEW LEFT" DURING THE SO CALLED CHICAGO CONSPIRACY TRIAL  
ON FEB. FIFTEEN, SEVENTY, WAS ADJUDGED GUILTY OF CONTEMPT OF  
COURT AND SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS AND THIRTEEN DAYS IN JAIL.  
HE IS PRESENTLY ON APPEAL BOND. u

RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY, AKA DICK GREGORY, IS A WELL KNOWN  
NIGHTCLUB ENTERTAINER AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST. u  
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ON MARCH THREE, SEVENTYTWO, LT. [REDACTED] POMPANO BEACH, FLA. PD, ADVISED IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED ON A LOCAL RADIO STATION THAT KUNSTLER AND GREGORY WOULD APPEAR AT THE FORMER BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL AT SIX PM ON MARCH FOUR, SEVENTYTWO. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THEIR APPEARANCE IS BEING SPONSORED MAINLY BY [REDACTED] OF BLANCHE ELY HIGH SCHOOL. u

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BLANCHE ELY WAS FORMERLY AN ALL BLACK HIGH SCHOOL WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED IN CONNECTION WITH INTEGRATION OF SCHOOLS IN BROWARD COUNTY, FLA. u

[REDACTED] SAID [REDACTED] IS A VERY RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUAL WHO ENJOYS AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION IN THE POMPANO BEACH AREA. IT WAS REPORTED TO HIM THE APPEARANCE OF GREGORY AND KUNSTLER WAS IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR VARIOUS WELFARE PROGRAMS WHOSE FUNDS HAVE BEEN CUT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. [REDACTED] SAID THERE WERE NO BLACK EXTREMISTS KNOWN TO BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM AND THAT WITH A PERSON OF [REDACTED] REPUTATION THE LIKELIHOOD OF VIOLENCE ERUPTING FROM THE PROGRAM IS, IN HIS OPINION, VERY REMOTE. u

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[ ] FURTHER ADDED THAT THIS PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED VERY  
LITTLE LOCAL PUBLICITY. IT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED IN LOCAL  
NEWSPAPERS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A VERY POOR TURN OUT IS  
QUITE POSSIBLE. HE SAID BECAUSE OF A LACK OF PUBLICITY THERE  
APPEARS TO BE A LIKELIHOOD OF A CANCELLATION OF THE PROGRAM.

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U.S. ATTORNEY AND U.S. SECRET SERVICE, MIAMI, ADVISED.  
LOCAL AUTHORITIES COGNIZANT *u*

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*CC* MR. TRAUBER  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Washington, D.C.

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

March 7, 1972

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RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY;  
JANE FONDA

Jane Fonda, well known Hollywood actress and proponent of radical causes, arrived at Tokyo, Japan, December 7, 1971, to tour Japan and Okinawa to promote support for the anti-military and anti-Vietnam War Movement. Originally, Richard Claxton Gregory, well known Negro comedian, was reportedly to be a part of the troupe. However, T-1, [redacted] b7D [redacted] advised that Gregory did not accompany Fonda to Japan. C

On February 29, 1972, United States Naval Investigative Service Office (NISO), Japan, advised that files of that office reflect that a member of the Fonda troupe announced at Iwakuni, Japan, that Gregory was sick and had remained in the United States. However, he (Gregory) hoped to bring his own troupe to Japan at a later date. u

NISO also advised that Gregory definitely did not appear with the Fonda troupe at Iwakuni as was previously predicted. u

T-1 further reported that there is no record of Richard Claxton Gregory entering Japan in December, 1971. Also, T-1 stated that the activity of the Fonda troupe was followed closely during the entire tour in Japan, and the American Negro comedian Dick Gregory did not appear with the group. C (U)

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## UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (Bufile ) DATE: 4/30/68

FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (157-350 Sub D)

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: Title POSSIBLE RACIAL VIOLENCE, MAJOR  
URBAN AREAS, CHICAGO DIVISIONCharacter of Case RACIAL MATTER  
Field Office CHICAGO  
Symbol Number to be assigned  
Type of Surveillance (Technical ~~xx~~  
~~Microphone~~)

1. Name and address of person or organization on whom surveillance is to be placed:

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3. Previous and other current installations on the same subject:

4. Cost and manpower involved:

5. Adequacy of security:

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6. Type of case involved:

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7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

8. Specific information being sought:

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9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

10. Importance of case and subject:

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means  
(Explain in detail):

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12. Risks of detection involved:

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13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

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14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency  
(name specific official, title and agency):

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15. Remarks:



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16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-440423)

FROM : *MJD* SAE, CHICAGO (157-347) (Sub 1) (C)

SUBJECT: RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RM

DATE: August 21, 1968

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It is noted that subject has been released from jail in the State of Washington, returned to Chicago, and at present is planning a world tour. Accordingly, the Sub 1 section of this file is being closed.

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SAC, Chicago (157-347)

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Director, FBI (100-440423) *293*

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**RICHARD CLAXTON GREGORY  
RACIAL MATTERS**

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[REDACTED]  
Your attention is directed to Seattle letter and letterhead memorandum dated 4/25/68, captioned as above, wherein Gregory stated that he had received notice of a 90-day jail sentence which had been imposed upon him by the State of Washington for his actions in connection with Indian fishing rights in that State and that he expected to do his 90 days quietly. According to this same communication, this sentence is to commence 5/20/68.

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[REDACTED]  
Upon receipt of this information, your request will be re-considered.

2 - Seattle (157-511)

EMJ:lmr

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NOTE: Gregory is a nationally known comedian-entertainer and a militant black nationalist and civil rights leader. He is included in the ~~Seattle~~ Agitator Index.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] would be substantially reduced.  
Seattle is being instructed to follow Gregory's jail sentence and ~~advise~~ the Bureau.

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